

in the list of Roman emperors after that of the recently deposed Constantine VI in Const°. And so that 800 is a very important date in history - 800 A. D. when Leo III crowned Char° king emperor of the Roman empire. And that's the first time there's been an emperor in the west since ~~476~~ 476 - that is, anybody who claimed to be emperor. From 476 to 800, over 300 years, if people spoke about an emperor they ^{referred} ~~would refer~~ to the emperor in the East, but still the theory was "there is an empire," and kings are subject to the emperor, although most of them didn't do anything about it. But now they crowned Char° as emperor, and that really establishes the idea of empire. And, according to the RC° authority, Leo III unexpectedly came up to Char° as he was kneeling and placed the crown on his head and made him emperor, but, according to Char°'s account, Char° had the pope bring him the crown and took it with his hands from the pope's hand and personally placed it on his head, making himself emperor; and of course it was his power. He was a great military man, a tremendously powerful man, and a very able man in many ways, and it was his power, of course, which established it, but it was to the pope's interest to give this sanction to it, and say that the pope had crowned him. So ~~that~~ that's the crowning of Char°, number 800 d. here un-er "5". The next century ~~was~~ we'll look at next time. We'll begin with ~~number~~ number "6" Formosus and Stephen VI. And we'll discuss them tomorrow.