

# THE BARBARIANS

WARRIORS & WARS OF THE DARK AGES

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Alan and Sarmatian attacked by Hun. Eurasian steppeland, late 4th century. The Huns destroyed the realms of both the Alans and the Sarmatians.





Goth horse-warrior and foot-soldier ensnare a Roman legionary. Battle of Adrianople, AD 378.





Hun nobleman and raider ambushed by Balkan farmers, middle of the 5th century. The Huns carried bone-tipped composite bows.





Germans of the Cherusci tribe attack a Roman baggage train. Teutoburgian Forest, AD 9.





Western German raiders releasing kinsmen from central German – Suebi – slavers, late 1st century. The horseman wears captured Roman parade armour.





Visigoth bandits and runaway slaves ransack an Italian villa, early 5th century. The leading bandit has exaggerated his Barbarian image.





Gallo-Roman landlord hands over property rights to a Burgundian warlord, late 5th century.





Ostrogoths assault the Temple of Hadrian (now Castel S. Angelo), against a defence by citizens and Byzantine warriors. Siege of Rome, AD 537.





Franks attacking Byzantine warriors at the Battle of Casilinum, AD 554. Axe-wielding Frank foot-soldiers suffered heavily from enemy arrows.





Vandal raider shies away from Moorish warrior, Libyan desert, early 6th century. The Moors used camels within their tactical groups.





Muslim Arab warrior and his Ethiopian slave tackle a Sasanid Persian *clibanarius*. Mesopotamian desert, early 7th century.





Berber lancer and Arab archer clash with a Frank nobleman between Tours and Poitiers, AD 732. By this time some horsemen used stirrups.





Danish Viking chieftain and raider confronted by local Franks, Northern France, late 9th century. Viking raiders rode their stolen horses deep inland.





Swedish Vikings – Rus – board a Byzantine ship which is spraying Greek Fire through a dragon-shaped tube. The Black Sea, early 10th century.





Avar horse-warriors clash with the Carolingian Frank horsemen of Charlemagne, early 9th century, Bavaria.





German knights of the Teutonic Order confront heavily-armoured Mongol horse-warriors at the Battle of Liegnitz, 1241.