

when less than a century later, the warlike Germans from the north broke into the Roman empire, and took it over and destroyed a great deal of the old Roman ~~civilization~~ civilization; we know that both of them were already nominally Christians and we know that there was far less of brutality and cruelty than was ever possibly seen before. We know that they spared the Churches and they spared the Christian leaders; and it made a tremendous difference in the future history of the world - the fact that Ulfilas had succeeded in leaving enough of the gospel to Christianity. ~~That~~ others went on carrying out the influence so that the bulk of these Germanic tribes became Christian before the end of the empire. Now that is one way in which he tremendously affected Christianity. There is another way that he never dreamed of in which he influenced future history but which we will look at later. Keep it in mind and when we come to it, it will be much easier to see how the result still affects us to this day in a most remarkable way. But Ulfilas although we know little about him, we do know with certainty that there are considerable portions of his Bible in existence, in the library in Sweden. It was taken there from Southern Europe where it was given as a gift one time to the Queen of Sweden. But we do have considerable portion of this Bible in translation. We know he was a fine linguistic scholar, he was an earnest Christian and one anxious to get the Bible into the language of these people to reach them for the Lord. We know he did a tremendous work. That we know. But of the other parts of his life, we know comparatively little. There were good results, tremendous results, that came from his work but there were certain very unfortunate results that came from the fact that he was an Arian. Results which injured the empire and which also injured the people to whom he brought his message. Those are results which we will hear of a month or six weeks from now. So much then for Ulfilas. Oh, I might as well tell you while we are dealing with him - to finish up the account of his life - he died in 383 in Constantinople. So you see he had 40 years of service after he was ordained. There was a period of 40 years from the age of 30 to 70 in