

Rome was still the great old famous capital and Constantinople was called New Rome but the rule of Italy was carried on largely from Milan. The widow of Valentinian I lived in Milan; Valentinian had had his capital in Milan as emperor of the Western part of the empire and her son - the widow and her younger son continued to reign there. Gratian stayed mostly up in France and in the other area, devoting himself mostly to that area. Now Milan was then a very important city so what happened in Milan becomes important for our history.