

Now we go on to look at briefly - a man who I wish we could take two or three weeks on. All we can do is to speak briefly on him. This is small d.

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Now we cannot say much about Ulfilas because we don't know much about him but we do know enough about him to know that if you are to name the 25 men in history who have affected history in later years more than any other - Ulfilas would be one of the 25. Now this effect came in ways he never dreamed of but we will note that as we go on. I would like however; to spend a long time on him because the evidence is very clear though very slight that he was a real Christian. He was an earnest Christian and one who did tremendous service for the Lord. As they say, unfortunately, our knowledge of Him is very scanty. He is a man who deserves high honor and a man with whom we should be familiar. Now Ulfilas was born in 311. We know that because when he was ordained in 341 his age was given as 30. Now that may have been a round number - possibly not exactly. But you can see he was born just as the Diocletianic persecutions came to an end. He seems to have been born - not in the Roman Empire but in the territory to the North in what would now be Rumania or perhaps a little north of that. In that area, this land was born of ancestors who it is most likely had been citizens of the Roman Empire. These people who lived north of the Roman Empire, these various Tuetic tribes, had been making 10\*\*\*\*\* against the Roman Empire for at least 300 years, maybe some ~~per~~ previous to that. They were under attack from wilder peoples from the north and also they lived in a very cold area and they would get to where they could look into the Roman area and see a more fruitful area; it would seem to be a much nicer place to live. As early as the time of Julius Caesar - before the time of Christ, there were many thousands of these German immigrants who had come with their wagons and horses and warriors and made their way into the Roman Empire, come clear across the alps into Southern Italy and there Julius Caesar met them and destroyed their whole force and put an end to that. There had been such efforts to get into what looked like a wonderful garden the people lived in - from