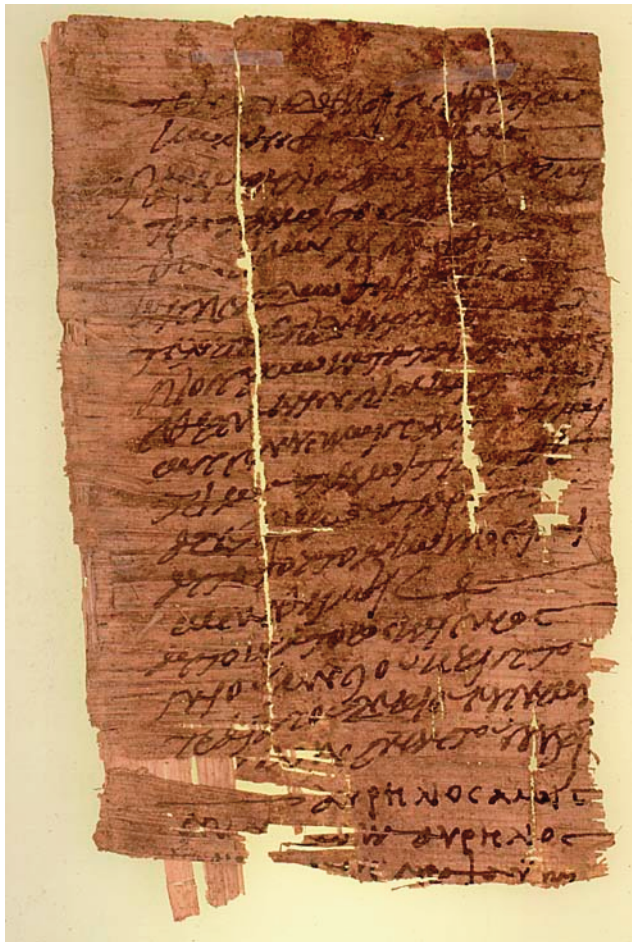


# MAJOR WAVES OF ROMAN PERSECUTION

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← A “libellus” or “Certificate of Pagan Sacrifice” from the reign of Decius in A.D. 250. All citizens were required to have one. It reads: “To those appointed to see the sacrifices ... I have always continued to sacrifice and show reverence to the gods, and now, in your presence, I have poured a libation and sacrificed and eaten some of the sacrificial meat. I request you to certify this for me below.”