

East and West Outline (400-1050)

Overview

“Dark Ages”/Early Middle Ages

Monasticism

St. Anthony of the Desert (251-356) – hermits

St. Benedict of Nursia (480-547) – “Father of Western Monasticism”

Byzantine Empire

Hagia Sophia

Sts. Cyril and Methodius

Split from Rome

Cultural differences

Religious differences

Patriarchates

Filioque

Iconoclasm

Eastern Schism 1054

Islam/Muslim

Muhammad (570-632)

Hijra

5 pillars

Jihad

Shi'ites vs. Sunnis

Charles Martel (688-741) – Battle of Tours 732

Carolingians

Pepin the Short (r751-768)

Charlemagne (r768-814)

Feudalism

Fiefs/vassals/serfs

Benefices

Pluralism

Holy Roman Empire

Otto I 962

Vikings

Pope Nicholas II (r1059-1061)

Key Events

Battle of Tours 732

Emperor Charlemagne 800

Eastern Schism 1054

Key Saints

St. Patrick

Pope St. John I (r523-526)

Pope St. Gregory the Great (r590-604)

Bede the Venerable (673-735)

St. Boniface (675-754)

For Us Today

Liturgical practices

Rise of Islam/Christian defense of Europe

Eastern Schism

Next Up

Christendom/Crusades (1050-1400)