

this controversy which was disturbing the whole Christian world, to see what the facts were and to decide on a true view in it. And to take that view to the Goths. It did not effect their conversion, it made them a great Christian nation, but in the end it would have been extremely beneficial if they had held the orthodox view when they came instead of having gradually becoming drawn to it in later centuries.

In the next century, after this, the whole Roman world holds the orthodox view. There are practically no Arians among the people of the empire itself. But these groups of conquering hordes, running across the empire, doing such things, establishing themselves, are Arians. ~~And~~ And so Arianism lived on after that, not among the Christians of the empire, but among the Goths who conquered the empire. Well, we will repeat all that in the next century, and look at it, because it is extremely important. But I thought we should bring it in at this point as showing the effects of the fact ~~that~~ that Ulfilas had not gotten a true understanding on this controversy, the later effect of which of course he never dreamed.

Now we will go on, then, to number 7, the Council of Constantinople. I hesitate a little whether to go on here, or to go back and to discuss events in the west during 363 to 381. Where the Arian controversy was not nearly so vital. Because, the west as a whole held the orthodox view and it did not have an emperor at this time who was trying to force the Arian view upon it. However, the events in the west, being related very much to what follows after this, I think it is best that we take them up separately, and now we go on to the conclusion to the Arian controversy. The Council of Constantinople we will call number 7, here. The Council of Constantinople was called by the new emperor, after the death of Valens. Valens died in 379, he had tried to hold back the Goths, met them in a great battle in northern Bulgaria and was utterly defeated. And the situation came about in which the empire might easily have been completely overrun. It shows the tremendous vitality still in the Roman empire that it was not completely overcome, despite this terrific defeat of Valens by the Goths.