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3.1. Foundational Elements of Roman Society: Power of Tradition

- **Heroic Myths:
Romulus, Horatius,
Lucretia,
Cincinnatus**
- **The “father of the
family”**



- **Patricians (old elite)**
- **Plebeians (non-elite)**

3.2. Roman Organizational Genius

- **Monarchy to Republic: Good Government**
- **Organization: Alphabet Soup of Offices/Titles**



- **Consuls with IMPERIUM
(command)**
- **The Roman Senate**



3.3. Government and Law in the Republic



- **The Struggle of the Orders 494 BCE, Army Mutiny**
- **The 12 Tables of Law, Separate and Unequal**
- **By 287 BCE All Equal Under Law**

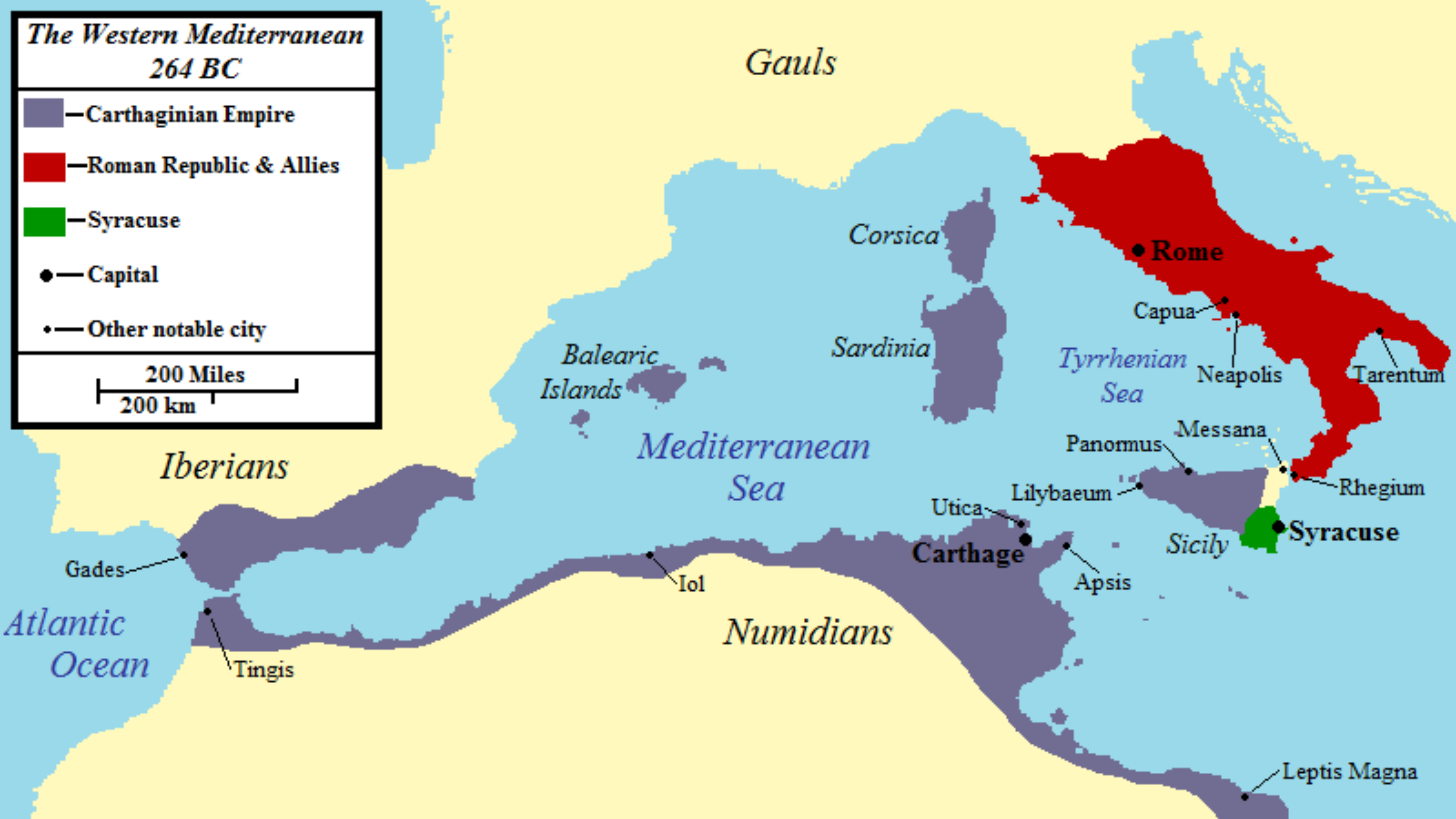
- **Father's Power**
- **Female Guardianship**
- **Property Rights, Debt**
- **Intermarriage**

3.4. The Punic Wars: 264–146 B.C.E.

*The Western Mediterranean
264 BC*

-  — Carthaginian Empire
-  — Roman Republic & Allies
-  — Syracuse
-  — Capital
-  — Other notable city

200 Miles
200 km



- **The First Punic War,
264-241 BCE**
- **Control of Sicily,
Naval vs. Army
Tactics**
- **Roman Navy
Developed**
- **Sicily Taken, \$\$\$**

- **The Second Punic War,
218-201 BCE**
- **Control of Spain,
Sardinia & Corsica**
- **Carthaginian Army
Developed, Hannibal**





- **Roman Expansionism**
- **Carthage Razed, 146 BCE, 3rd Punic War**

3.5. Socio-Economic Trends of Imperialism



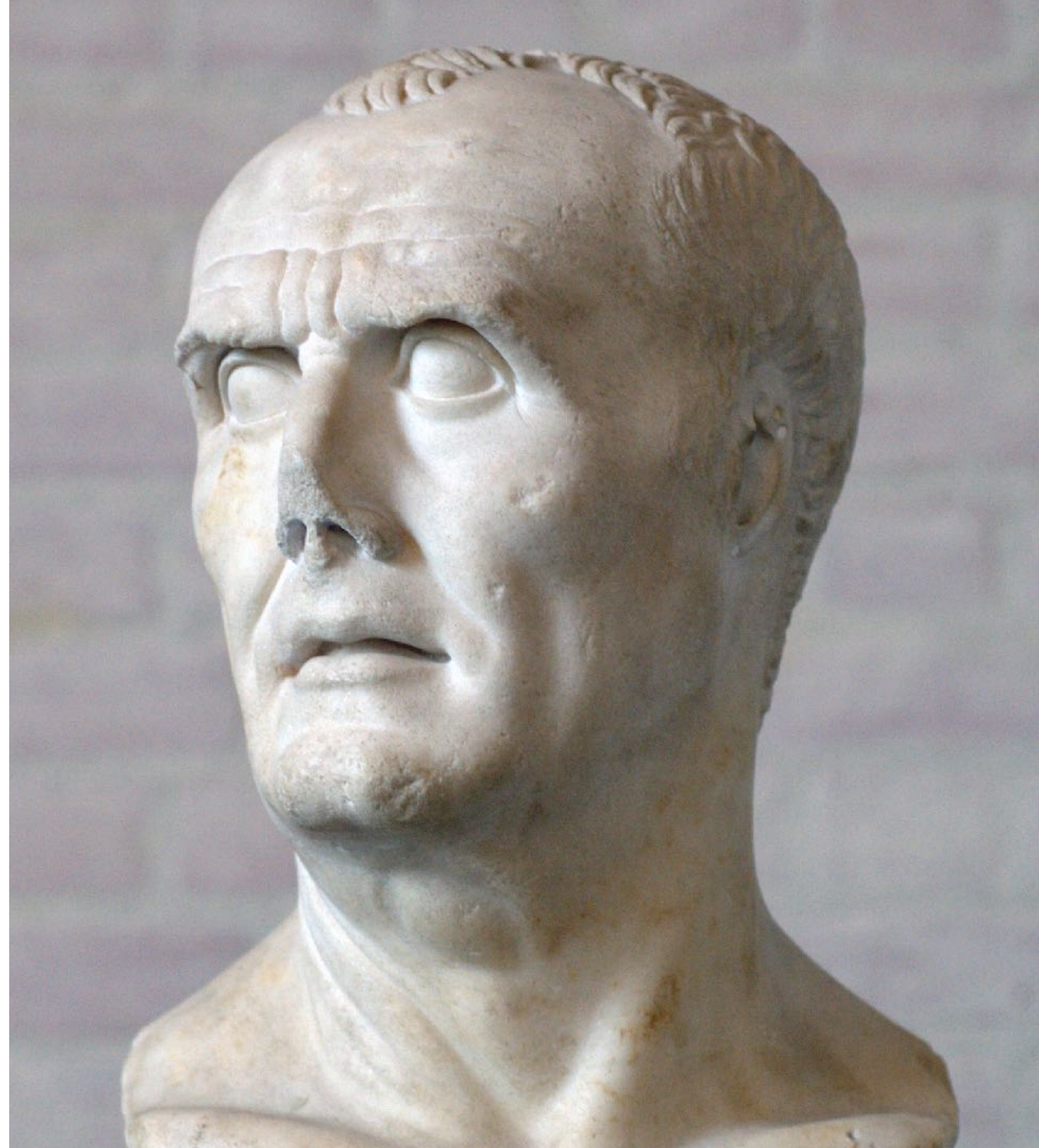
- **Expansion: Slaves, Plunder, Jobs, Prestige, Land**
- **Collapse of Small Farming Class**

3.6. Decline of the Republic

Land Reform: Tiberius Gracchus



**Army Reform:
Marius Landless,
Professional,
Soldiers Loyal to
Leader as the Path to
Power**





Julius Caesar

(100-44 BCE)

- **Victor in Spain 60 BCE**
- **Held Army Command in Gaul**
- **Marched on Rome in 49 BCE, Triumphant in Rome, 45 BCE**

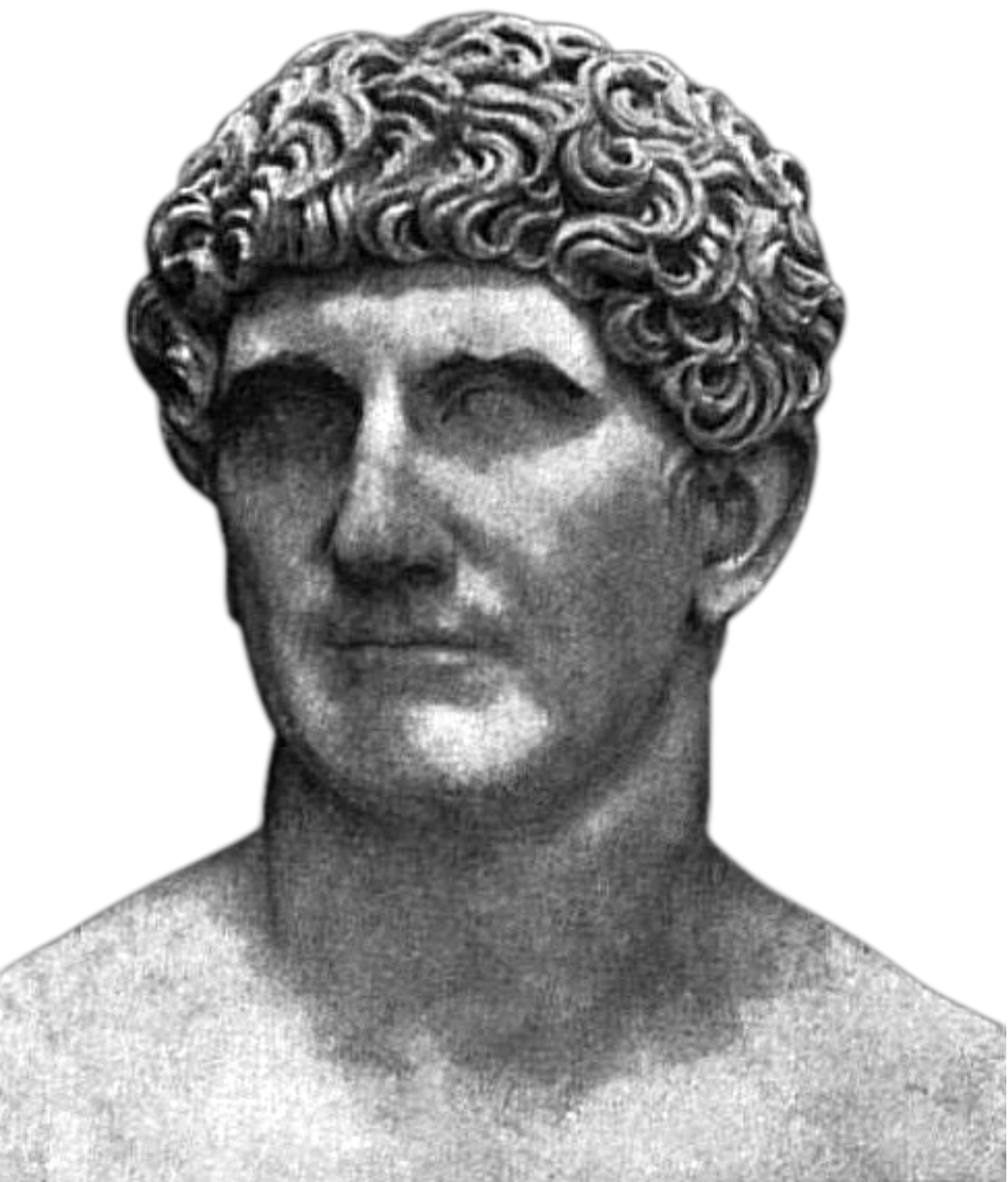
- **Julius Caesar Master of Rome, Dictator for Life**
- **Senatorial Power Weak, Real Power is the Army**
- **Senatorial Enemies Organized Conspiracy to Assassinate Caesar**



3.7. The Principate of Augustus Caesar



- **Octavian Pursued Enemies of Julius Caesar**
- **Proscription Policy**
- **Defeat & Death of Antony/Cleopatra, 30 BCE**



- **Octavian Controls Rome,
Accumulates Titles:
CAESAR, PRINCEPS,
AUGUSTUS**
- **Total Domination of
Rome: Army, Law, Taxes,
Economics, Religion**
- **Ruled until 14 CE,
“King?”**

3.8. Imperial Prosperity: Too Many Frontiers

The Roman Empire in 117 AD



- **“A RED GIANT?” Is expansion always a sign of strength?**
- **Challenges:
Language, Law,
Transport, Religion**
- **Origins of the West
and East Division**

3.9. Diocletian and Constantine

- **Emperor Diocletian
(r. 284-305) “The Rule
of Four”**
- **Economic Edicts:
Prices, Labor, Taxes**
- **Christianity
Assaulted**

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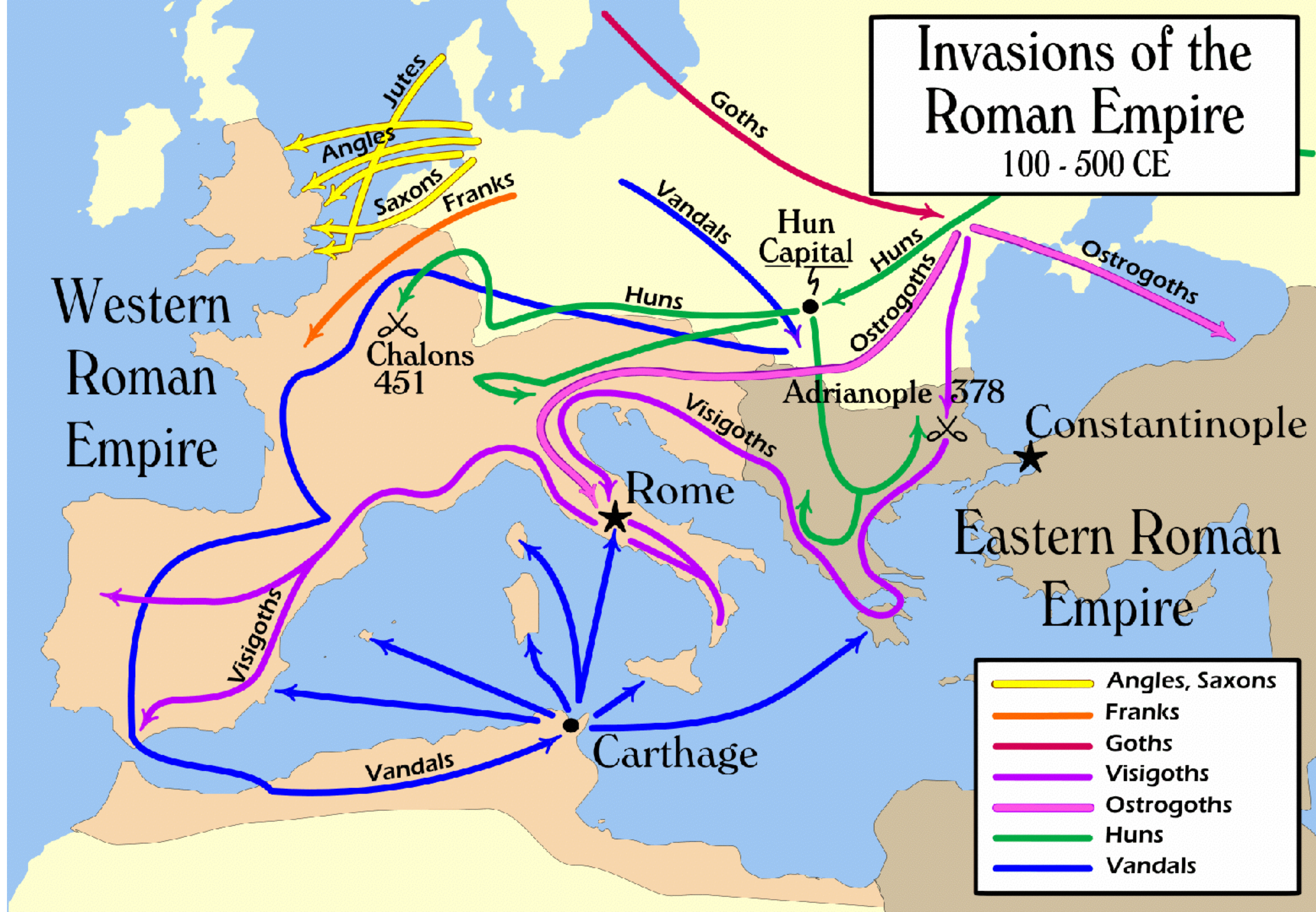
Emperor Constantine

- **Battle of Milvian Bridge 312, Edict of Milan 313**
- **Christianity Accepted as a Legal Religion**
- **Council of Nicaea 325:
What is Christianity?**

3.10. The Invasions and Challenge of Christianity

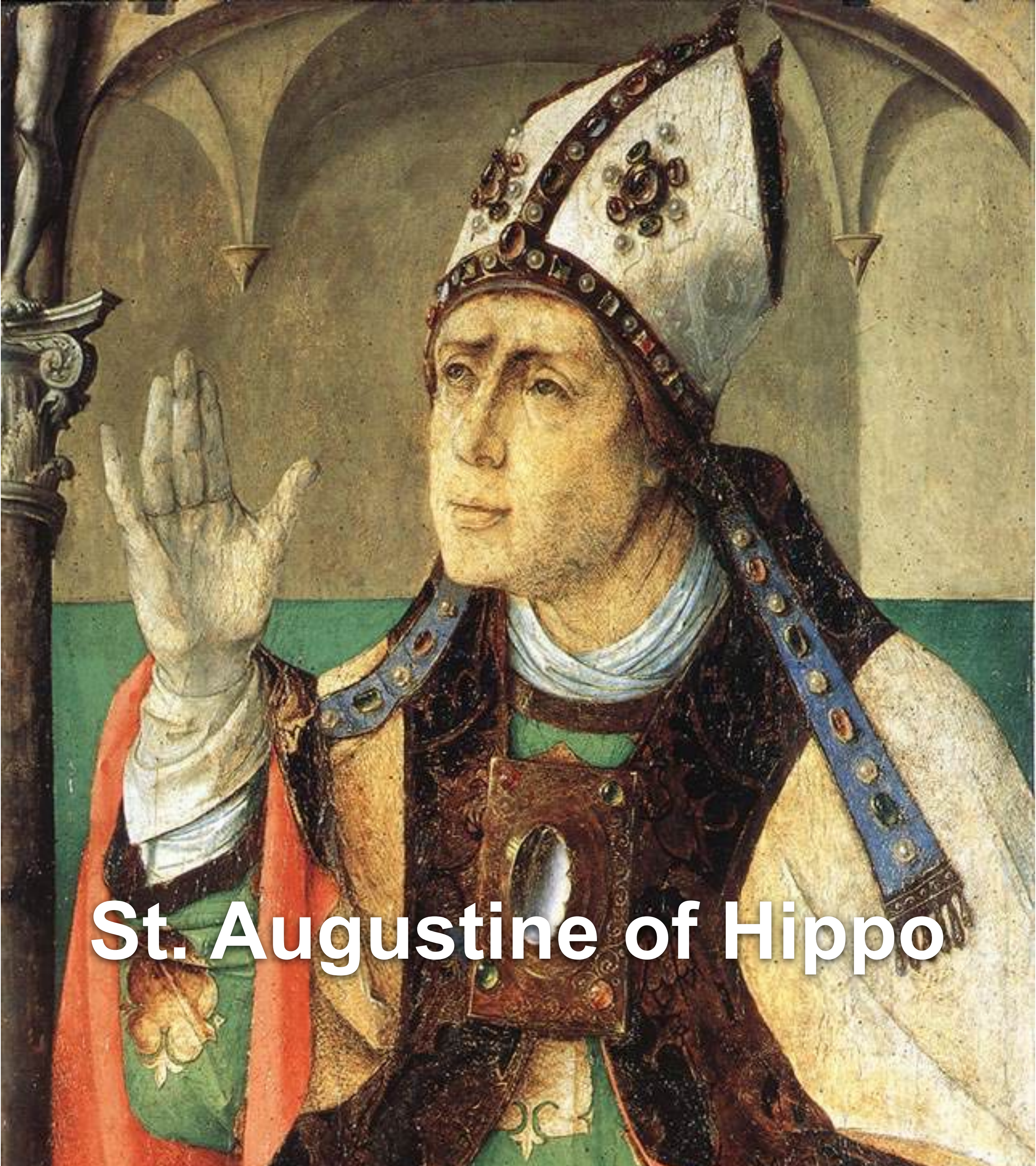
Invasions of the Roman Empire

100 - 500 CE

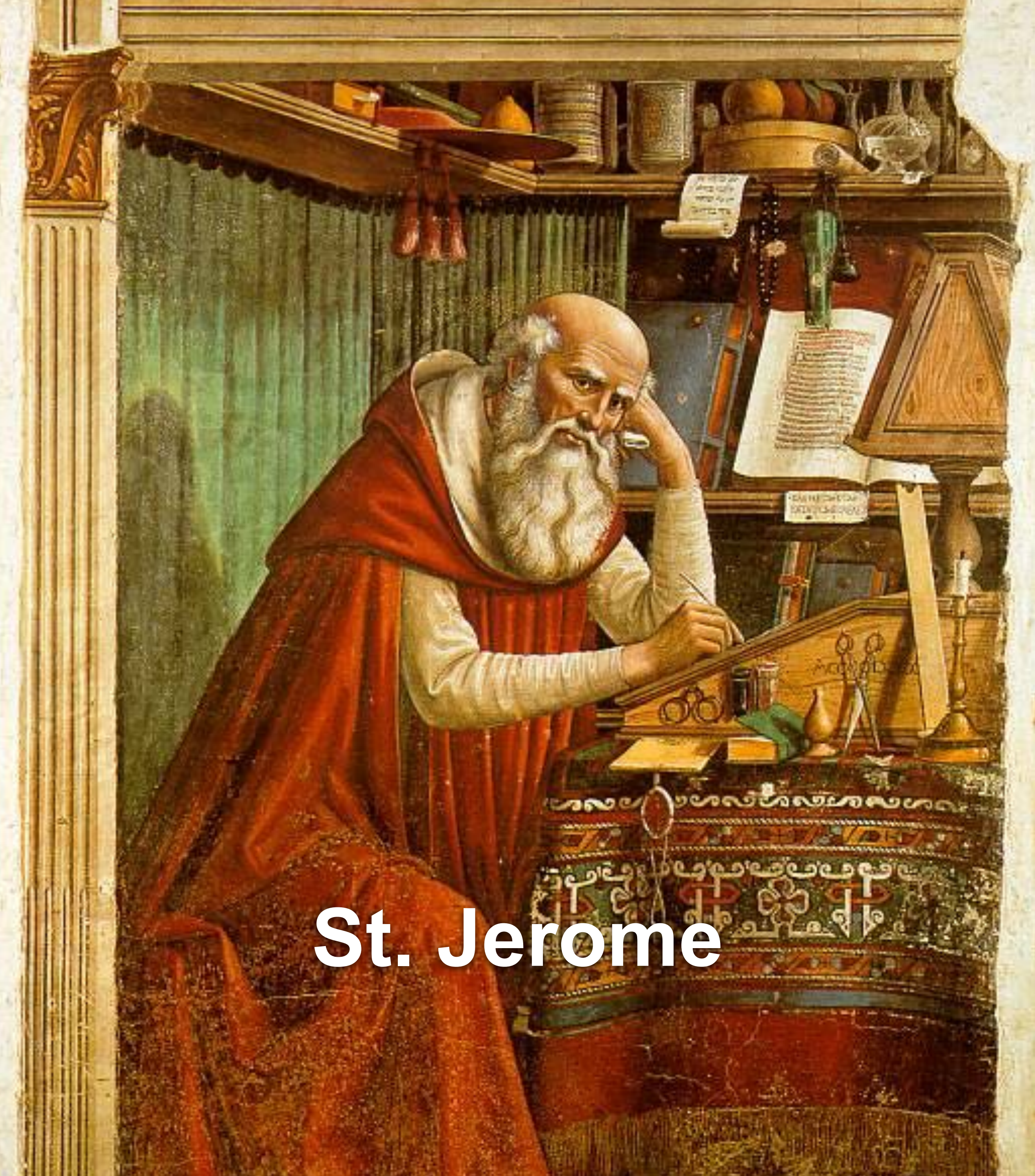


- **The Roman Empire
as a highway....**
- **Push/Pull out of Asia**
- **New Culture: Roman
Fused with Migrants**

3.11. Church Fathers: Jerome and Augustine



St. Augustine of Hippo



St. Jerome

- **Jerome (d. 420): The Vulgate Bible, Standard Latin Text**
- **Augustine of Hippo (d. 430): Confessions & City of God, Celibacy**
- **Monasticism**
- **Petrine Supremacy**