

Fall of Rome - Rise of Feudalism/Middle Ages

Introduction

The fall of the Western Roman Empire in the 5th century led to the emergence of feudalism and the Middle Ages in Europe.

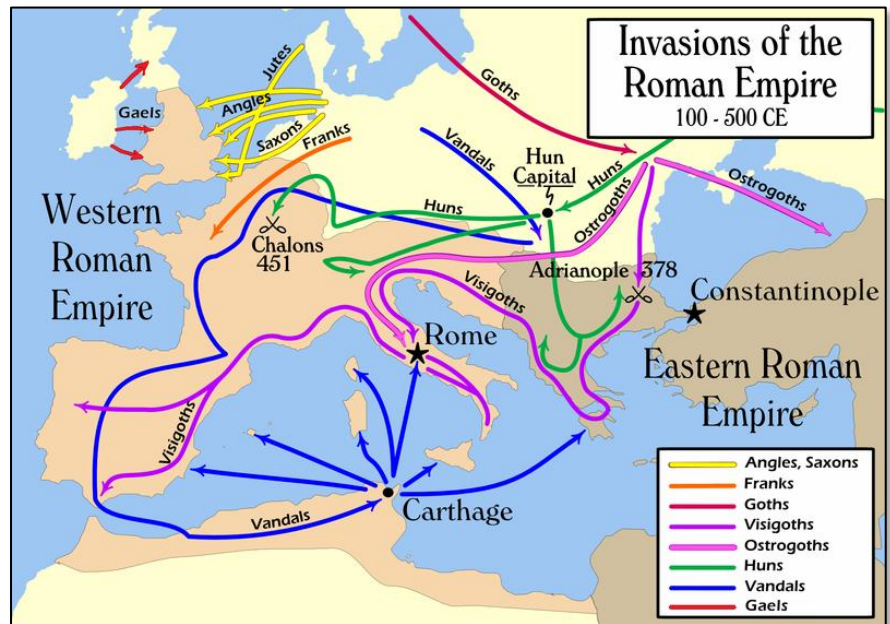
Rome's Decline and Aftermath

The Decline of Rome

The Roman Empire declined due to factors like economic instability, political corruption, and barbarian invasions. As Roman authority weakened, its territories split into smaller kingdoms and regions with their own leaders.

Barbarian Settlements

Barbarian tribes, such as Visigoths and Vandals, invaded and established their own kingdoms, further breaking down Roman influence.



The Rise of Feudalism

Need for Protection and Stability

As centralized authority vanished, local rulers sought ways to protect their communities. Feudalism emerged, with rulers offering land and protection to warriors in exchange for loyalty and military service.

The Feudal System

Feudalism featured a hierarchy based on land ownership and obligations. The king granted land to nobles, who granted land to knights. Knights defended the noble's land and its people, while peasants worked the land in exchange for protection.

The Middle Ages and Rome's Legacy

The Catholic Church's Role

The Church preserved the Roman legacy and provided unity during the Middle Ages. It maintained Latin, preserved Roman knowledge, and served as a unifying force across Europe.

Evolution of Political Structures

Feudalism allowed local governance to develop, eventually evolving into more centralized monarchies. This laid the foundation for modern nation-states.

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Questions

Use information from the text to support your answer

1) How did the decline of the Roman Empire contribute to the rise of feudalism in Europe?

2) What role did the Catholic Church play in preserving the legacy of Rome during the Middle Ages?

Multiple Choice

Circle the best answer

1) When did Rome fall?	5 th century	9 th century
2) Who invaded Roman territories?	Barbarians	Vikings
3) What emerged after Rome's fall?	Feudalism	Democracy
4) What system involved land ownership?	Feudalism	Capitalism
5) Who protected nobles' lands?	Knights	Peasants

Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle below

Word Search

- Rome
- Feudalism
- Society
- Catholic
- Church
- Politics
- Middle
- Ages

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