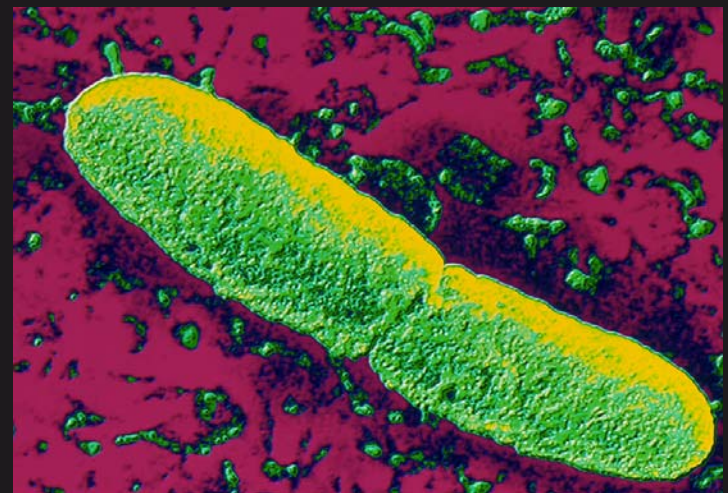


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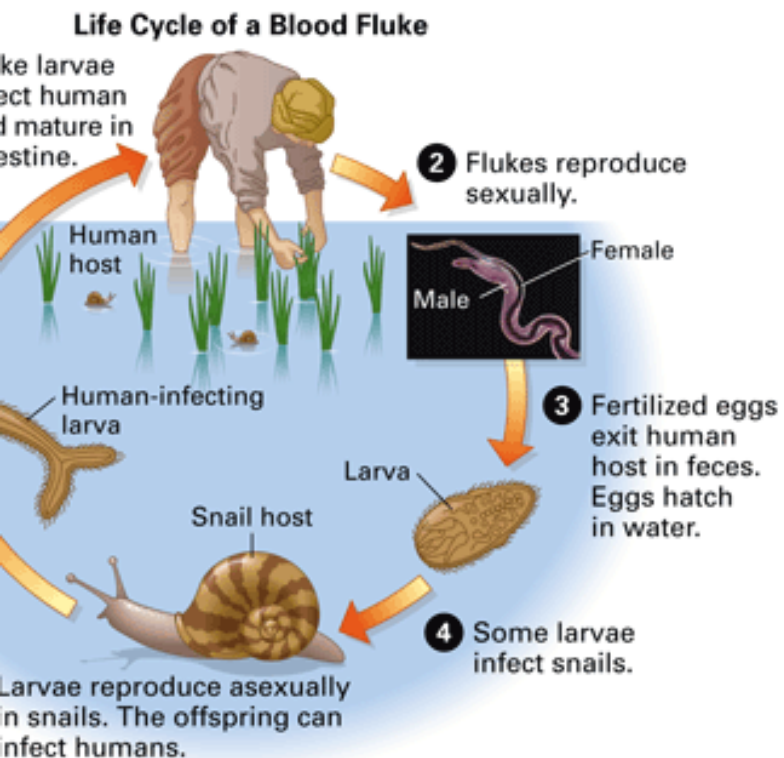
Disease and History



Prehistoric Diseases



Bronze Age Diseases



Diseases in Classical Greece

*of gods or law of men there was
to restrain them. As for the first, they
it to be just the same whether they
oped them or not, as they saw all
rishing. As for the latter, no one
ed to live to be brought to trial for his
s.” - Thucydides on the Plague of*



Roman Plagues

*Weep not for me; think rather
of the pestilence and the deaths
of so many others.”* –Emperor
Marcus Aurelius as he lay dying
from the Antonine Plague

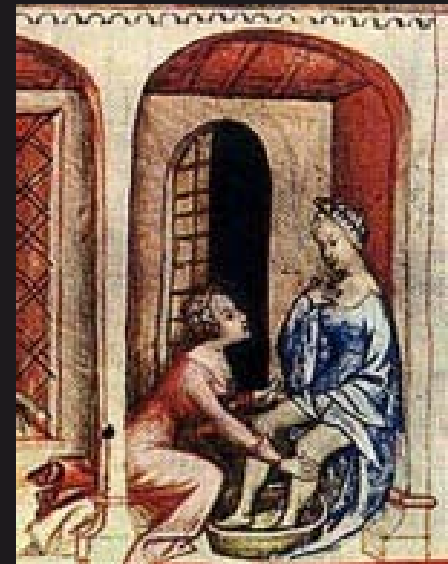


Plague Strikes Byzantium

pestilence swept through the whole world and notably the Roman Empire, but most of the farming community and city leaving a trail of desolation in its wake. Justinian showed no mercy towards the freeholders. Even then, he did not stop from demanding the annual tax, not the amount at which he assessed each year, but also the amount for which his neighbors were liable.” - Procopius on Justinian's response to the Plague



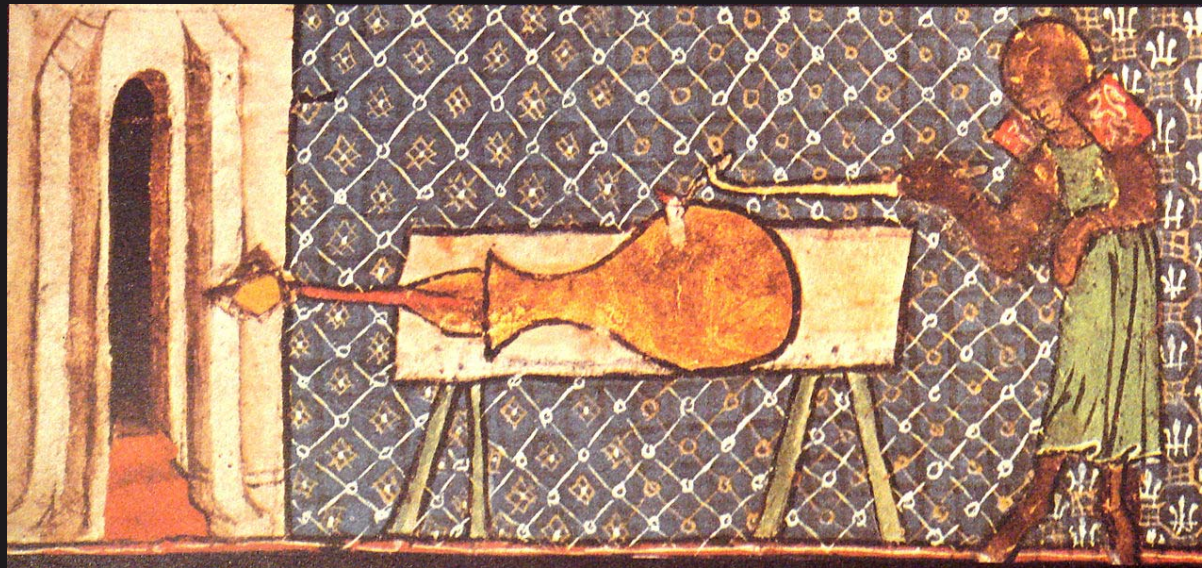
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Environment
Ripe for
Plague?
Sanitation and
Personal
Hygiene in
Medieval
Europe*



A Population “Plagued” by War

...ly passed through your kingdom on an
...sion, I could scarcely recognize it as the
...had previously visited. Everywhere were
...astation, grief, and desolation, everywhere
...ncultivated fields, everywhere ruined and
...omes except for those spared by being
...walls of a fortress or a city, in short,
...e remained the sad vestiges of the Angli and
...loathsome scars of defeat.” - Petrarch to a

end



The Great Famine

I saw that the world was so over proud,
Earth on earth, and made it full hard.
Wheat was at four shillings or more,
Men might have had a quarter before....
They turned pale who had laughed so loud,
Became all docile who before were so proud.
Heart might bleed for to hear the cry
Of men who called out, "Alas! For hunger I die...!"
The Evil Time of Edward II, c. 1327

