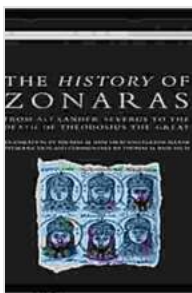


# From Alexander Severus to the Death of Theodosius the Great: A Pivotal Era in Roman History

The period from the reign of Alexander Severus (222-235 CE) to the death of Theodosius the Great (395 CE) was a pivotal era in Roman history. During this time, the empire underwent a series of profound political, social, and cultural changes that would ultimately lead to its decline and fall.



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One of the most significant changes during this period was the rise of Christianity. Christianity began as a small sect within the Roman Empire, but it gradually grew in popularity over time. By the end of the 4th century, Christianity had become the official religion of the empire.

The rise of Christianity had a profound impact on Roman society. It led to the decline of traditional Roman values and customs, and it also

contributed to the rise of new social problems, such as poverty and crime.

In addition to the rise of Christianity, the Roman Empire also faced a number of other challenges during this period. These challenges included:

\* The rise of new barbarian kingdoms on the empire's borders  
\* The economic crisis of the 3rd century  
\* The division of the empire into two halves, the Eastern Roman Empire and the Western Roman Empire

These challenges ultimately proved too much for the Roman Empire to overcome. In 476 CE, the Western Roman Empire fell to the barbarian Odoacer. The Eastern Roman Empire continued to exist for another 1,000 years, but it was never as powerful as it had been during the reign of Augustus.

### **The Reign of Alexander Severus**

Alexander Severus was a young and idealistic emperor who came to power in 222 CE. He was a patron of the arts and sciences, and he tried to reform the Roman government. However, Alexander Severus's reforms were not successful, and he was assassinated in 235 CE.

### **The Crisis of the Third Century**

The Crisis of the Third Century was a period of great instability and violence in the Roman Empire. During this period, there were a number of civil wars and invasions by barbarian tribes. The empire was also plagued by economic problems, such as inflation and unemployment.

The Crisis of the Third Century nearly brought the Roman Empire to collapse. However, the emperor Aurelian (270-275 CE) was able to restore

Free Download to the empire and defeat the barbarian tribes.

## **The Division of the Empire**

In 284 CE, the Roman Empire was divided into two halves, the Eastern Roman Empire and the Western Roman Empire. The Eastern Roman Empire was ruled from Constantinople, while the Western Roman Empire was ruled from Rome.

The division of the empire was a major turning point in Roman history. It weakened the empire and made it more vulnerable to attack by barbarian tribes.

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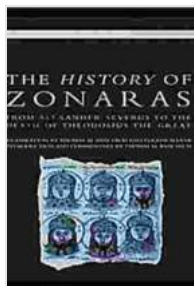
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