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Foul sorcery had slain the Emperor. Now the army of Videssos, betrayed by one man's craven folly, fled in panic from the savage victors. But there was no panic in the Legion, mysteriously displaced from Gaul and Rome into this strange world of magic.

Wearily, Tribune Marcus Scaurus led his men through the chaos and enemy hordes in search of winter quarters, to regroup and seek to join up with Thorisin Gavras, now rightful ruler of Videssos.

But in Videssos the city, capital of the beleaguered realm, Ortaias Sphrantzes, whose cowardice had caused their defeat, now sat upon the throne. There, behind great walls that had always made the city impregnable to storm or siege, he ruled with the support of evil sorcery. Overthrowing him seemed impossible.

Grimly, Marcus Scaurus began the long march through hostile country toward that seemingly hopeless attempt.

An Emperor for the Legion Details

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Al "Tank" says

A tremendous follow-on to the Misplaced Legion. Picks up where that book left off.

The Emperor has been slain by foul sorcery and army betrayed when self-centered, cowardly Ortaias Sphrantzes flees the field leaving the left wing in chaos. With panicked soldiers flee in terror, the Romans maintain discipline and are able to find winter quarters and find Thorisin Gravras, now the rightful ruler of Vedessos.

In the meantime the cowardly Ortaias has fled to Vedessos and assumed the throne and rules that impregnable city with the support of an evil sorcerer.

What follows is a thoroughly entertaining tale of war, betrayal, schemes and all the other "fun" pastimes that plague this world. A "can't put it down" story.

Timothy Boyd says

If you like the "displaced person in another world" stories then this is the series for you. Now we get an entire legion of roman soldiers, oh and one crazed Celt, on another world. Throw in that magic works there and you have a fantastic story and some awesome characters. Turtledove is one of my top 5 favorite writers. My highest recommendation.

Brentman99 says

If you like fantasy, you will love this series. The characters are well developed and the plot extends over the four books. I love how Turtledove uses his PHD in Byzantine history to weave the best plots you can imagine in his various series. I loved it.

Shari says

Book two and it would be unfair to tell you what transpires here as it slides smoothly into Book three. Just another wonderful otherworld out of Turtledove's mind.

His history of Roman military might and tradition is a good part of this.

On to Book Three.

Nathan says

The Romans lost in Videssos regroup after the defeat against the Yezda. The Empire licks its wounds as a Civil War erupts. The Romans must choose where to tie their future.

This smacked of being a bit of a filler, time-passing book in the series. While there was stuff going on, there was no tension to any of it and a lot of it seemed to be there for the sake of having "plot" to hang the prose on. But then, it looks like this whole series was one book carved more or less arbitrarily into four chunks.

That said, it was enjoyable enough. Still nice to have Roman meet Byzantine. I expect things will pick up next time.

Rated M for some violence, some supernatural themes, coarse language and some sensuality. 2.5/5

Dan says

Great second book of the Videssos series, if you liked the first one you'll want to read this book and won't be disappointed

Matt says

Great follow up to a great first book. Just as fun and interesting as the previous book.

Gail says

Book 2 of Turtledove's misplaced Roman Legion with Marcus Scaurus. In this one the civil war is dealt with.

Ippino says

Cominciare a leggere questo romanzo per me è stato come andare al cinema, uscire cinque minuti per l'intervallo dopo il primo tempo ("La legione perduta"), e poi tornare in sala per gustarsi il secondo tempo del film: un gran bel film, chiaramente.

Tutto riparte esattamente da dove finiva il primo romanzo, proseguendo le gesta della legione nel mondo di Videssos.

Nuovi personaggi entrano in scena, altri escono, e la trama continua a dipanarsi nel migliore dei modi. Degni di nota, come al solito, i dialoghi e le relazioni interpersonali: sono il vero valore aggiunto del romanzo.

John says

My first Turtledove novel and his best series yet! Yes, even better than Worldwar or Great War. I wish there was a market for Turtledove to write more Videssos novels. This series furthered flamed my love of Roman and Byzantine history. One of the few series I intend to re-read someday.

Scott Gardner says

good follow up to the book 1

Mark says

Turtledove at his best...Continues from the first, if you liked the first book in the series you'll like this one....

Jake says

Great read
