

force to overcome them." But Valnace said, "No, we are Romans. We are more than sufficient for these barbarians. Let's go ahead and defeat them now." So Valance led his army bravely to the attack, and in the attack he was killed and his army was defeated. And it was an utter defeat of the empire of the east. And it was at this time that Gracaen appointed ~~Theodi-~~ Theodosius as the new emporor of the Eastern Empire, and ^{us} Theodosian was a good organizer and a good soldier, and he very soon brought the Western Goths under control. These were not people who wanted to make trouble; they were not people who had started to conquer the empire or anything of the kind, but in the situation they had gotten excited and aroused, they weren't particularly good soldiers, and Theodosius brought them completely under control. And I didn't mention it under the Fourth Century, because it didn't have any great effect on the life of the church or the history of the church in that period. But it is a background to the events in the Fifth Century. These people were brought under control; forty thousand of them were received into the Imperial Army and for the next thirty years we do have not have a great deal of importance in relation ^{to} these people, except that at different points along the border some of these Germanic tribes forced their way across and took up territory. Many of them were much more war-like than these Western Goths were. Well now, there was a man who became the general of the Eastern Empire, named Stilatal. He is not particularly important for our purpose, but it simply is an illustration of what was happening. Now Stilatal belonged to a Germanic tribe called the Vandals. And Stilatal the Vandal became one of the generals of Theodosius' son, who was governor of the West, and Stilatal was a very able general. And a group of the Visagoths, formerly a group of about 400, became quite indignant with things as they were going on, and started out on a pillage and raid, and they went down to Greece, and they attacked section after section, and took a great deal of pillage from the cities of Greece, and Stilatal met them up in the North of Greece there, through