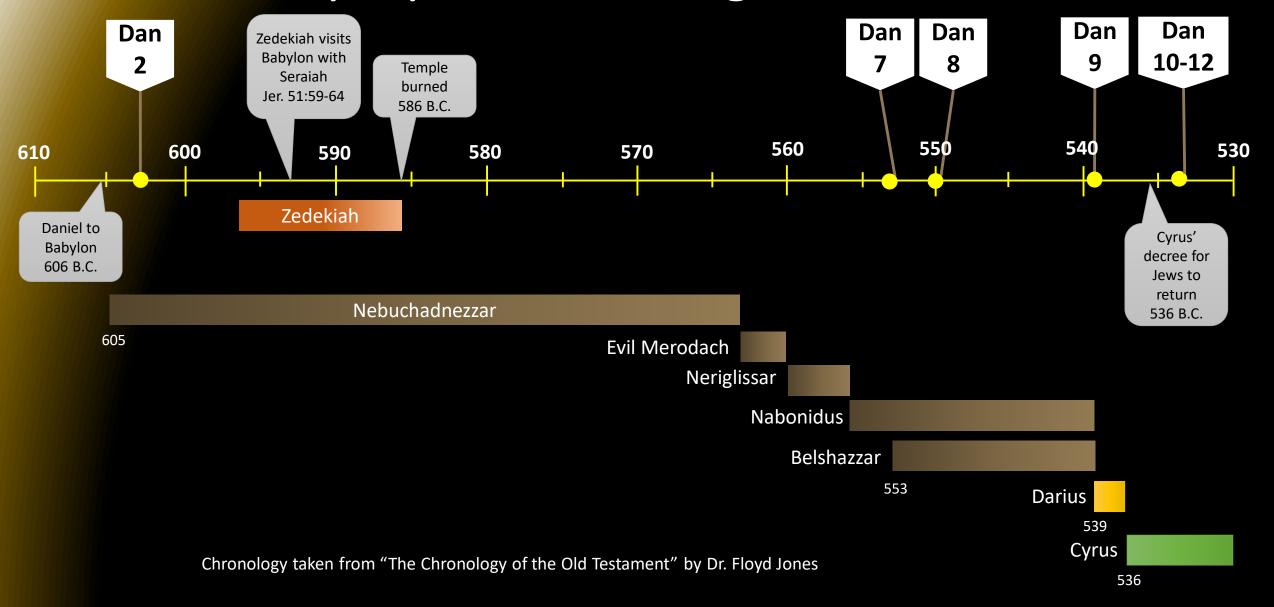
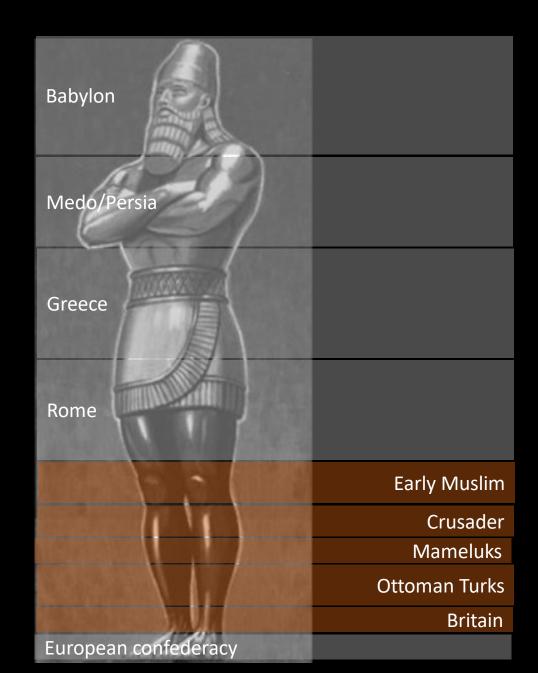


#### When the prophecies were given



#### What the image is NOT

The image is NOT a historical depiction of the kingdom of men in relation to the holy land.



#### What the image is

The kingdom of Babylon began and will end as a joint military and religious power. The image as a whole is the <u>latter day manifestation</u> of that kingdom on the verge of destruction by the stone power.

The various parts of the image reveal the evolutionary phases of the military and religious powers.



#### The relationship of the prophecies

Ch. 7

Kingdom of Babylon in relation to God's

SAINTS

Ch. 8

Kingdom of Babylon in relation to God's **SANCTUARY** and **PEOPLE** (Jews)

Ch. 9

Messiah in relation to God's

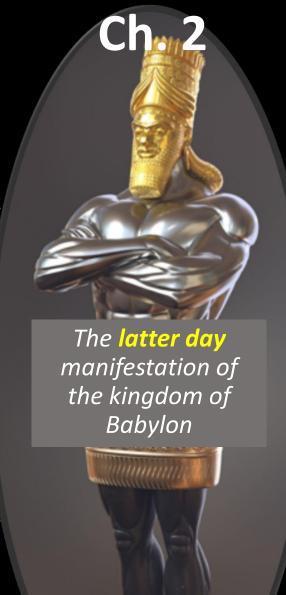
SANCTUARY, CITY, and PEOPLE

Ch. 10-11

Kingdom of Babylon in relation to God's holy LAND

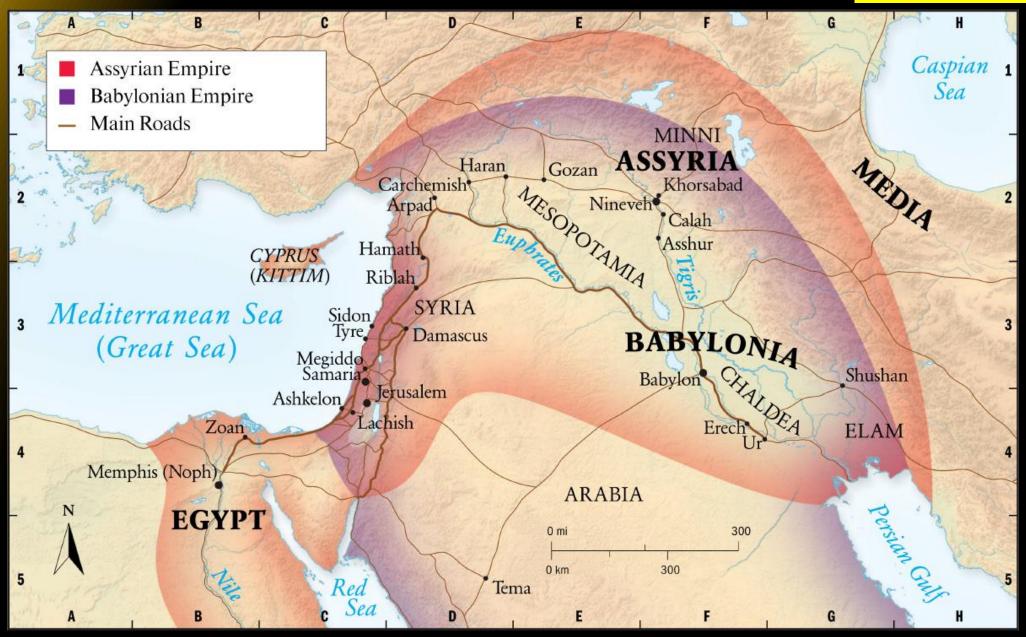
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Kingdom of Babylon in relation to the RIGHTEOUS (mortal & immortal)

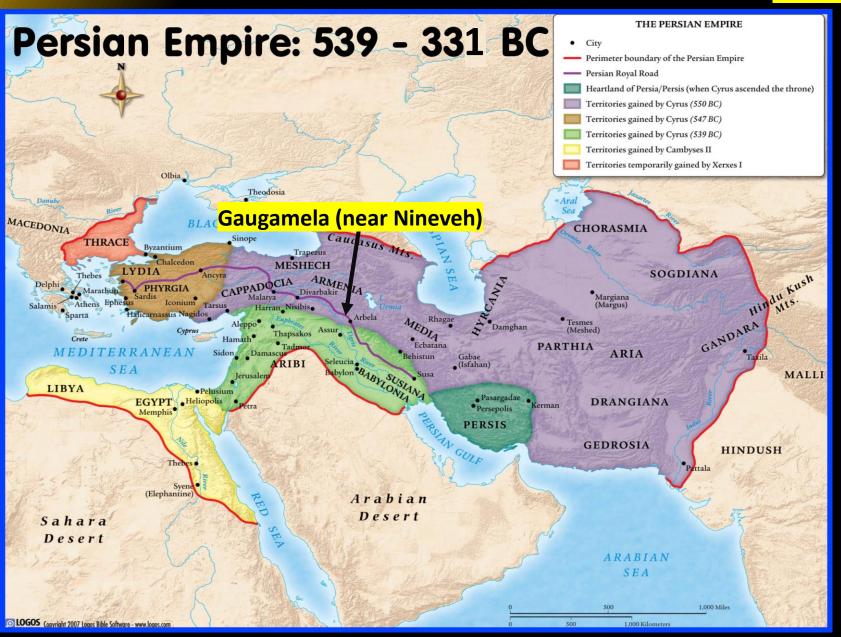


# The identity of the gold, silver, and brass

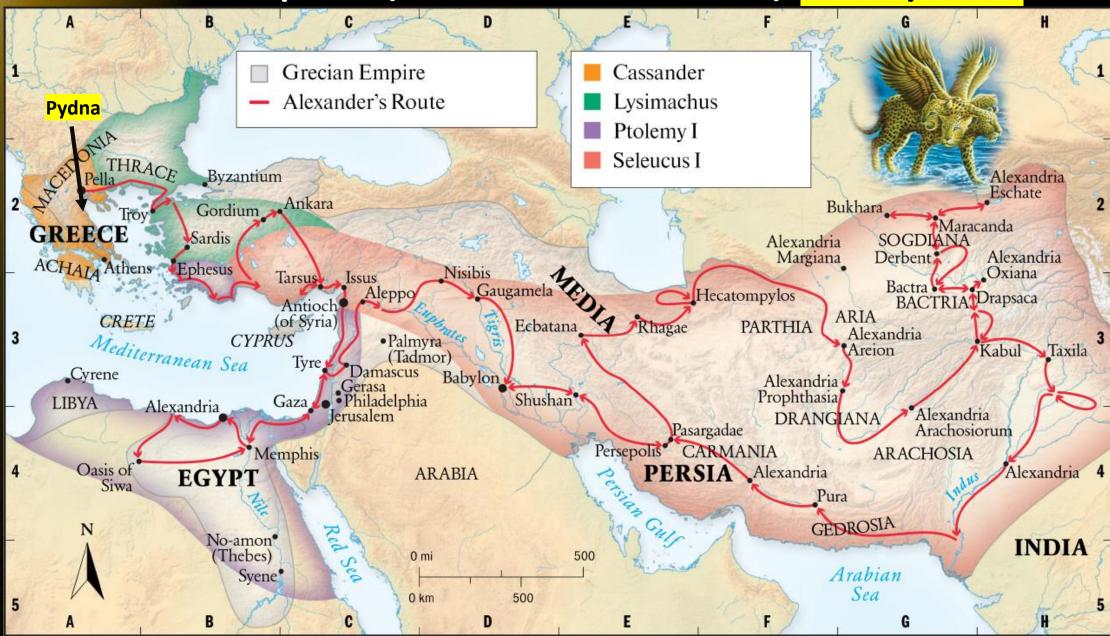
#### Babylonian empire (612BC – 539BC) 74 years



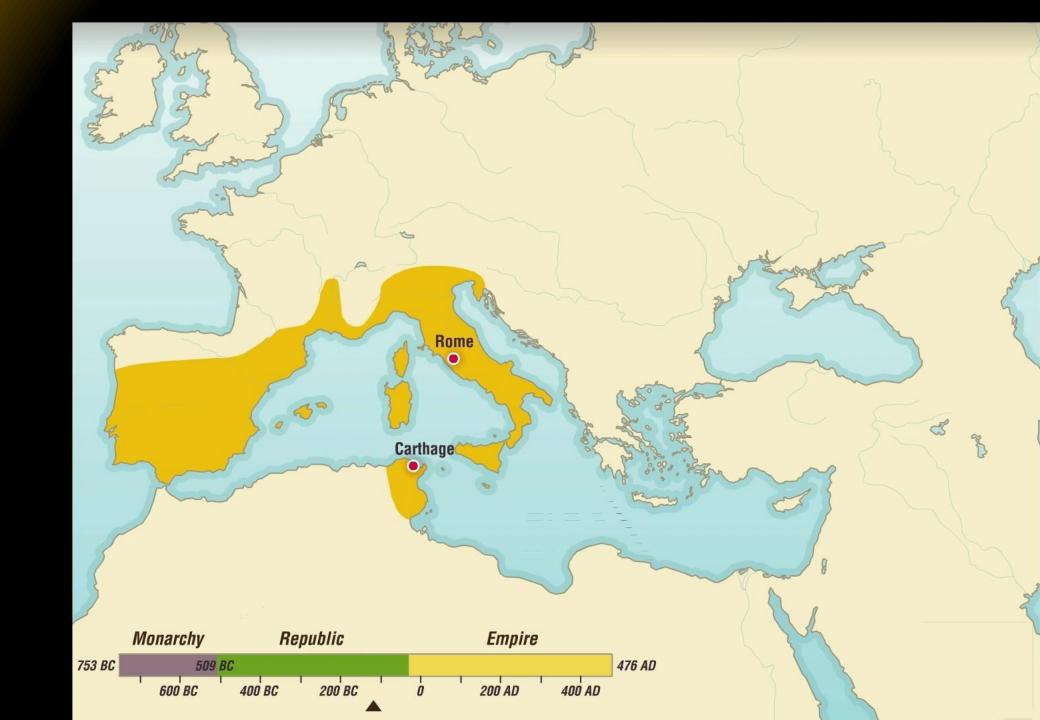
#### Persian empire (539BC to 331BC) 209 years



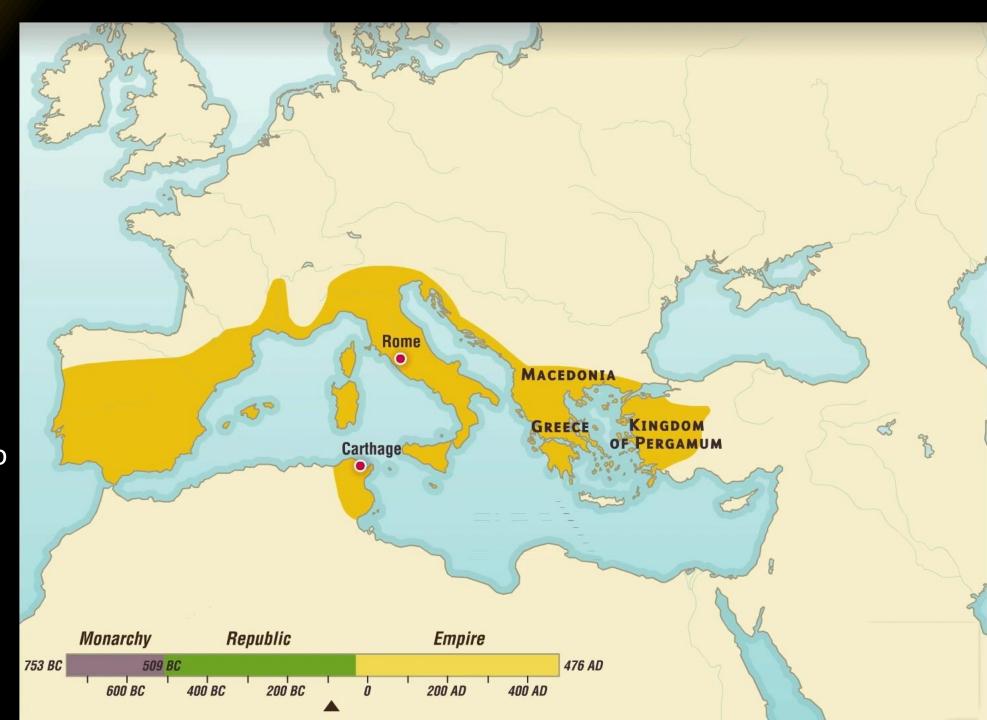
#### Grecian empire (331BC to 168BC) 164 years



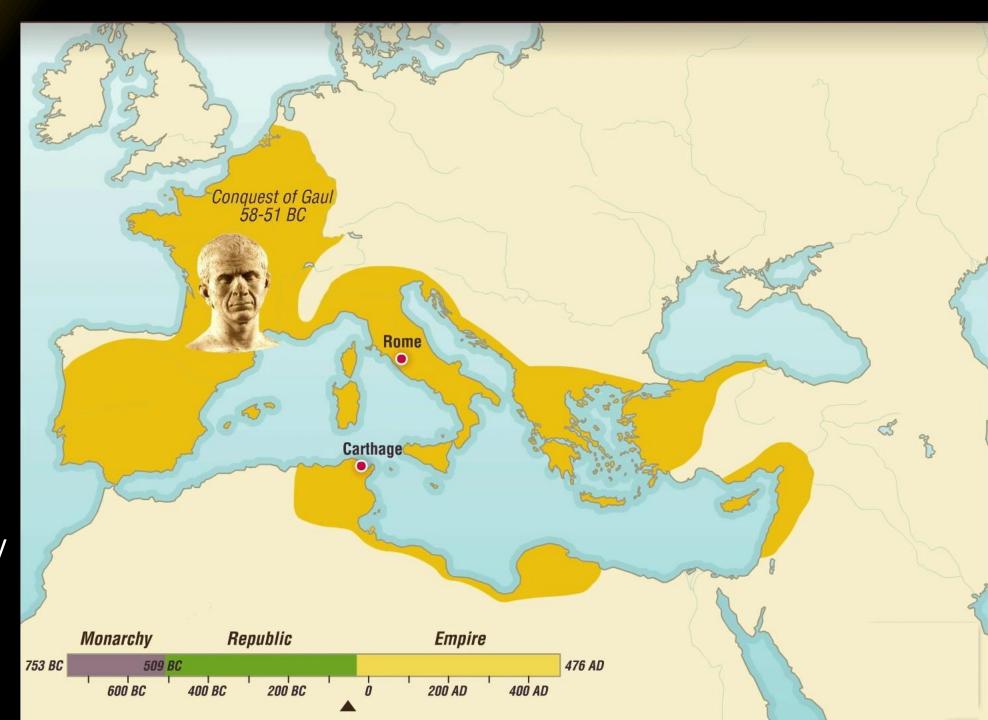
# The identity of the iron in the legs



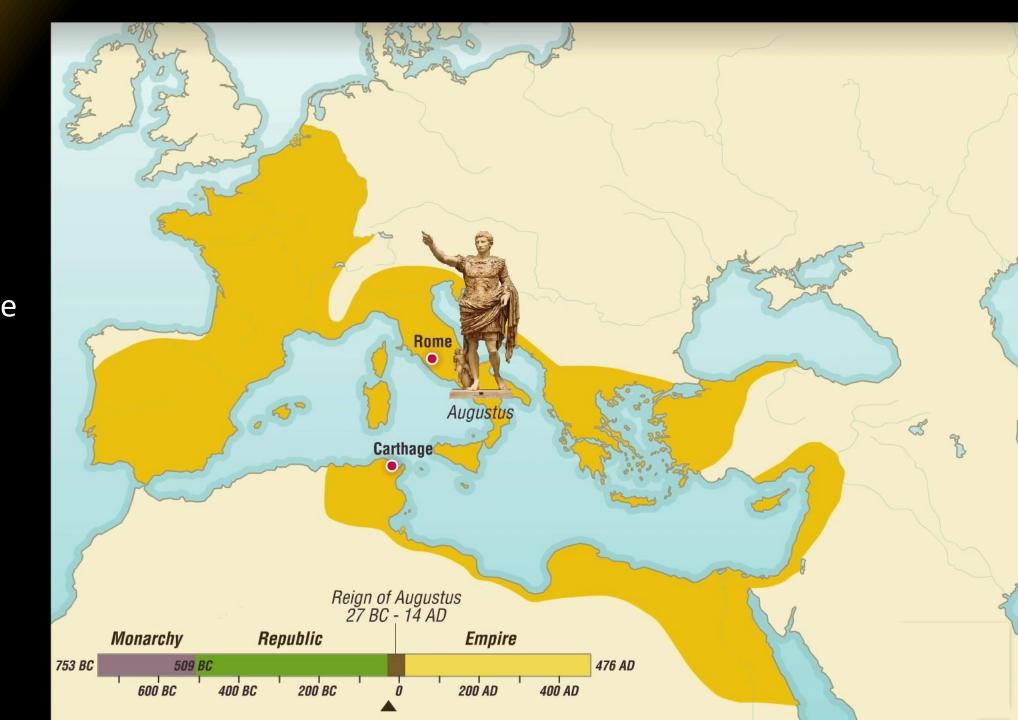
- Rome defeated Grecia at the Battle of Pydna in 168 BC.
- Further east it occupied the Kingdom of Pergamum.
- These territories were previously controlled by two of Alexander's generals, Cassander and Lysimachus.



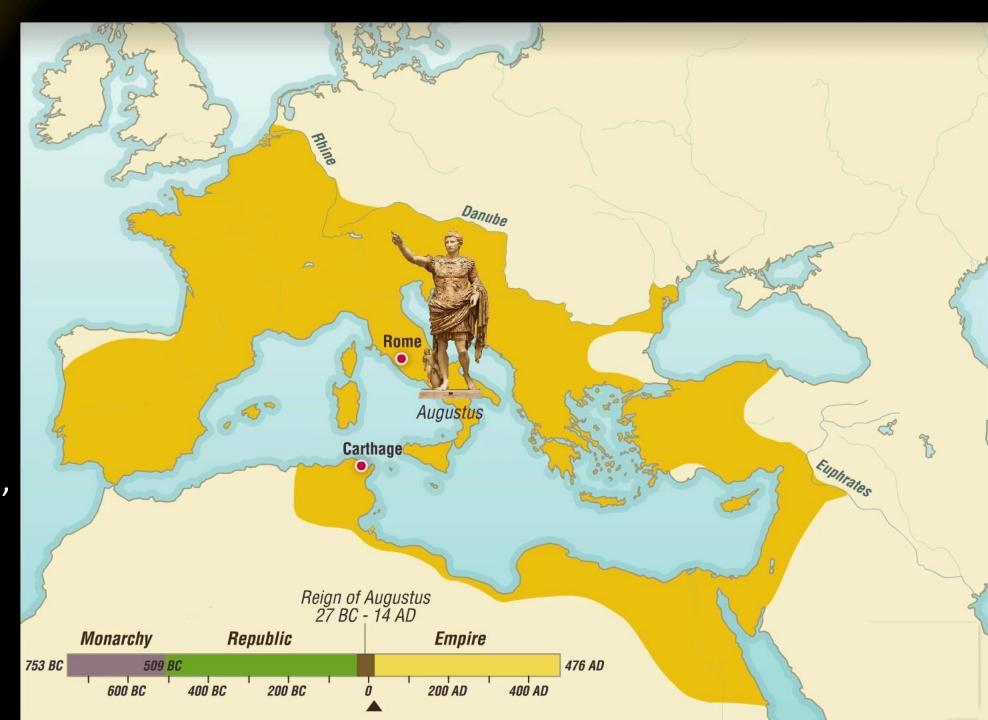
- During the first century BC, Rome accumulated military and political power.
- In 51 BC Gaul was conquered by Rome's most famous general Julius Caesar. This extended Rome's boundary to the Rhine.



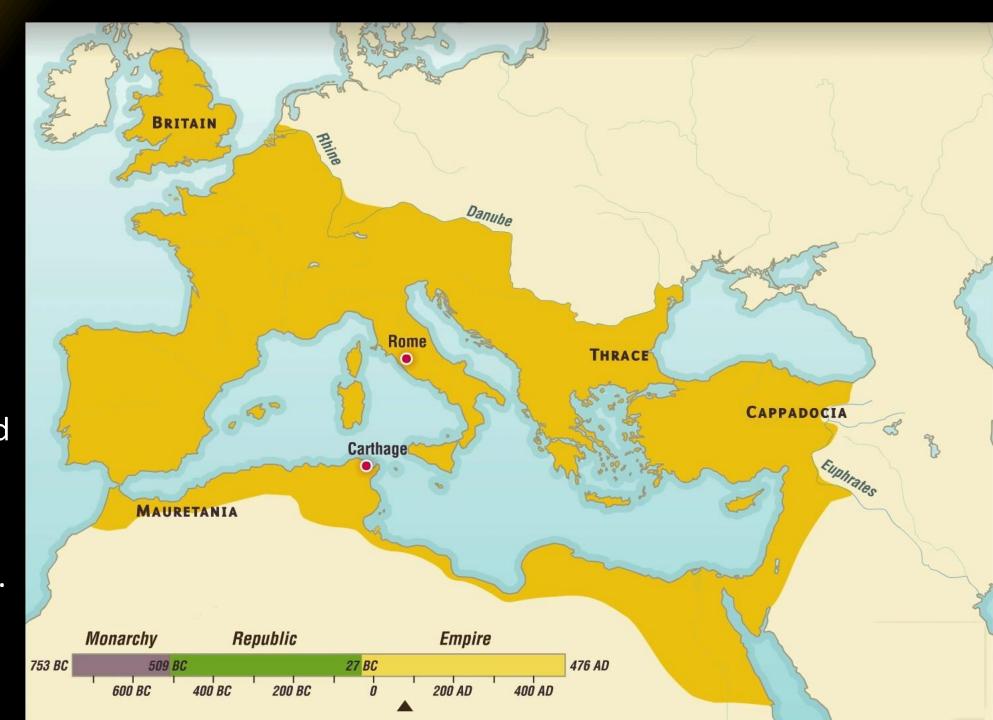
The adopted son of Julius Caesar, Octavian, founded the Roman Empire and took the name of Augustus. His long reign brought a prolonged peace within Rome's frontiers.



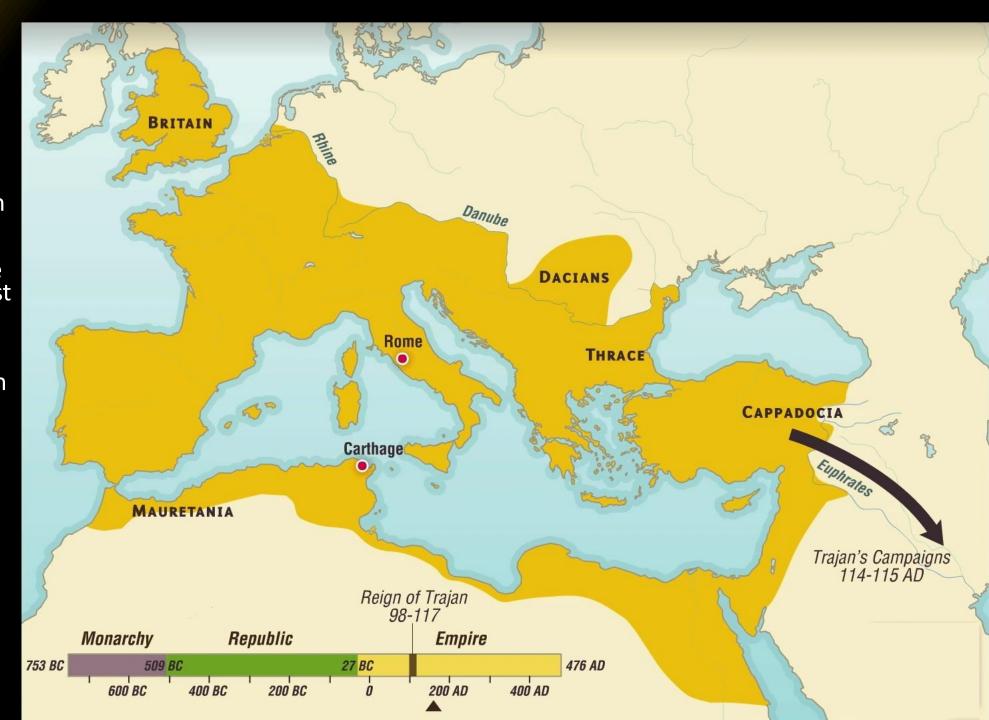
Augustus continued to extend Rome's borders but after a series of defeats in Germany, he decided to establish the Empire's frontiers along the rivers Rhine, Danube, and Euphrates.



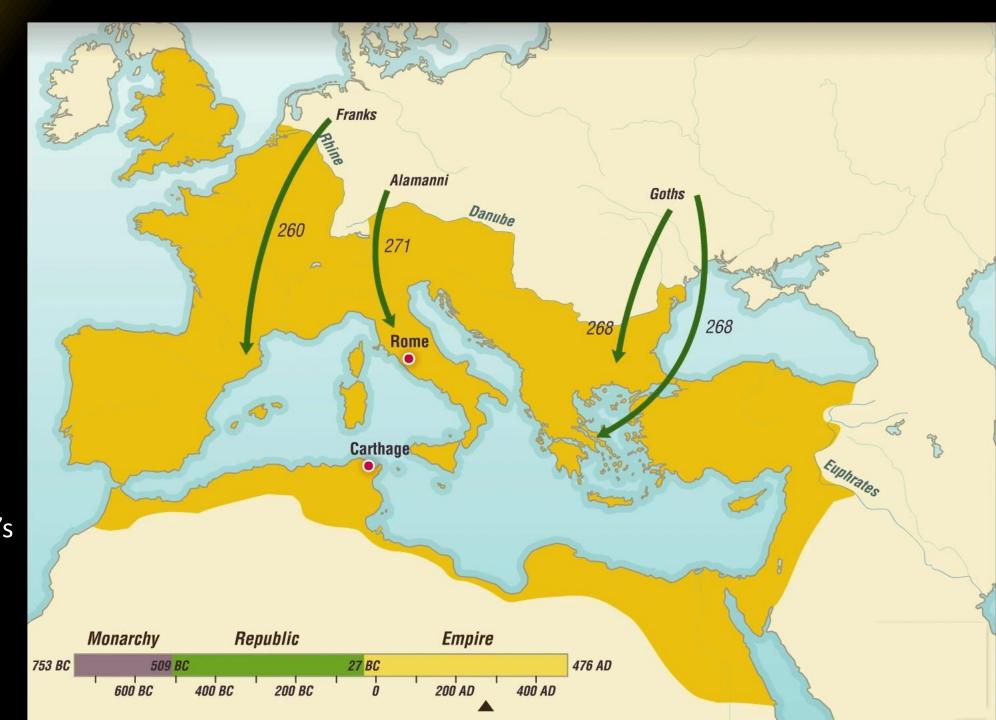
- The empire continued to extend its boundaries during the first century AD by conquering Britain, Thrace, Cappadocia and Mauretania.
- Rome had now encircled the Mediterranean.



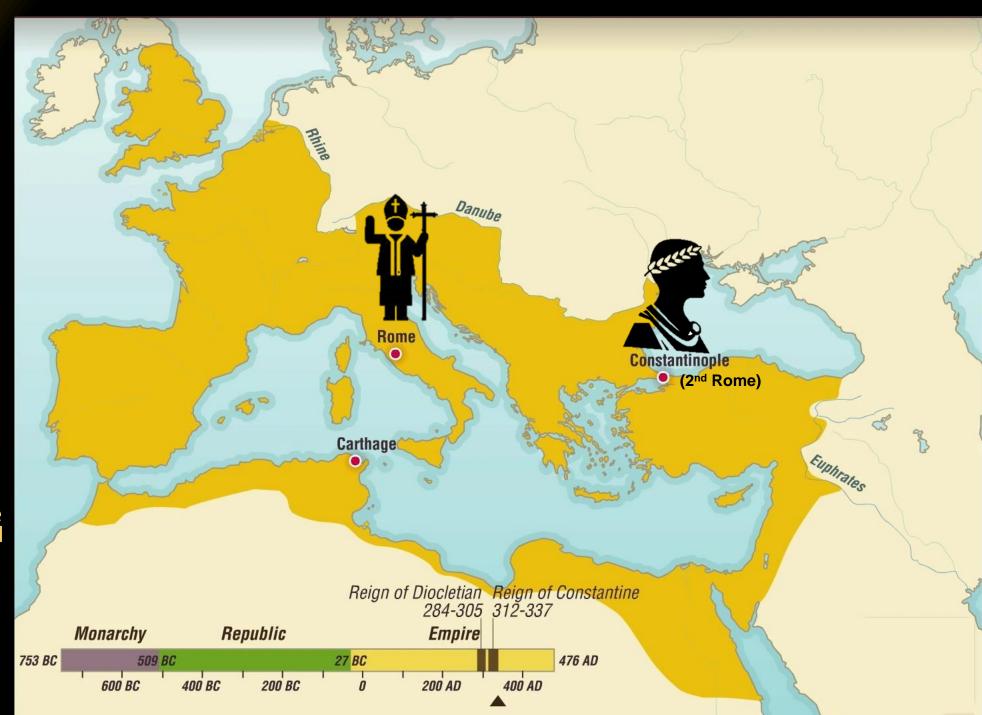
> The last major battles were fought by Emperor Trajan in the early 2nd century, against the Dacians north of the Danube, then against the Parthians in Armenia and in Mesopotamia. However, the Roman army's control of these remote regions was difficult to sustain, and the empire began to consolidate its frontiers.



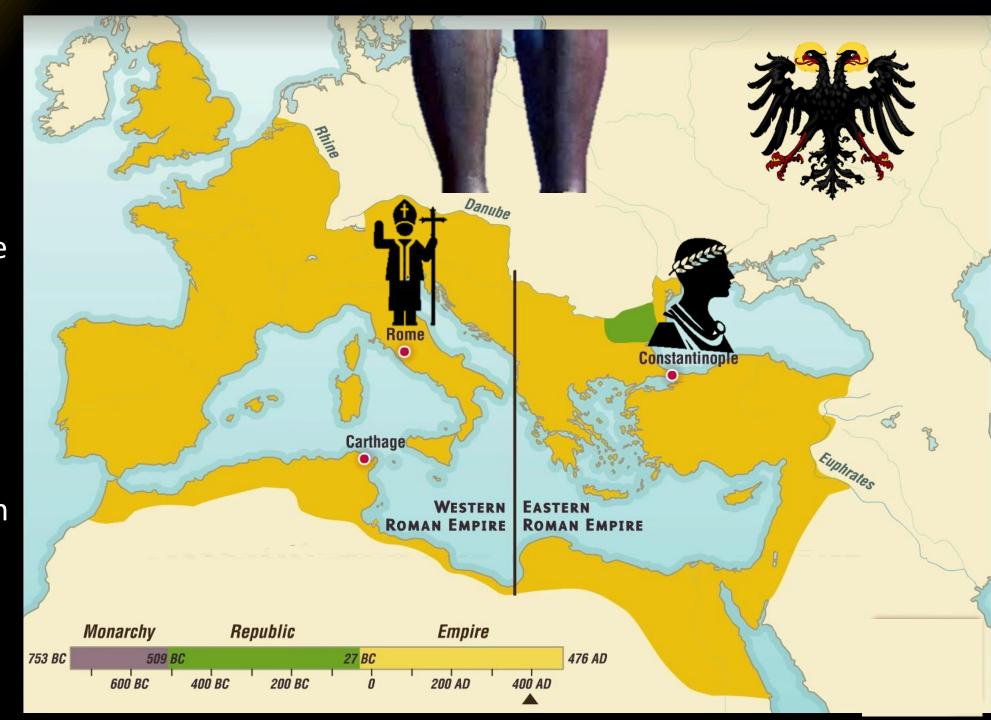
> In the middle of the 3rd century, the Empire was once again threatened by internal political crises, while its frontiers were being attacked by barbarian tribes. On several occasions, the Franks, Goths and Alamanni penetrated deep inside the Empire's territory.



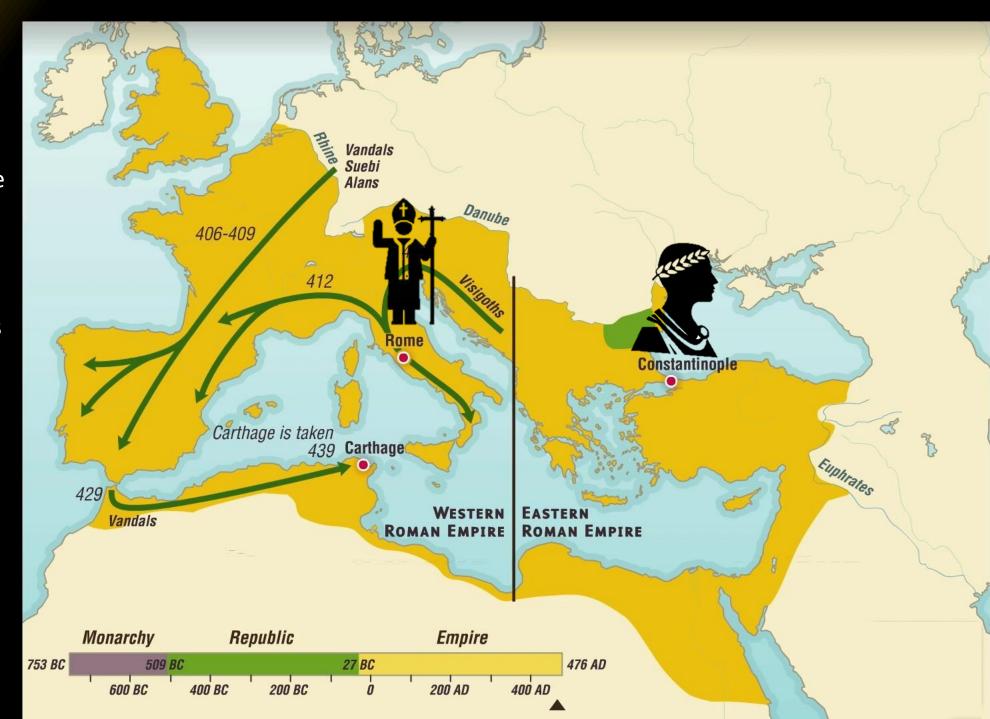
- From the end of this 3rd century, the Emperors Diocletian and Constantine I managed to reestablish the borders
- In 313 following his battle at Milvian Bridge, Constantine made Christianity the State religion.
- In 320 Constantine founded a new capital which he called Constantinople.
- Around 330
  Constantine moved the civil and military capital of the empire to Constantinople. Rome remained the headquarters of the church.



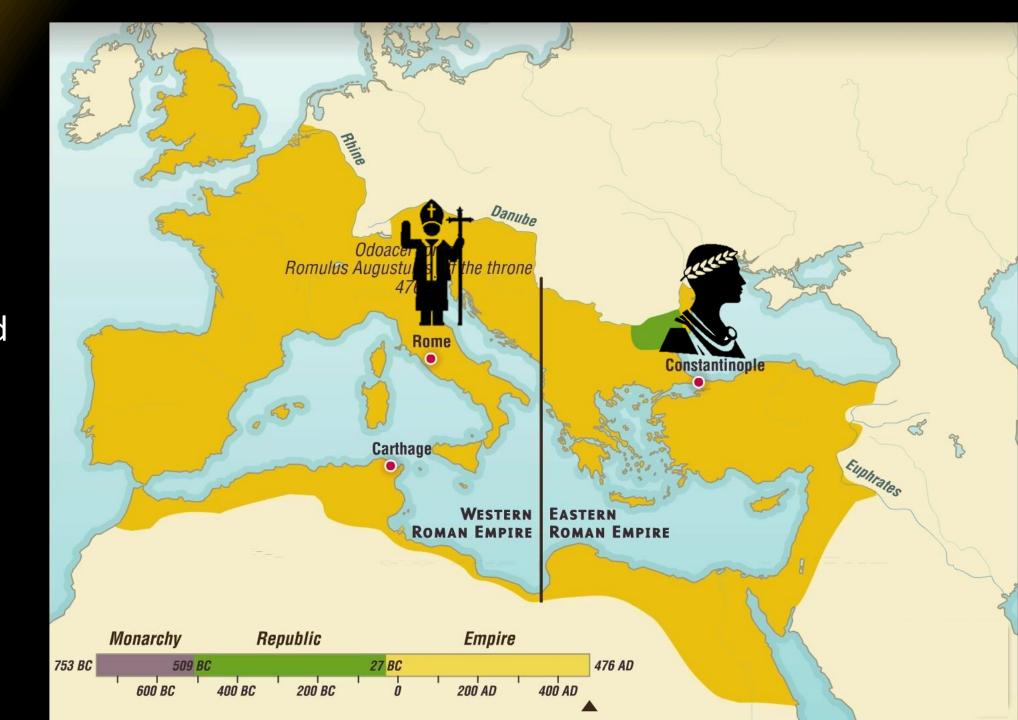
Following the death of Theodosius, in 395, the empire was divided between his two sons, confirming the division between the Eastern Roman Empire and the Western Roman Empire.



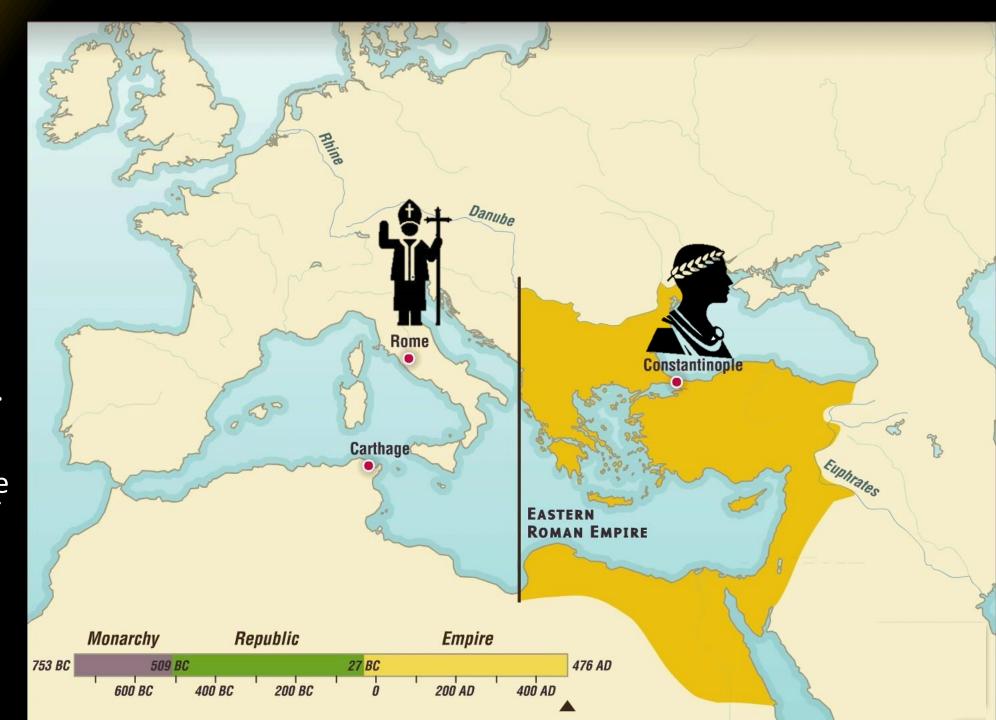
- In 406, several Germanic tribes, the Vandals, Suebi and Alans, crossed the Rhine, ravaged Gaul and then invaded Spain.
- In 410, the Visigoths invaded Italy and sacked Rome. Two years later, they settled in Aquitaine and Spain.
- In 429, the Vandals travelled to North Africa and then, ten years later, took Carthage.



The last emperor, Romulus Augustulus, was deposed by Odoacer the Goth in 476.



- The event marked the end of the Western Roman Empire.
- The Eastern
  Roman Empire
  remained in
  place until 1453.
  It was known as
  the Byzantine
  Empire, after the
  original name of
  its capital
  Byzantium



#### Fall of the Constantinople 1453



The fall of Constantinople to the Ottoman Turks in 1453 marked the end of the Roman empire that dominated Europe for 1500 years.

### The feet and toes of the image

#### Clues about the iron and clay in the feet and toes



#### V43

Whereas thou sawest		
iron	mixed with	miry clay
they	shall mingle themselves with	the seed of men
	but they shall not cleave one to another	

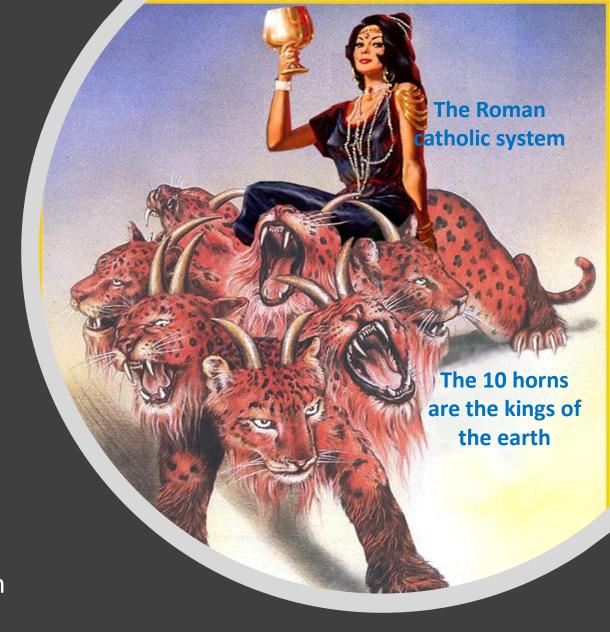
What we know about the 'kingdom' of iron and clay ....

- The kingdom has multiple kings V44
- ▶ It is comprised of iron and clay, the clay being the 'seed of men' V43
- Though the iron mingles with the 'seed of men' they do not cleave one to another V43
- > The kingdom derives its strength only from the iron V41

## The iron and clay at the time of the end (Rev 17)

#### >Iron

- an unfaithful <u>religious system</u> V1
- centred in Rome V9,18
- She is the progenitor of other apostate religious systems V5
- has persecuted believers V6
- >Clay (seed of men)
  - kings of the earth V2,18
  - there are 10 kings in number V3
- ➤ How does the **iron** mingle with the clay?
  - she *allures* them by unholy means (V2,4) in order to "reign over" them V18



#### The iron mingling with the clay



The Pope and leaders of the EU in Rome 2017

## Divine intervention! EU leaders will turn to the POPE over plans to revive struggling bloc

EUROPEAN leaders are set to hold an historic meeting with the Pope later this month when they head to Rome to unveil their make-or-break plans to revive the struggling EU.

By NICK GUTTERIDGE, BRUSSELS CORRESPONDENT

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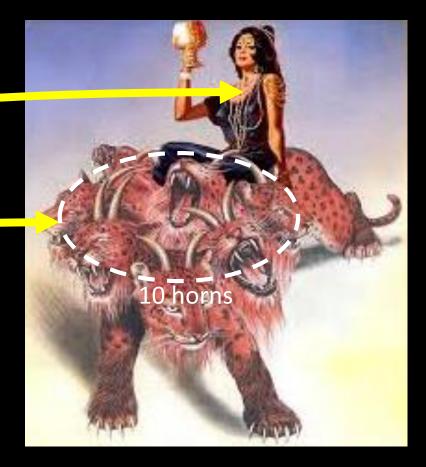
'Brussels chiefs are hoping the Pontiff can provide them the "leadership" they are lacking to help solve the debilitating crises tearing the block apart'

#### The identity of the iron and clay



10 toes each being a mixture of iron and clay

Roman religious system reigning over 10 kings of the earth



Dan 2:41-43

**Rev 17** 

### The evolution of the iron power

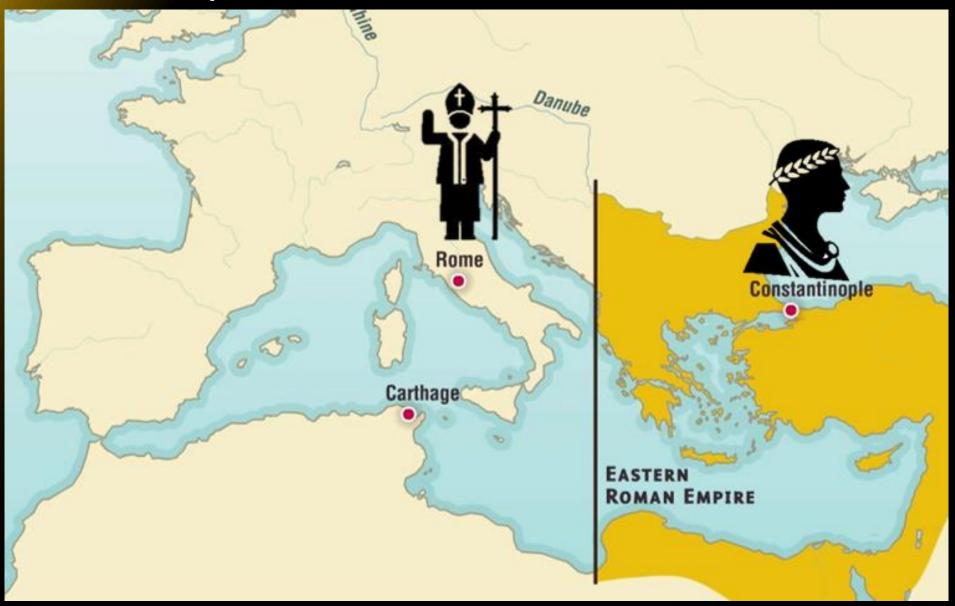


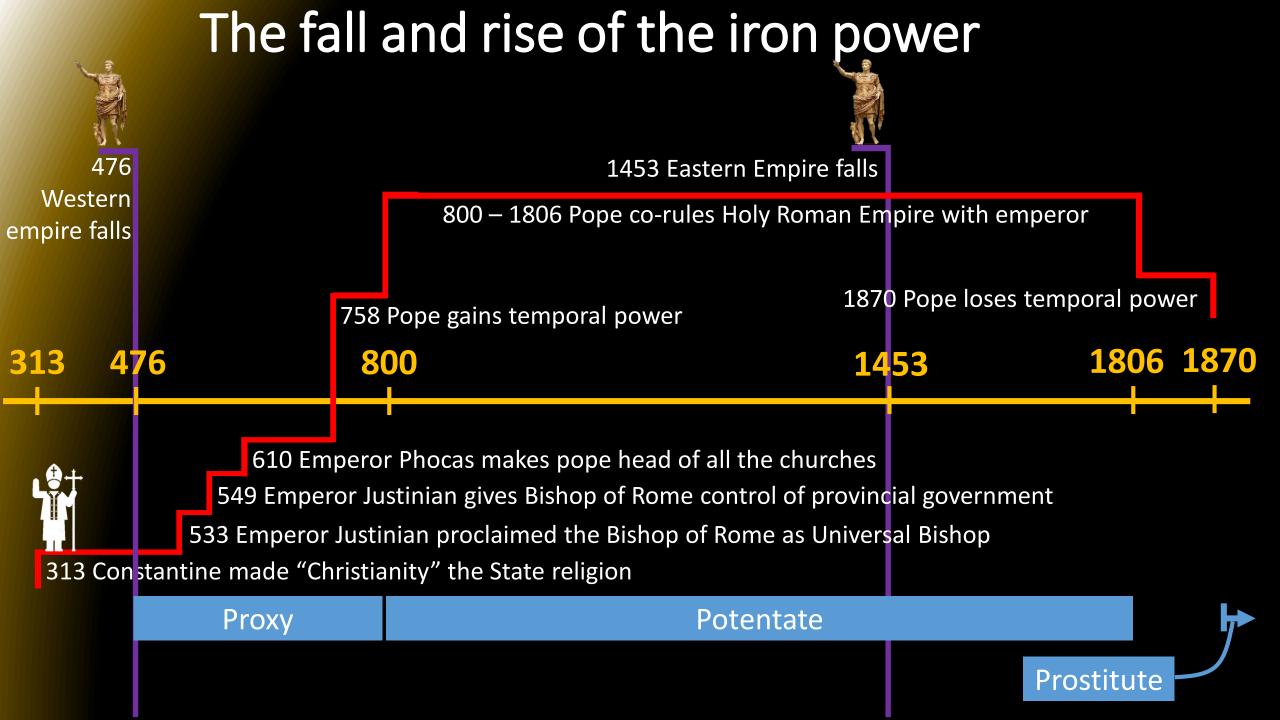
Iron in the legs
(Military power of Rome)

Iron in the feet & toes (Religious power of Rome)

# Iron represents a power of Roman origin

#### The iron power AD476





#### What we expect to see in the future

'Where are the dominions represented by the gold, the silver, the brass, and the iron? How can they be broken to pieces together, seeing that they have been broken to pieces one after the other very many centuries ago? ...... there will be in the latter days a dominion, ruling over all the countries mainly comprehended in the limits of the successive empires of Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome; and represented by the image as a whole'

Elpis Israel, 14th Edition, p327

The future movements of Russia are notable signs of the times, because they are predicted in the Scriptures of truth. The Russian Autocracy in its plenitude, and on the verge of its dissolution, is the Image of Nebuchadnezzar standing upon the Mountains of Israel, ready to be smitten by the Stone. When Russia makes i1s grand move for the building-up of its Image-empire, then let the reader know that the end of all things, as at present constituted, is at hand.

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