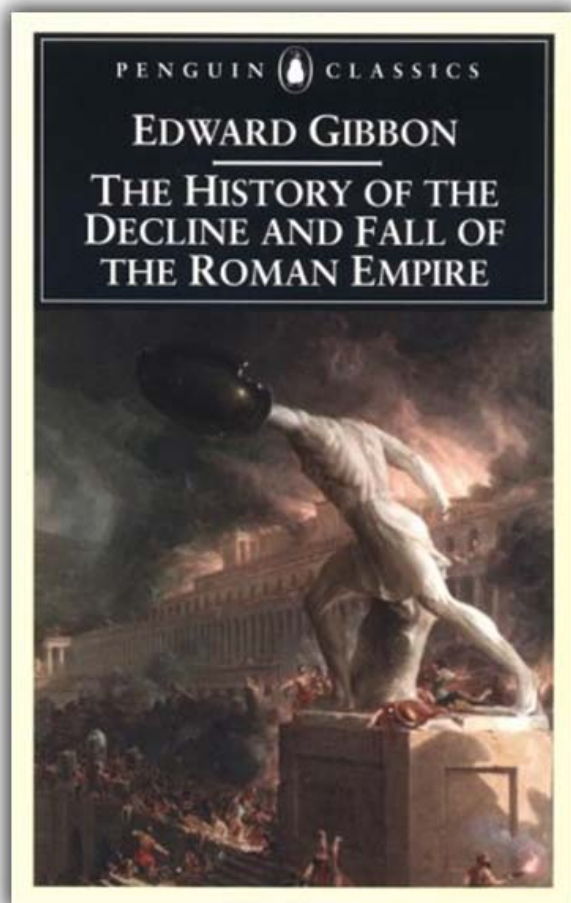


#2805 The Yom Kippur War and the Abomination of Desolation – The post-World War II U.S. waxing great toward the South and toward the East as a *second* Syria/Antiochus IV Epiphanes, part 1064, **2nd Edition of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, (iii), The 1776 2nd edition of the Roman Empire**

Edward Gibbon (b. 1737, d. 1794), upon visiting the ruins of the Roman forum in 1762, during his Grand Tour, was inspired to write a history of the Roman Empire and its long fall. Volume I was published in 1776 after a decade of labor, volumes II and III were published in 1781, and the last three were released in 1788. Gibbon (*pictured below*) was one of the leading figures of the Enlightenment, and his unvarnished take on the early Church has led to the book being banned sporadically. *The Decline and Fall* has had a massive cultural impact, including being an inspiration for Isaac Asimov's *Foundation* series.



Below is an outline from Wikipedia of the six-volume work *The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, authored by English historian Edward Gibbon.

The original work was published between 1776 and 1789 in six volumes by the firm of [William] Strahan & [Thomas] Cadell, in the Strand, London.

Volume I has a complex history of its own. It was published in six editions between **1776** and 1789. Three of the six contain authorial revisions, marked AR:

First editions, 1776 Feb 17 (a and b-AR), 1000 copies;

Second edition, 1776 June 3, 1500 copies;

Third edition, 1777 May (AR), 1000 copies;
Fourth edition, 1781 Apr 4 (AR);
Fifth editions, 1782 Apr 11 (a and b);
Sixth edition, 1789 Dec 1.

Volumes II, III were published together in three editions between 1781 and 1789:

First editions, 1781 Mar 1 (a and b; b sometimes called the second edition);
Second edition, 1787 (n/a);
Third edition, 1789 Dec 1, published with the sixth edition of volume one as a new set.

Volumes IV, V, VI were published together in one edition only: 1788 May 8; 3000 copies each.

Key Understanding: 1776 decline and fall of the Roman Empire, and 1776 rise of a second Roman Empire, the United States of America. The first edition of Volume I of Edward Gibbon's *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* was published on February 17, 1776. The second edition was published on June 3, 1776.

The point is that in the extraordinary year of the rise of the United States as a *second Roman Empire* (actually a *double fourths Roman Empire*), Edward Gibbon first published *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*.

Revelation 18:5 (KJV) For HER [America-Babylon the Great's] SINS HAVE REACHED UNTO HEAVEN, and God hath remembered her iniquities.



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