

When Humanity Died

• The Oppressive Era •





THE OPPRESSIVE AGES





Welcome to the Roman Empire

In one of the ancient Roman arenas, amid massive crowds of people, everyone was screaming and cheering at the top of their lungs

High above them sat the emperor, the princes, and the royal court, holding cups filled with wine that only increased their excitement

Suddenly, a man stood up and began shouting at the top of his voice: 'Let the entertainment begin

Everyone became even more stirred up, increasing their cheering and shouting

A cart resembling a moving prison entered the arena, pulled by two strong, muscular men

Inside it was a lion, like a ferocious beast that had not eaten for a week, roaring and looking at everyone as if they were its next meal

Then you enter the arena with iron chains around your neck, hands, and feet. Signs of torture are visible on your body. Your entire body is bleeding, and you are extremely weak after not eating for days. You are dragged to the center of the arena while everyone applauds—not because you are admirable, but because you are about to die

Then a man comes to remove your chains so you can move more freely, and another opens the lion's cage

The real “entertainment” begins: you must fight to survive, and the lion must kill you to satisfy its hunger

The
Woman
— and the —
Beast





,The Roman state, whose capital was Constantinople
was a powerful empire that controlled nearly half
of the known world

The Romans were divided into two groups:

The Free Class:

This included the Senate and the knights, the elite
who lived in corruption, adultery, bribery, wealth, and
oppression of the poor

The Slave Class:

They represented the common people, three times the
number of the elite. They had no rights, and their fate was
completely in the hands of their masters. They had no
.value or respect in society

The philosopher Plato—who is highly regarded by many
and the author of the idea of the “ideal city” (utopia)—
believed that slaves should not even be granted citizenship,
and that people with disabilities deserved death





.This cruelty also extended to Roman women
In their view, a woman was an impure being with no soul.
She was not allowed to eat meat, laugh, or speak, and they
.placed an iron lock over her mouth

.Their wars were barbaric and extremely brutal
During the reign of one Roman emperor, they besieged
.Jerusalem for five months until the entire city fell
The Romans forced the Jews to kill their own children and
women with their own hands. Out of fear and the desire to
.survive, they obeyed

Then the Romans held a lottery between every two Jews to
decide which would kill the other, until they were all killed
.and none remained alive

They called this “Roman civilization,” and even today
they take pride in it and broadcast its images in so-called
.civilized countries





The Eastern Roman Empire





The Persian king who married his daughter and then killed her

On the other side of the known world lay the Persian Empire, which controlled the remaining half of civilization. Its emperor was known as Khosrow, and its capital was Ctesiphon

It was not much different from the Roman Empire; it lived in extreme cultural, religious, social, and moral backwardness

Persian society was strictly class-based and deeply humiliating to human dignity

People were divided into seven levels, the lowest being the common people, who had no rights at all. They were even chained during wars

This happened in the Battle of Chains led by Khalid ibn al-Walid, where the Persians chained sixty thousand soldiers—ten men in each chain



A philosopher named Mazdak appeared during that time and promoted the idea that “people are equal in everything

Many people were pleased by this idea, without realizing its hidden meaning

It did not mean equality in rights or justice, but rather in wealth and women

Thus, powerful men used it to take the wives and children of the weak, while the weak had no right to complain

Even the emperor Khosrow was allowed to marry any woman he wanted, and it is said he even married his own daughter and then killed her





YOUR LAW
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CIVILIZATION
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As for Northern Europe

:the French historian “Reno” described its condition
During that era, Europe was rife with vices and sins, utterly abandoning hygiene and care for both human and place. It was plagued by ignorance, chaos, backwardness, and widespread injustice and oppression. Illiteracy was so rampant that princes openly boasted of their inability to read or write, while scholars—if they existed at all—were subjected to severe humiliation

On one of those sunless European mornings, everyone woke in terror to the news of a chieftain's death. His enslaved concubines and handmaidens attempted to flee as far as possible, but the people managed to capture one of them. They forced her to dance before everyone and drink wine, then bound her neck with ropes to prevent any further escape





Then, an old woman dressed in black appeared, whom they called 'the Angel of Death.' Holding a large dagger, she stabbed and strangled the girl to death, after which they burned her body—all so she could be laid to rest alongside her dead master

She was stabbed and strangled until she died, then burned
.so she could be buried with her master
.This was repeated regularly with women

In ancient Egypt (the Pharaohs), people were under Roman oppression, paying taxes on homes, land, and even burial places

In India, men gambled even with their wives, and widows were burned with their dead husbands

They worshipped everything: idols, humans, mountains, rivers, gold, weapons, cattle, and animals



Why do
we remember
oppression?





Why do we mention those dark ages?

Human nature cannot recognize light unless it understands
.darkness

.We only recognize things through contrast
Just as a blind person does not appreciate sight until he
regains it, and a sick person does not understand health
.until he recovers

Likewise, we cannot understand the value of Islam without
.knowing the world before it

The earth had reached a level of corruption where God
detested its people except a few who remained upon
.monotheism





:But the question is

If this was the state of the world before the Prophet's mission, what about the Arabs before Islam?

Were they different from others or worse?

What was the condition of children and women at that time?

Did they respect them or oppress and torture them?

.Scenes and events you will discover in the next chapter