

The Danubian and South-Danubian Territories at the beginning of the 6th Century

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Abstract

To the Emperor Justin I (493-518) is owed the ascension to the Byzantine throne of one of most important Illyrians political persons, who will be the next emperor Justinian.

The future emperor was born, like his uncle, at Tauresium, the city near Bederiana, around 480. Here he lived his childhood in the rusticity of the Illyrian patriarchal atmosphere.

Before to analyse the politics of the State and the religious one of the Justinian period and also its influence upon Illyricum, we observe, since the time when the young Justinian was just a simple *comes domesticorum*, a strong influence of him on the political and religious life of the Empire, succeeding to double the older emperor Justin I, who was for many times without diplomacy within the religious disputes.