Why did the Fall of Rome occur?

* Thesis 1: “Barbarians at the Gate” destroyed Rome
* Thesis 2: “Internal corruption” destroyed Rome (holidays, economic problems, lazy emperors, coups)
* Thesis 3: “Christianity weakened Rome” Gibbon says it weakened Roman cohesion & warmaking
* Thesis 4: “Rome gently disintegrated and transformed” (peaceful barbarians within Rome)
* Thesis 5: “Rome did not collapse until the 15th century.” (it lived on in Byzantium)