

III. THE ROMAN EMPIRE

THE EARLY EMPIRE

- **OCTAVIAN**
 - **RETURNED TO ROME**
 - **RECEIVED HERO'S WELCOME**
 - **HAD SEVERAL TITLES:**
 - **PRINCEPS (FIRST CITIZEN)**
 - **CAESAR (HEIR OF FAMED ROMAN FAMILY)**
 - **IMPERATOR (EMPEROR; LEADER OF ROMAN LEGIONS)**
 - **PONTIFEX MAXIMUS (SUPREME PONTIFF; HEAD OF SACRED COLLEGE OF PRIESTS)**
 - **AUGUSTUS (REVERED; TITLE OF A DEITY)**
 - **WAS CALLED CAESAR AUGUSTUS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT**
- **PAX ROMANA**
 - **AKA. ROMAN PEACE**
 - **200 YEARS OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY**
- **CLAUDIAN EMPERORS**
 - **EMPERORS WHO SUCCEEDED AUGUSTUS**
 - **TIBERIUS (LIKE THE GRACCHUS ONE)**
 - **STEPSON OF AUGUSTUS**
 - **GOOD LEADER BUT VERY UNPOPULAR**
 - **CURTAILED THE BREAD AND CIRCUSES**
 - **CALIGULA**
 - **SON OF TIBERIUS'S NEPHEW**
 - **INSANE.**
 - **APPOINTED HIS FAVORITE HORSE AS A SENATOR**
 - **MURDERED BY HIS OWN BODYGUARDS (YES HE WAS THAT BAD)**
 - **CLAUDIUS**
 - **UNCLE OF CALIGULA**
 - **WELL-MEANING BUT WEAK EMPEROR**
 - **SUBDUED BRITONS AND MADE BRITAIN (WASN'T FAMOUS BACK THEN) INTO A ROMAN COLONY**
 - **MENTIONED TWICE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT**
 - **POISONED BY HIS FOURTH WIFE AND NIECE (NOTE: SAME PERSON, 2 DESCRIPTIONS), AGRIPPINA THE YOUNGER TO HAVE HER SON, NERO, HAVE THE THRONE**
 - **NERO**
 - **MENTALLY DERANGED AND MORALLY DEPRAVED (RUNS IN THE FAMILY)**
 - **KILLED HIS MOTHER (YES AGRIPPINA), HALF-BROTHER, AND WIFE**
 - **THE CAESAR APOSTLE PAUL APPEALED TO FOR JUSTICE**
 - **HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GREAT FIRE THAT SWEEPED THROUGH OUT ROME**

- WANTING TO SAVE FACE (TO KEEP HIS AUTHORITY), HE BLAMED THE POOR CHRISTIANS
 - BEGAN THE FIRST OUTBREAK OF PERSECUTION AGAINST NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH
 - PAUL AND PETER WERE MARTYRED UNDER HIM
 - HIS OWN PRAETORIAN GUARD REVOLTED AGAINST HIM AND MADE HIM COMMIT SUICIDE.
- THE FLAVIAN EMPERORS
- ROME FELL INTO POLITICAL TURMOIL AFTER NERO'S DEATH
 - FOUR RIVAL GENERALS WERE PROCLAIMED EMPEROR IN ONE YEAR
 - VESPASIAN
 - EMERGED VICTORIOUS
 - HAD TWO SONS TITUS AND DOMITIAN
 - DID NOT PERSECUTE CHRISTIANS
 - TITUS
 - JEWISH-ROMAN WAR
 - CAPTURED JERUSALEM
 - DESTROYED THE TEMPLE (AS PROPHESIZED 40 YEARS EARLIER)
 - LEFT THE WESTERN WALL (AKA WAILING WALL) AS A REMINDER OF THE JEWS' REVOLT
 - MT. VESUVIUS ERUPTED AT THE START OF HIS REIGN (TALK ABOUT A BAD SIGN)
 - BURIED HERCULANEUM, POMPEII (NOT POMPEY THE RIVAL OF JULIUS), AND STABIAE
 - ALSO DID NOT PERSECUTE CHRISTIANS
 - DOMITIAN
 - DEMANDED THAT HE BE WORSHIPPED AS A GOD
 - RENEWED PERSECUTIONS
 - EXILED JOHN TO PATMOS (NOT THE CLASSROOM)
- THE FIVE GOOD EMPERORS
- EMPIRE ATTAINED ITS HIGHEST PROSPERITY AND POWER DURING THEIR TIME
 - CALLED GOOD BECAUSE OF THEIR ABILITIES AND DEVOTION TO CIVIC DUTY
 - MOST ROMANS LOVE AND RESPECTED THEM
 - NERVA
 - LAST REVIVAL OF THE SENATE'S POWER (AFTERWARD ARMY WAS SUPREME)
 - DID NOT PERSECUTE CHRISTIANS
 - RULED FOR 15 MONTHS
 - TRAJAN
 - EXTENDED EMPIRE TO DACIA (NORTH OF DANUBE RIVER (ISN'T THAT A SONG?)), AND MESOPOTAMIA
 - LATER EMPERORS WERE FORCED TO RELINQUISH HIS CONQUEST

- PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS
- RULED WHEN ROME WAS AT ITS BIGGEST
- HADRIAN
 - HADRIAN'S WALL
 - STONE WALL NORTH OF BRITAIN
 - PROTECT EMPIRE AGAINST RAIDS BY PICTS AND SCOTS
 - PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS
- ANTONINUS PIUS
 - COMPLETED SEVERAL FORTIFICATIONS TO THE NORTH OF HADRIAN'S
 - PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS
 - "CUMIN SPLITTER"
 - WAS VERY DETAILED AND FRUGAL DURING HIS REIGN... CUT UNNECESSARY EXPENSES
- MARCUS AURELIUS
 - STOIC PHILOSOPHER
 - WROTE "MEDITATIONS"
 - PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS
 - THE OLD EMPEROR IN "GLADIATOR" (WHO ALSO USES THIS FONT FOR THE TRAILER XD)

LATER ROMAN EMPIRE

- A CENTURY OF CRISIS
 - A CENTURY OF:
 - WARFARE
 - POLITICAL INSTABILITY
 - ASSASSINATIONS
 - ECONOMIC DISASTERS
- ARMY BECAME SUPREME
- BARRACKS EMPERORS
 - RIVAL GENERALS REIGNED DURING WARRING ARMIES
 - 28 DIFFERENT EMPERORS
 - IN A 67-YEAR PERIOD THERE WERE 29 DIFFERENT CLAIMANTS TO THE THRONE ONLY 4 DIED NATURALLY
 - GERMANIC (GERMAN) TRIBES BEGAN INVADING ROME
 - DEBASED COINAGE (RUBBING THE COINS AND GETTING THE "SHAVINGS" TO MAKE A NEW COIN)
 - CURRENCY BECAME WORTHLESS (ROMAN GOVERNMENT DOESN'T EVEN WANT TO ACCEPT THE COINS)
- AN ERA OF REFORM
 - DIOCLETIAN (THE WORST PERSECUTOR OF CHRISTIANS)
 - PREVENT DECLINE OF ROME FOR ANOTHER 200 YEARS
 - CREATED:

- 2 EMPERORS (AUGUSTI)
 - 2 SUCCESSORS (CAESAR)
 - AUGUSTUS OF THE EAST
 - CAPITAL IN NICOMEDIA (NW OF ASIA MINOR)
 - MAXIMIAN
 - AUGUSTUS OF THE WEST
 - CAPITAL IN MILAN (N OF ITALY)
- AN AGE OF GRACE
 - BOTH AUGUSTI RETIRED
 - GALERIUS
 - FROM HIS DEATHBED, ISSUED AN EDICT OF TOLERATION FOR CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST
 - CONSTANTINE
 - MADE CHRISTIANITY A LEGAL RELIGION
 - WON A BATTLE AT MILVIAN BRIDGE
 - “IN HOC SIGNO, VINCES”
 - IN THIS SIGN YOU WILL CONQUER
 - EDICT OF MILAN
 - PROCLAIMED EQUAL RIGHTS OF CHRISTIANS AND ROMANS
 - COUNCIL OF NICAEA
 - HELD TO HAVE INTERNATIONAL UNITY IN THE CHURCH
 - DECIDED UPON THE STUFF TO BE PLACED IN THE BIBLE WE HAVE TODAY
 - NICENE CREED
 - FROM APOSTLE’S CREED
 - MOVED CAPITAL TO BYZANTIUM (TURKEY)
 - CONSTANTINOPLE (CITY OF CONSTANTINE)
 - CENTER OF ROMAN EMPIRE FOR A MILLENNIA
 - WAS ONLY ABLE TO HELP THE EAST, NOT THE WEST.

FALL OF ROME

- THEODOSIUS I
 - DIVIDED THE COUNTRY OF ROME TO THE EAST AND WEST
 - CHRISTIANITY BECAME OFFICIAL RELIGION
 - MANY ROMANS BECAME CHRISTIANIZED
 - IT BECAME FASHIONABLE TO BE A CHRISTIAN
- BARBARIANS WERE INVADING ROME
 - VISIGOTHS
 - LED BY ALARIC
 - KILLED EMPEROR VALEN AND HIS ARMY IN ADRIANOPLE
 - VANDALS- RAVAGED NORTH AFRICA

- ANGLES
- SAXONS
- JUTES
- HUNS
 - FROM CENTRAL ASIA
 - LED BY ATILA
 - CALLED THE "HORDE"
 - AKA "SCOURGE OF GOD"
- ODOACER
 - GERMANIC CHIEFTAIN
 - REMOVED THE LAST ROMAN EMPEROR
 - ROMULUS AUGUSTULUS
 - SURRENDERED HIS CROWN TO ODOACER
 - (NAME IS FOUNDER OF ROME + FIRST EMPEROR + LOSER)

IV. LEGACY OF ROME

LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

- ROMAN LANGUAGE:
 - CLASSICAL
 - DEEP USUALLY UNUSED WORDS
 - VULGAR OR VERNACULAR
 - AKA. LINGUA ROMANA
 - USED IN LEGAL AND SCIENTIFIC TERMINOLOGY
 - ROOT OF MANY LANGUAGES LIKE:
 - FRENCH
 - SPANISH
 - PORTUGUESE
 - ITALIAN
 - ROMANTIC ~ NOSTALGIC

ROMAN LAW

- SINGLE SOVEREIGNTY
 - ALL LAWS COME FROM A SINGLE CENTRAL SOURCE (AKA. OUR SENATE)
- UNIVERSALITY
 - BELIEF THAT ALL MEN SHARE A COMMON HUMAN NATURE
 - LAW APPLIES TO ALL OR NONE AT ALL
- EQUITY
 - LAWS MUST APPLY TO MAJORITY IF NOT ALL
- ENSHRINED IN THE JUSTINIAN CODE