

CHAPTER OUTLINE

- I. The Last Days of the Roman Empire
 - A. Historical overview
 1. Survey of imperial problems
 2. Phases of late Roman history
 - B. Diocletian's reforms and the triumph of Christianity, 284–395
 1. The Great Persecutions and Christian toleration
 - a) Techniques and phases of persecutions
 - b) Constantine and the spread of Christianity
 2. Early Christian controversies
 - a) Arianism
 - (1) The triumph of Bishop Athanasius
 - (2) The Nicene Creed
 - (3) Ulfilas, an Arian bishop
 - b) The rise of ascetic movements
 - (1) Pachomius
 - (2) Antony
 - c) Triumph of Christianity
 - C. Christian Rome and the end of the Western Empire, 395–476
 1. Invasions by the Germans
 2. Collapse of Roman institutions
- II. The Transition from Humanism to Christian Civilization
 - A. Literature, theology, and history
 1. The decline of secular writing
 2. The Fathers of the Church
 - a) Ambrose
 - (1) Writings
 - (2) Influence
 - b) Jerome
 - (1) Writings
 - (2) Influence
 - c) Augustine
 - (1) Writings
 - (2) Influence
 3. Church history: Eusebius
 - a) New literary genre
 - b) Influence
 - B. The visual arts
 1. Late Roman style
 2. Architecture
 - a) Palaces
 - b) Arches

