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QUESTIONS

1. How did the barbarians make their way into the Empire?
2. Who were the main Germanic people to settle in Spain?
3. Who was the most important theologian in the Visigothic kingdom?
4. Who was the towering figure of early Western monasticism who founded the community of Monte Casino?
5. What good came out of Benedictine monasticism?

ANSWERS

1. The barbarians made their way into the Empire by force of arms, while others were invited as allies or as settlers.
2. The main Germanic people to settle in Spain were the Visigoths, who established their capital in Toledo.
3. The most important theologian in the Visigothic kingdom was Isidore of Seville.
4. The towering figure of early Western monasticism who founded the community of Monte Casino was Saint Benedict.
5. Benedictine monasticism expanded throughout western Europe, and gave signs of great adaptability to diverse circumstances.

TERMS

Barbarians- The Germanic peoples who lived beyond the Danube and the Rhine.

Byzantines- The Eastern Roman whose capital was Constantinople.

Benedictine Rule- Rule which would set the course of Western monasticism for centuries to come. Principles having to do with physical labor, vows of obedience, chastity, poverty, and stability.

SUMMARY

The Roman Empire had been divided into two main regions. However, this decline of the Roman Empire happen due to both internal and external reasons. These times were filled with pain and death. Because of this, the focus of communion changed from being a celebration to more of a funeral service.