

- 4.24. For some obscure reason, Tarquins did not enjoy victory over Romans: Quite unexpectedly, they left Rome. Livy "explained" it as a miracle, narrating that one night a loud voice was heard, saying that victory was in Romans' hands ([174], Bk. 2, 7). Terrified, Tarquins hurriedly left
- 4.24. For some obscure reason, Goths did not enjoy their victory over Romans: Quite unexpectedly, they left Rome. It is surprising that Totila should not have commanded all his forces to Porto in order to end war, because Belisarius was staying there with his army (*ibid.*)
- 4.25. After Tarquins' unexpected defeat at dawn, when no enemy was seen, consul Valerius triumphantly returned to Rome (*ibid.*)
- 4.25. After Goths' unexpected retreat, Belisarius, advancing with all his armies, managed to enter Rome. As soon as great army commander was there, he made himself famous, and his genius and luck came back to him doubled. Though Goths tried to return, they were immediately beaten off (*ibid.*)
- 4.26. It occurred in 545 A.D. (under $X + 300$) (*ibid.*)
- 4.26. It was in spring of 547 A.D. This battle of Rome lasted from 545 to 547 A.D. (*ibid.*)

The coincidence of dates is ideal (under $X + 300$).

To 4.24: As we noted, Livy ascribed Valerius' victory to a miracle: Voice of (God) Sylvan made Roman adversary flee in horror (*ibid.*)

To 4.24: Even in faraway places, everyone was startled, in deepest bewilderment, by failure of Goths near Rome, which was then half open, to successfully resist Belisarius ([44*], p. 398)

- 4.27. After this first unsuccessful battle of Rome after Tarquins exile, they asked for king Porsenna's help (= PRSN) ([174], Bk. 2, 9). It is important that TRQN (= Tarquins) and PRSN (Porsenna) were allies in this war
- 4.27. After first unsuccessful battle of Rome and expulsion of Goths, Totila was seeking Franks' help [44]. Recall that Franks could overlap with "Persians" (= PRS if freed of vowels) (cf. "Parisians"). It is important that Goths (TRQN's analogue) and Franks (either PRS or TRNK; see above) were allies. Along with Goths, Franks are carriers of term TRNK in 6th-c. war