

Turning Point #5: Coronation of Charlemagne (800 C.E.)



"But rulers in their relations with subjects should be animated by compassion duly considerate and by discipline affectionately severe."

—Pope Gregory the Great, *Pastoral Care*

I. A Historical Faith

A. Political Affairs

- *Decline of Roman Empire and Rise of Germanic Tribes*
- *Frankish Empire*
- *Spread of Islam*



B. Ecclesiastical Affairs

- *Papal Decisions*
- *Centrality of Rome*
- *Giant Papal Figures*
 - *Leo I (440–61 C.E.)*
 - *Gregory I (590–604 C.E.)*



C. Picture of Christianity in New "Christendom"

The "Ideal" of Christendom:

- *Comprehensive Presence of Divine Grace in All of Life*

- *Harmonious Cooperation of Rulers of Church and State*



II. The Interpretation of Scripture

“Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore, whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer.”

Romans 13:1–4

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

1 Timothy 2:1–4

III. Love of God & Love of Neighbor (Matt. 22)

What do these people, places, or events teach me about God?

What do these teach me about myself?

What can I do differently this next week based on something I've learned tonight?



IV. Thought(s) for Next Session

Read and meditate on these texts—and how they relate to one another—before our next session.

“I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”

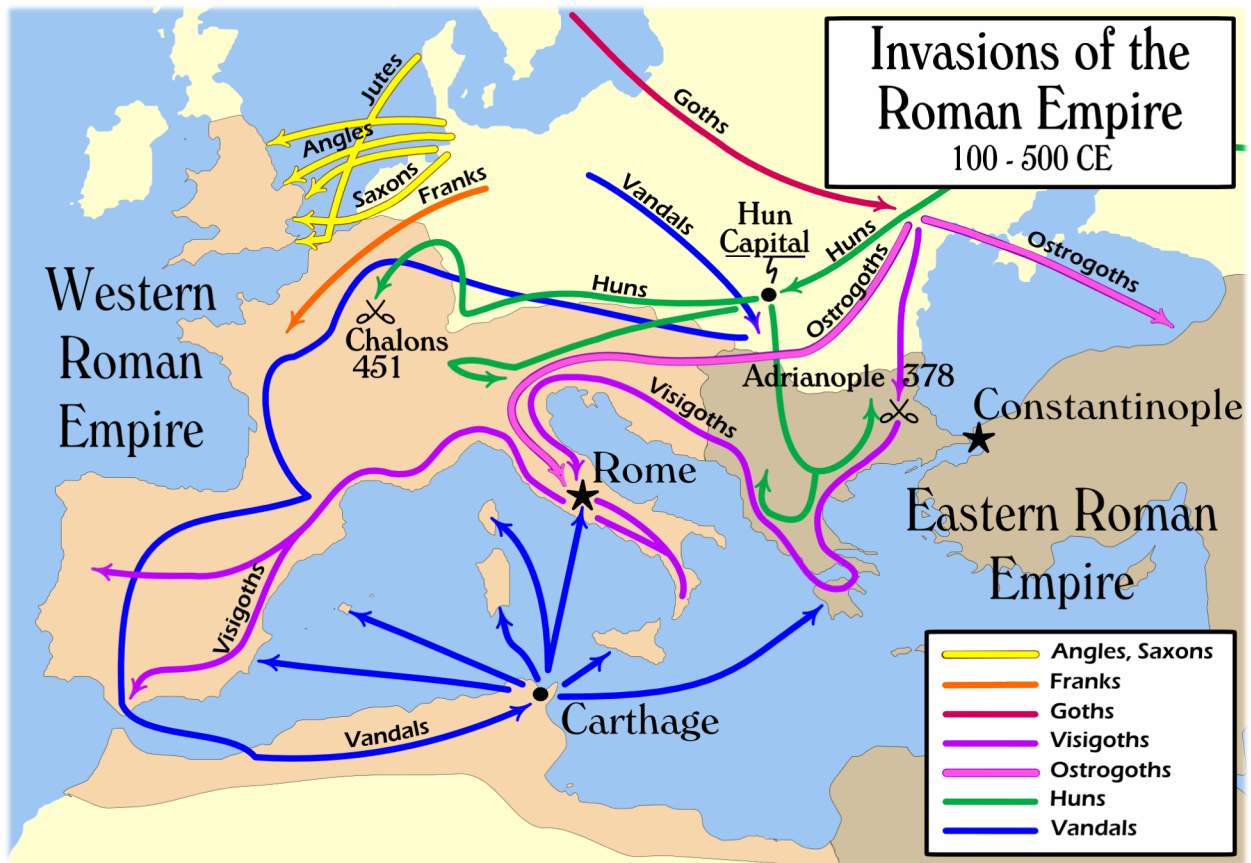
Ephesians 4:1–6

“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.”

John 17:20–23

Session #5: Primary Sources

Map #1



Map #2



Map #3



Map #4

