

empires , one in the east and one in the west , thought supposedly one empire but with each emperor having control in his own territory. Now the Germanic tribes have come in the end of the previous century and early part of this one we have noticed how they have flooded across Italy , Spain , France, African and all of this area, and now the African the German ~~tribes~~ tribes have gotten such control in this area that one of them held the emperor , at the middle of this ~~century~~ century , absolutely under his control, the emperor was just a puppet figure, until finally there was an emperor, a young man of no particular influence just a puppet, he was only in for a year or two, but his name is interesting because his name is Romulus Augustus, and Romulus was the first king of Rome back in the times before we have much reliable information, he is the first king of Rome and Augustus was the first great emperor of Rome, and this man whose name is Romulus Augustus but who is otherwise not particularly important, is considered the last emperor of Rome, the old Roman empire, that is the Western section of the old Roman empire, Because this man R.A. was puppet ruler and there was a Germanic chief named Odacer, was much more important actually , and Odacer said what is the point in keeping this puppet figure , when I am actually ~~the~~ and so they dethroned R. A. and that year 476 A.D. is usually considered the end of the Western empire. And Odacer ruled from 476 - to 493, so he is considered as a rather feeble ruler, not particularly friendly to the bishops of Rome, he was an Arian, and he tolerated the bishops of Rome and allowed them to run their church pretty much as they wanted only occasional interference. But there was another tribe of the Germans called the Eastern Goths, which was up in the Balkan region at this time. The Visigoths, the Western Goths, under Alaric were the ones who plundered Rome in 410, you, I^N 410. You remember that was the thing that gave rise to Augustine's book The City of God, was the impression made on the world by the first time Rome had been plundered in many many centuries, now the Western Goths had plundered Rome but they had withdrawn from Italy and they had gone over to Spain and after the Vandals left Spain the Western Goths went in and held Spain and they were holding Spain now