

Aurelian: The Restorer of the Roman Empire



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Aurelian was Roman emperor from 270 to 275 CE. He is best known for his military victories, which restored the Roman Empire to its former glory. Aurelian was a skilled general and a ruthless leader. He was also a devout pagan, and he persecuted Christians during his reign.

Early Life and Career

Aurelian was born in Sirmium, Pannonia (modern-day Sremska Mitrovica, Serbia) in 214 CE. His father was a military officer, and Aurelian followed in his footsteps. He began his military career as a tribune in the Roman army. Aurelian quickly rose through the ranks, and he soon became one of the most trusted generals of Emperor Claudius II Gothicus.

Emperor of Rome

In 270 CE, Aurelian was proclaimed emperor by the Roman army. He inherited an empire that was in chaos. The empire was threatened by barbarian invasions from all sides, and the economy was in ruins. Aurelian set out to restore the empire to its former glory.

Aurelian's first task was to defeat the barbarians. He led a series of successful campaigns against the Goths, Vandals, and Alamanni. Aurelian

also rebuilt the Roman fortifications along the empire's bFree Downloads.

Once the empire was secure from barbarian invasions, Aurelian turned his attention to the economy. He reformed the tax system and introduced new coins. Aurelian also encouraged trade and commerce. As a result of his reforms, the Roman economy began to recover.

In addition to his military and economic reforms, Aurelian also made changes to the Roman government. He strengthened the imperial bureaucracy and created a new senate. Aurelian also reformed the Roman law code.

Aurelian's reign was a time of great change and upheaval. He was a ruthless leader, but he was also a skilled general and a wise statesman. Aurelian restored the Roman Empire to its former glory, and he is considered one of the greatest emperors in Roman history.

Death and Legacy

Aurelian was assassinated in 275 CE by his own soldiers. He was succeeded by Emperor Tacitus. Aurelian's death was a major blow to the Roman Empire. The empire soon fell into chaos, and it was not until the reign of Diocletian that the empire was finally restored to stability.

Aurelian is remembered as one of the greatest emperors in Roman history. He was a skilled general, a wise statesman, and a ruthless leader. Aurelian restored the Roman Empire to its former glory, and he laid the foundation for the empire's future prosperity.

Aurelian: Or Rome In The Third Century is a gripping historical account of the life and times of one of the most important figures in Roman history. This book is a must-read for anyone interested in Roman history or ancient warfare.



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