

# AN INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY OF ATTLA

*Everybody recognizes the name "Attila the Hun," but how much do we know about his rise to infamy? Read as Edward Gibbon address Atilla's.*

He also wrote to Attila, strenuously denying the legitimacy of the supposed marriage proposal. Attila died the following year, in 453, before he could try once again to take Italy. They chose wisely, in that Attila's forces avoided the lagoons and marched on toward more attractive grounds. The origin and language of the Huns has been the subject of debate for centuries. For in a dream some god stood at the side of Marcian, Emperor of the East, while he was disquieted about his fierce foe, and showed him the bow of Attila broken in that same night, as if to intimate that the race of Huns owed much to that weapon. After fierce fighting, in which the Visigothic king was killed, Attila withdrew and shortly afterward retired from Gaul. In swarms of Vandals, Sueves, Burgundians and Alans were pushed by the Huns across the Rhine after fierce battles, placing another nail into the coffin of Celto-Roman Gaul. For several days the Huns did not move from their encampment, but their archers succeeded in keeping the Romans at bay. An engraving after a drawing by Johann Nepomuk Geiger "Who wrote this essay? Theodosius II had specifically built the great walls to defend against Attila. While the Romans discussed the bishop's fate, he slipped away secretly to the Huns and betrayed the city to them. What hooks you? He was indeed a lover of war, yet restrained in action; mighty in counsel, gracious to suppliants, and lenient to those who were once received under his protection. According to legend, Gilgamesh was buried at the bottom of the Euphrates when the waters parted upon his death. Honoria may not have intended a proposal of marriage, but Attila chose to interpret her message as such. It must be owned that they are the most terrible of warriors because they fight at a distance with missile weapons having sharpened bones admirably fastened to the shaft. What makes you cringe? In CE, Valentinian's sister, Honoria, was seeking to escape an arranged marriage with a Roman senator and sent a message to Attila, along with her engagement ring, asking for his help. Precious little, as it turns out. Is there any name more evocative of barbarian hordes looting, burning and murdering their way through civilization except possibly Genghis Khan's? Gibbon took it as axiomatic that a proper palace is made of stone.