



CHAPTER 10 ~ BYZANTINE EMPIRE OUTLINE



THE ROMAN EMPIRE CONTINUES...

- West Roman Empire "fell" to Odoacer, but went on with few changes under Germanic leadership
- East Roman Empire (called the Byzantine Empire) was still going strong in Constantinople
- In both the West and the East, the church grew in influence & organization

THE CHURCH

Changes in Organization

- Now that Christianity was the accepted religion, it grew corrupt and was filled with dissension & heresies
- A system of church hierarchy of leadership developed involving deacons, bishops, archbishops
- After much debate, the church decided in 386 that priests & bishops must be celibate and never marry
- The Church Patriarchs were in the cities of: *Constantinople, Rome, Alexandria, Jerusalem, Antioch*
- The church came to be called the "Catholic Church" (universal church) referring to all the Christian churches of all the patriarchs & provinces

Early Church Leaders in the West

St. Jerome (340 - 420 AD) - *Latin Vulgate* translation of Bible - main Bible for 1,000 years

St. Ambrose (340 - 397 AD)

- Excommunicated Emperor Theodosius for slaughtering rebels
- This established idea in the west that the emperor is under the law
- While in the East remained the old Roman idea that the emperor IS the law

St. Augustine (354 - 430 AD) - Bishop of Hippo in North Africa

- Most important theologian in the church ever
- Martin Luther & John Calvin built upon his ideas
- Wrote two famous works:

The City of God (written after sack of Rome by Alaric in 410)
Augustine's Confessions

Pope Leo I (ruled church 440 - 461)

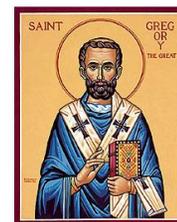
- Turned back Attila from attacking Rome
- Probably first to be called "Pope" (Pope = "Papa" = Father)

Pope Gelasius (ruled church 492 - 496)

- Developed Idea of "Two Swords" or Two Authorities:
 - (1) King/Emperor as Temporal Authority
 - (2) The Pope as Spiritual Authority

Pope Gregory the Great (ruled church 540 - 604)

- Introduced the Gregorian Chant
- Sent missionary to England!

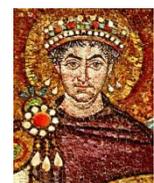


Rise of Monasteries

- Some who feel that the church has lost its purity turn from all worldly things and become "ascetics"
- Monasteries and convents develop all over the known world
- Anthony the Great biography was an inspiration to others to become ascetics and give up all worldly pleasures

JUSTINIAN

- Theodora, his wife
- Justinian's Code of Law
- Re-Conquered back some of the Western Empire
- General Belisarius was responsible for successful military campaigns in the Western Empire, and he has a legend surrounding his latter years
- Justinian built Hagia Sophia (Holy Wisdom) - the famous cathedral in Constantinople



ICONOCLAST CONTROVERSY

- Movement within the Eastern Christian Church in 700's & 800's opposing worship of icons
- Icons are religious paintings and statues to which people would pray
- Emperor Leo III spearheaded the campaign to stop this practice
- In Eastern Orthodox Church and in European Catholic Churches, the worship of icons is common today

ISLAM DEVELOPS & THREATENS THE CHRISTIAN WORLD

- Muhammad has vision in a cave - claims that Angel Gabriel gave him a revelation written in flame on a scroll
- The Hegira - Muhammad flees from Mecca to Medina and Islam calendar is dated from this event
- Muhammad has 11 - 13 wives
- Islam claims Adam, Abraham, Noah, Moses, and Jesus as prophets of their religion
- The Five Pillars : Faith, Prayer, Alms, Pilgrimage, Fasting
- After Muhammad's death, Muslim leaders known as Caliphs begin conquest to take over known world

ATTACKS ON CONSTANTINOPLE

- Arabs siege the city twice
 - First Arab Siege of Constantinople** in 674
 - Second Arab Siege of Constantinople** (717-718)
- Greek Fire helps Byzantines to be successful in opposing Arab Muslims
- The Fourth Crusade (1202-1204)
 - Philip of Swabia, Boniface of Montferrat and the Doge of Venice, diverted the Fourth Crusade from its original purpose and attacked Constantinople instead, sacking & looting..taking the horses from the Hippodrome to Venice
- In 1453, when the Ottoman Turks captured the city, it contained approximately 50,000 people.

