

the the Penitential Psalm. And ~~he~~ he lay there reading the Penitential Psalm, and he lay there ill for about ten days, and then he died. And thus he died in the middle of the seige, with all of North Africa, one of the finest of the Roman Provinces around by the group of maurauding pillaging Vandals. A few months of Augustin's death, the Vandals ran out of food in the area. They had eaten everything up there was in that area, and they destroyed just about everything there was left 4 for them to eat, and so they retired from the area around the city, and the result was that the people fled the few miles to the sea, and got on boats and fled off to Italy. There was hardly anybody left in Hippo after that. They came back then, later, the Vandals did, and they destroyed the city and they burnt everythingⁱⁿ/it. Carthage ~~remained~~ remained in Roman hands for a few years ~~ago~~ more; they made a treaty with the Vandals, giving them Africa^{but keeping Carthage,} but two or three years later the Vandals attacked Carthage. And this was before--twenty-five years later this same Vandal _____ 4 1/2 led a force up to Italy, and attacked Rome itself, and pillaged and plundered Rome in a far worst way than had been done by the Goths, and then retreated from the city and headed south to Africa. We are not so interested in those political movements by themselves as we are in their relationship to church history, and particularly here to the figure of Augustin. Augustin doesn't say much about ~~the~~ the end of the world, in his writings. He doesn't seem to have concerned himself much with such matters, but the great mass of the Christians seem to have felt, and a great many others, that the end of the world must be right at hand. The Roman Empire, which had stood for over a thousand ~~of~~ years, was being destroyed with its armies ~~and~~ maurauding and pillaging, and when it came to the terrific ~~the~~ destruction of the Vandals with the terrific loss of human life, and the very end of North Africa with its wonderful civilization, it looked to them as if were the very end of the world, and many feel that you cannot but feel that Augustin must have had a good deal of the same feeling as he saw his life's work going up in flames all