

Brief chronology of the Dark Ages

- 476...Fall of Rome. Gothic Tribes assume control of Italy
- 482...The Henoticon of Zeno.
- 496...Conversion of Clovis: Franks become Christians
- 527...Justinian rules in the east
- 529...Mt. Cassino Benedictine monastery founded. Benedict of Nursia
- 553...Fifth ecumenical council
- 563...Founding of Iona Missionary work
- 570...Birth of Muhammed (d. 632)
- 590...Gregory the Great assumes papacy
- 622...the Hegira
- 642...The Ektheses of Heraclius
- 680...Sixth ecumenical council
- 732...Moors defeated at Tours and Poitiers by Charles Martel
- 754...Pepin adds to formation of Papal states
- 787...Seventh ecumenical council
- 800...Charlemagne crowned king of the Romans
- 880 ff...the eighth ecumenical council in two sessions ten years apart. Utterly fails in purpose
- 964...Otto I emperor of Holy Roman Empire
- 1054..The Great Schism (eastern/western churches)