

III. THE CHURCH SURVIVESInformation Page..Chronology continues

151	Martyr (Justin)
161-180	Marcus Aurelius rules Rome..a scholarly stoic he is hard on the church..
180	Commodus rule This is the age of Irenaeus
193	Septimius Severus rules Rome: persecution in Egypt, North Africa
196	Easter controversy in church: Victorinus of Rome
203	youthful Origen begins teaching: Alexandria
217	Tertullian prominent
218	Hippolytus: Refutation of All Heresies
222	Alexander Severus rules: persecution less
244	Philip the Arabian rules: more peace for the church
248	Age of Cyprian
249-251	Decius Trajan launches most intense persecu- tion of church..persecutions continue under Valerian, but less intense
254	Novation schism in Rome
270	Paul of Samosota, Monarchian bishop, deposed
290	Lactantius (historian) writing Diocletian rules Rome. Divides Empire east/ west, soon launches bitter persecution
305	Great persecution but Diocletian will soon give up and abdicate the imperial throne
313	Constantine (west) and Licinius (east) give the Edict of Milan, legalizing Christianity
314	Church Synods at Arles (France) and Ancyra (Asia Minor)
324	Constantine overthrows Licinius, rules empire alone
325	Council of Nicaea, first fully ecumenical council..resolution of the Arian and Easter controversies...

And we can catch up on some more of this sort of thing later...
remember the chronologies are not for memory..but for keen
observation.