

## **CLASS II**

The Beast of the Sea,  
The Beast of the Earth,  
and The Image of  
the Beast

Constantine the Great



## The Serpent Principle in Continuum...

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The *serpent power*, then, is that system of thought contrary to Yahweh and at constant enmity with His spiritual seed, while *the beast* is the vehicle and man-made organization through which the serpent power (or sin-in-the-flesh) is manifested on a scale that places men in subjection to its creeds.

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## Overview of the Beast Nations (Dan. 7:1-7)

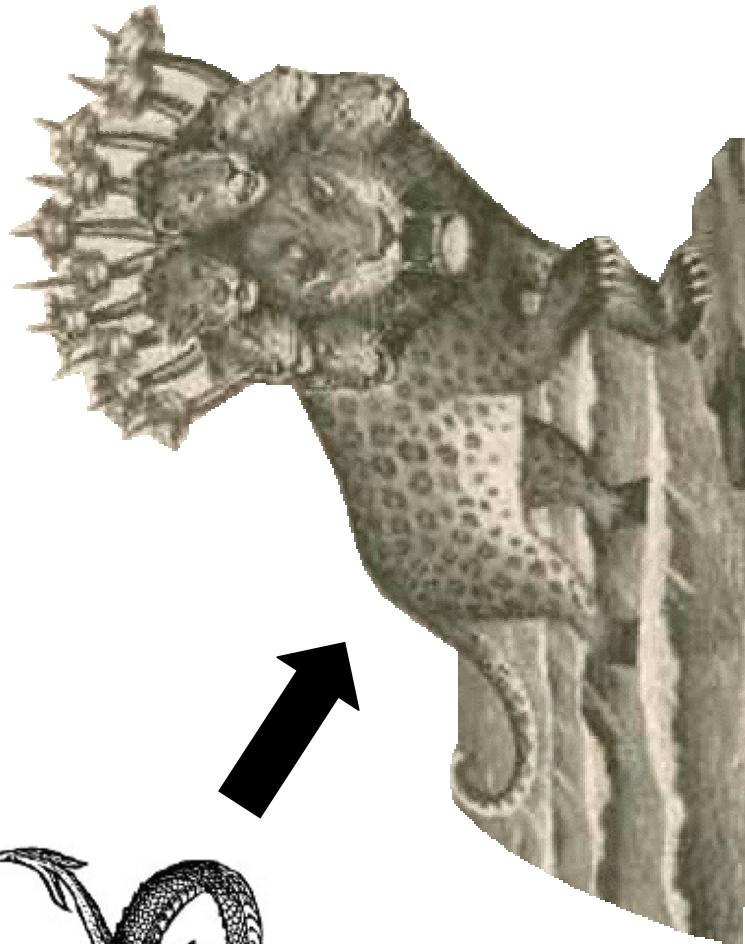


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## The Great Red Dragon and the Beast of the Sea (Rev. 12:3, 15; Rev. 13:1-12)



The Seven-Headed Pagan  
Dragon Becomes...



The Seven-Headed  
Christianized Beast  
of the Sea

## The Seven Heads are Seven Mountains...



*“The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.”*

(Rev. 17:9-10)

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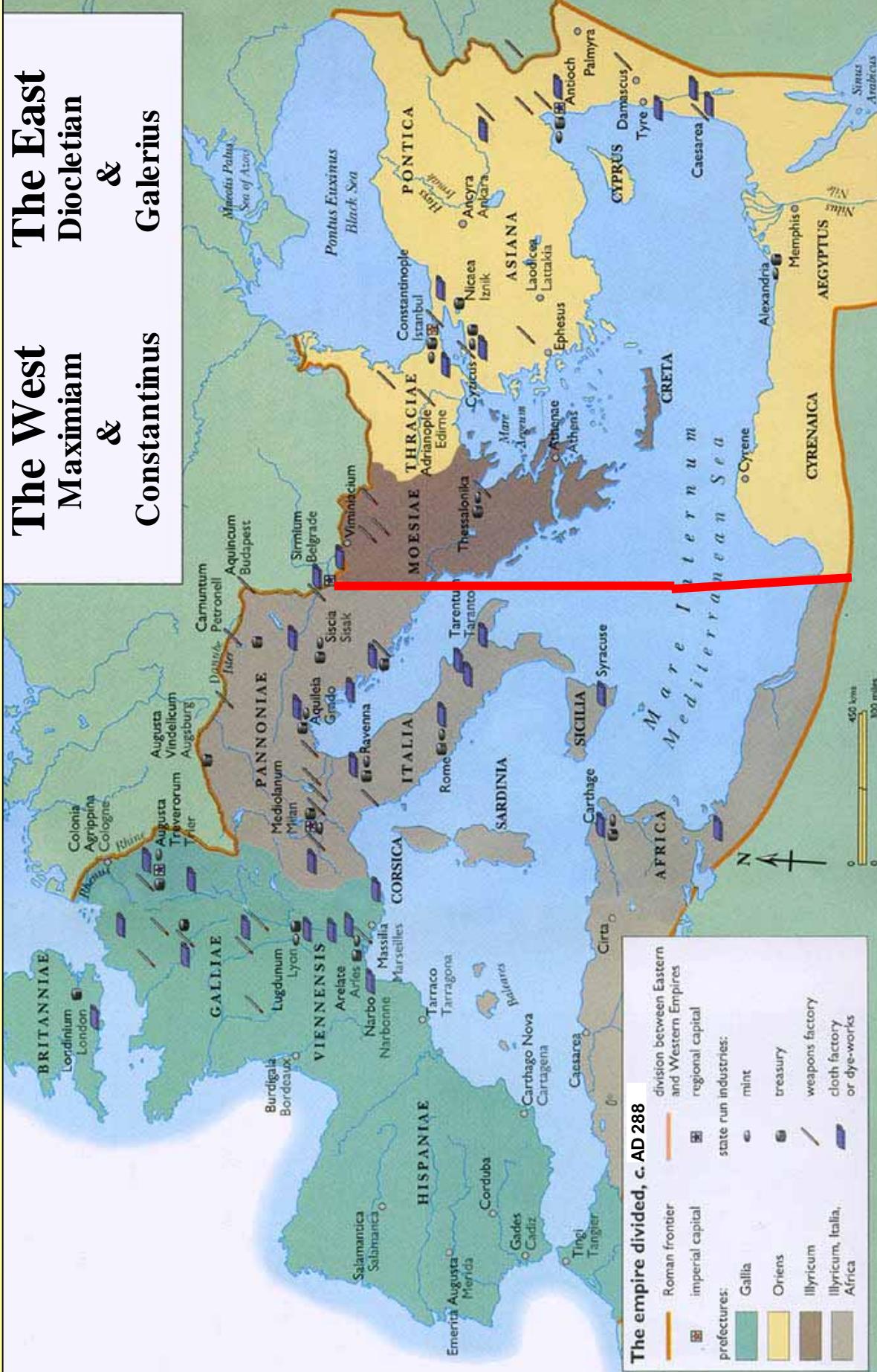
## Alaric Sacs Rome in 410 AD



Thereafter, the crowns begin to appear upon  
the 10 horns of the Seventh Head of the Sea Beast

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# What Diocletian Began, Constantine Finished...



A historical map of the Roman Empire during the reign of Constantine the Great. The map shows the Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea, and various provinces like Hispania, Gaul, Hispania Tarraconensis, Hispania Baetica, Hispania Lusitania, Italia, Moesia, Thracia, Asia Minor, and North Africa. Major cities are marked with circles. Overlaid on the map is large, bold, black text reading "BY THIS SIGN CONQUER" running vertically down the center, and "Sept 324" at the top right. Two yellow starburst icons point to "Byzantium/Istanbul" and "Edirne" on the Bosphorus strait.

Constantine Declared Emperor in 306 AD

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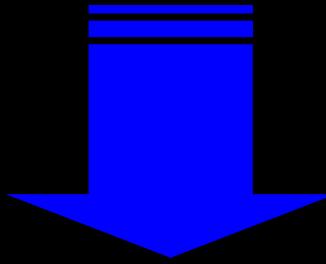


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## The Man of Sin Revealed (2 Thes. 2:3-8)

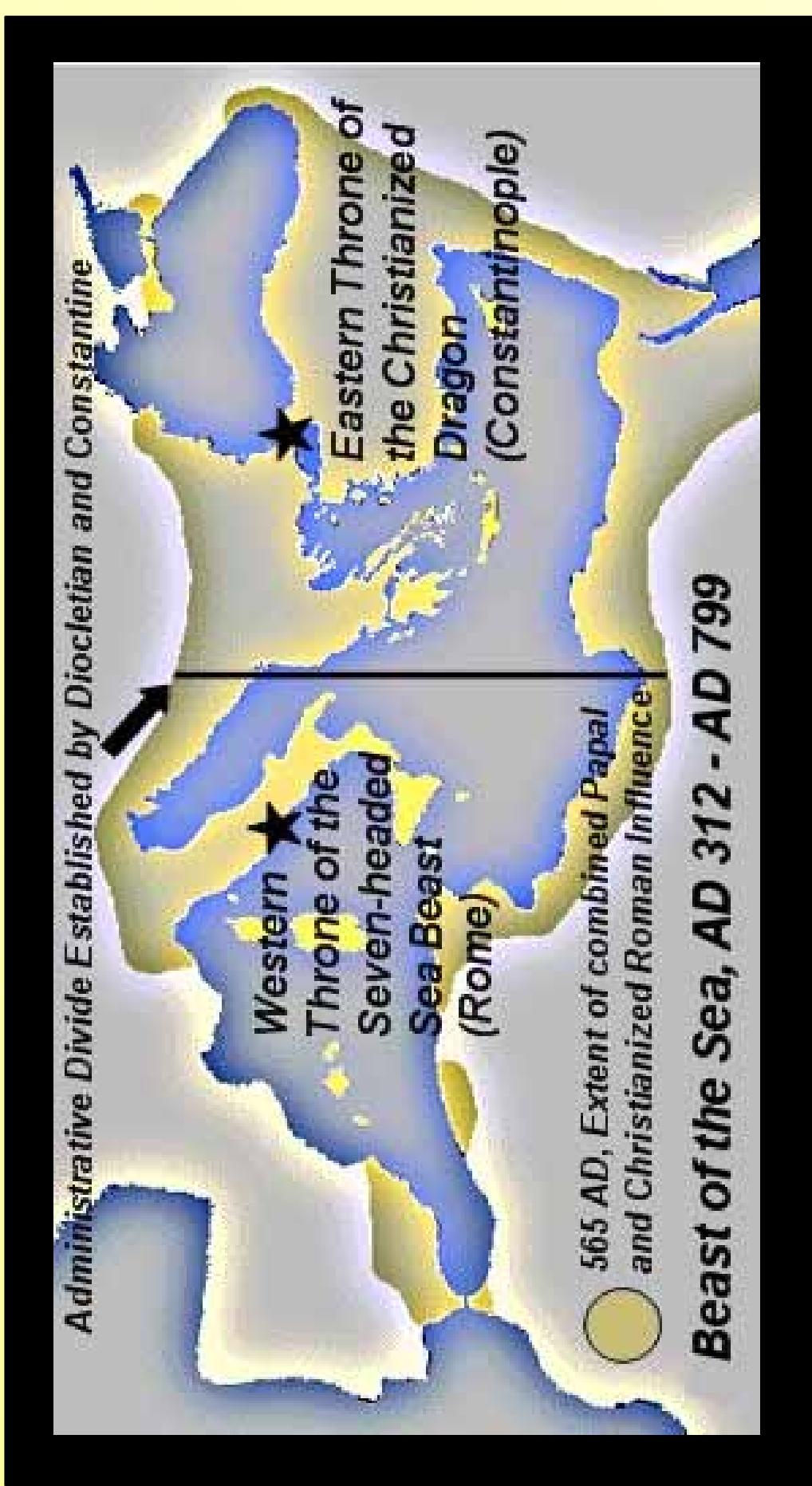
“And the dragon [of the east] gave him [in the west] his power, and his seat, and great authority” (Rev. 13:2)

*The self  
acclaimed  
“Temple of God”  
is 666 feet, front  
to back*



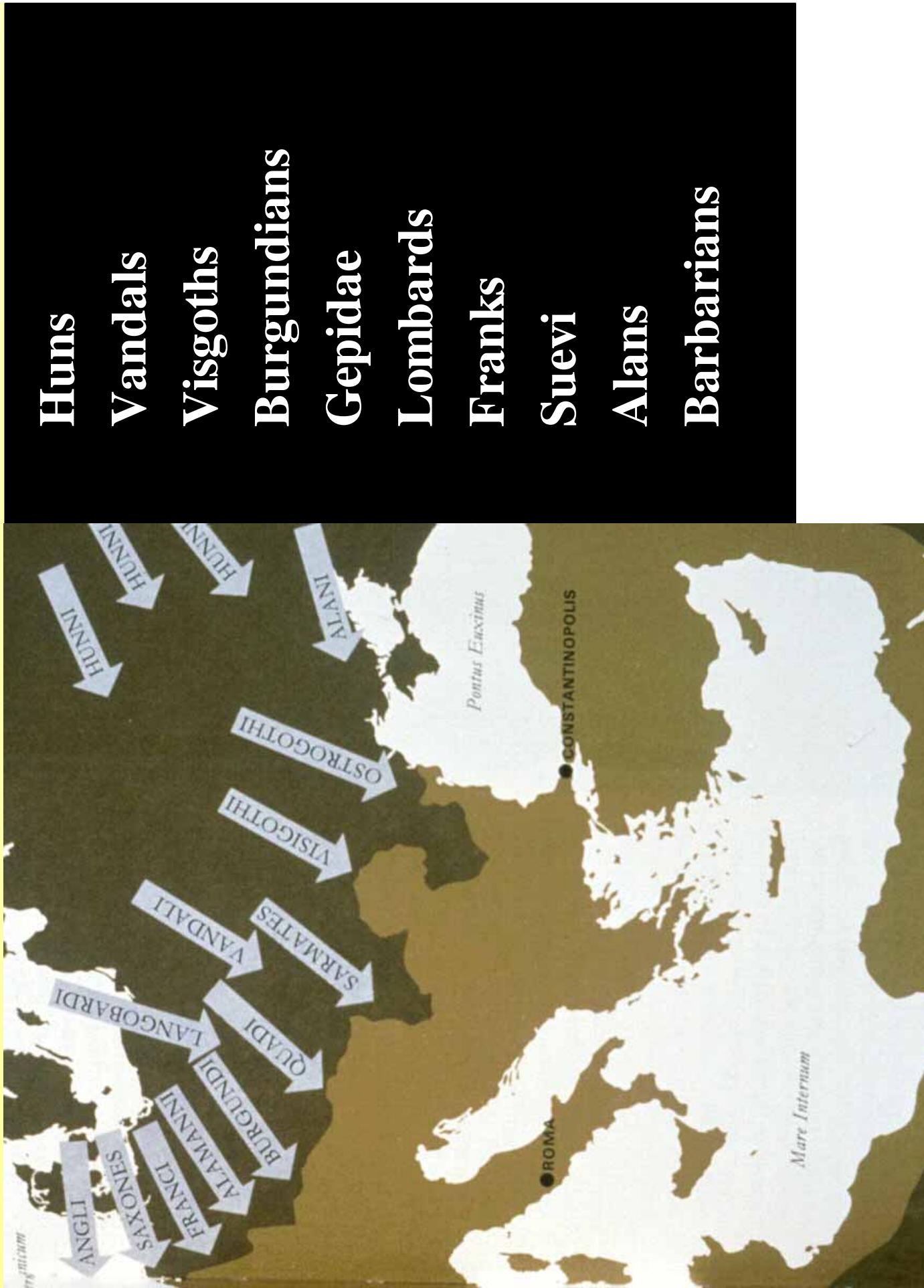
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## Formation of the Beast of the Sea



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## Barbarian Invasion of Western Rome (395-476 AD)



## The Mouth of the Beast...

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*“And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.”*

(Rev. 13:5-7)

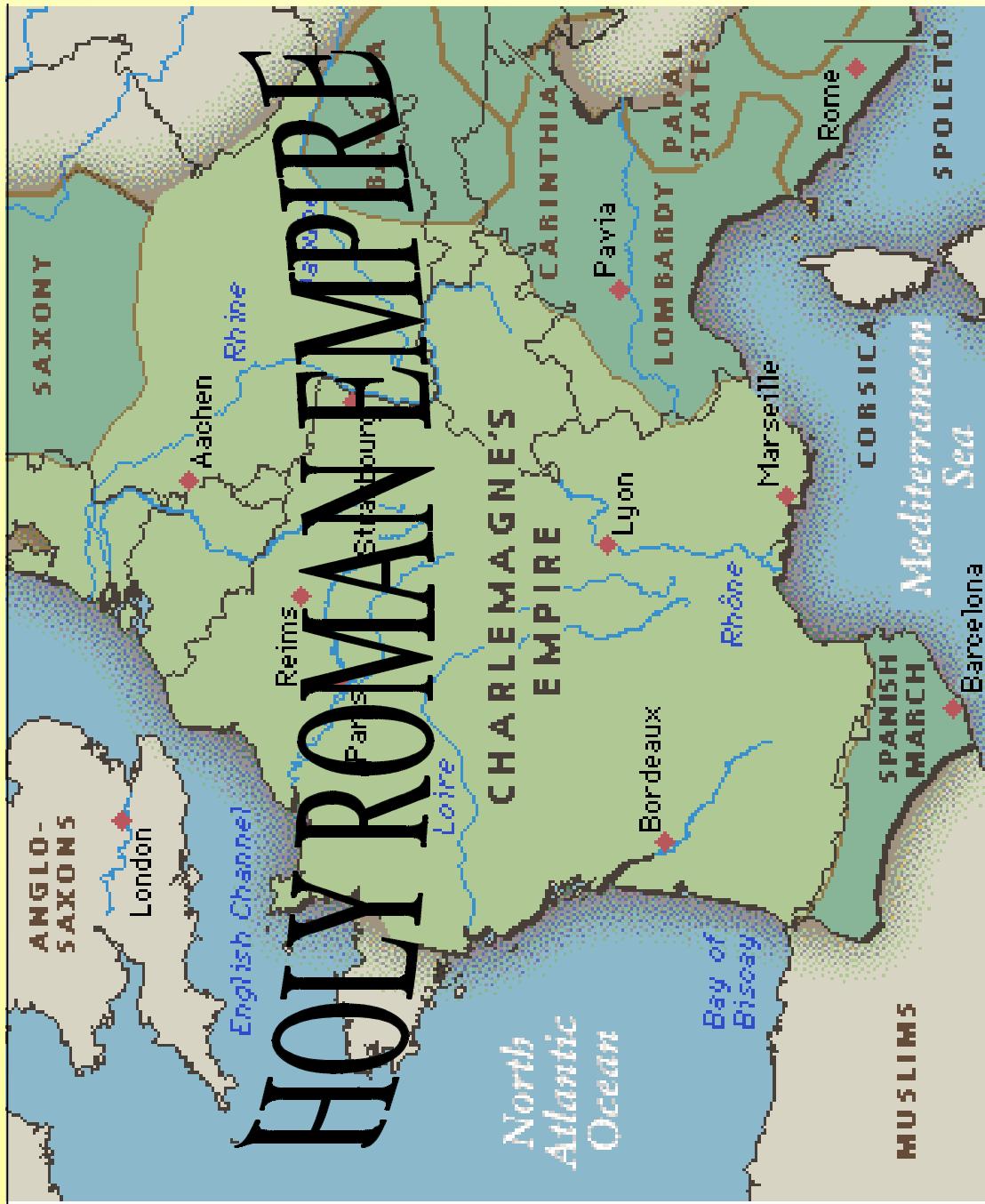
## The Mouth of the Beast...

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In AD 554 Justinian wrote “*We ordain that the Most Holy pope of the Elder Rome be the first of all priests... the native country of the laws, the fountain of the priesthood*”. In 607 the Emperor Phocas followed suit at the behest of Pope Boniface III and likewise declared the Pope to be “*Universal Bishop*”.

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### Rise of the Beast of the Earth



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Brother John Thomas wrote concerning the rising up of the earth beast,

*“So that while he was seeing and standing, he saw two dominions, or systems of government, the one arising from among the peoples inhabiting the countries of the west washed by the mediterranean, the other from among those of Middle Europe, which he styles, ‘the earth.’”*

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## Charlemagne Crowned ‘Carolus Augustus’



‘The pope rewarded him by placing a golden crown on his head and saluting him as ‘**Carolus Augustus, Emperor of the Romans.**’ The crowd responded with a shout, ‘God bless and save **Carolus Augustus, crowned of God, the great and peace-bringing Emperor of the Romans.**’’  
(Hamlyn History of the World)

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## The Dragon in Sheep's Clothing (Dan. 7:8 & 21; Acts 20:29-30)



*“..had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon, and he exercised all the power of the first beast [sea beast] before him” (Rev. 13:11-12)*

## The Image of the Beast: *The Papacy*

**“And he had power [the sword of the Emperor] to give life unto the image of the beast”** (Rev. 13:15).

The word ‘*image*’ is from the Greek *eikon*, signifying *a representation or manifestation*, like a religious icon.



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### The Image of the Beast: *The Papacy*

The Frankish kings, Pepin and Charlemagne, successively “*gave life*” unto this “*image*” between AD 754 and 781 by granting the Pope temporal authority, with a kingdom in Italy. The new papal dominion was to be called “*The Papal States*”.

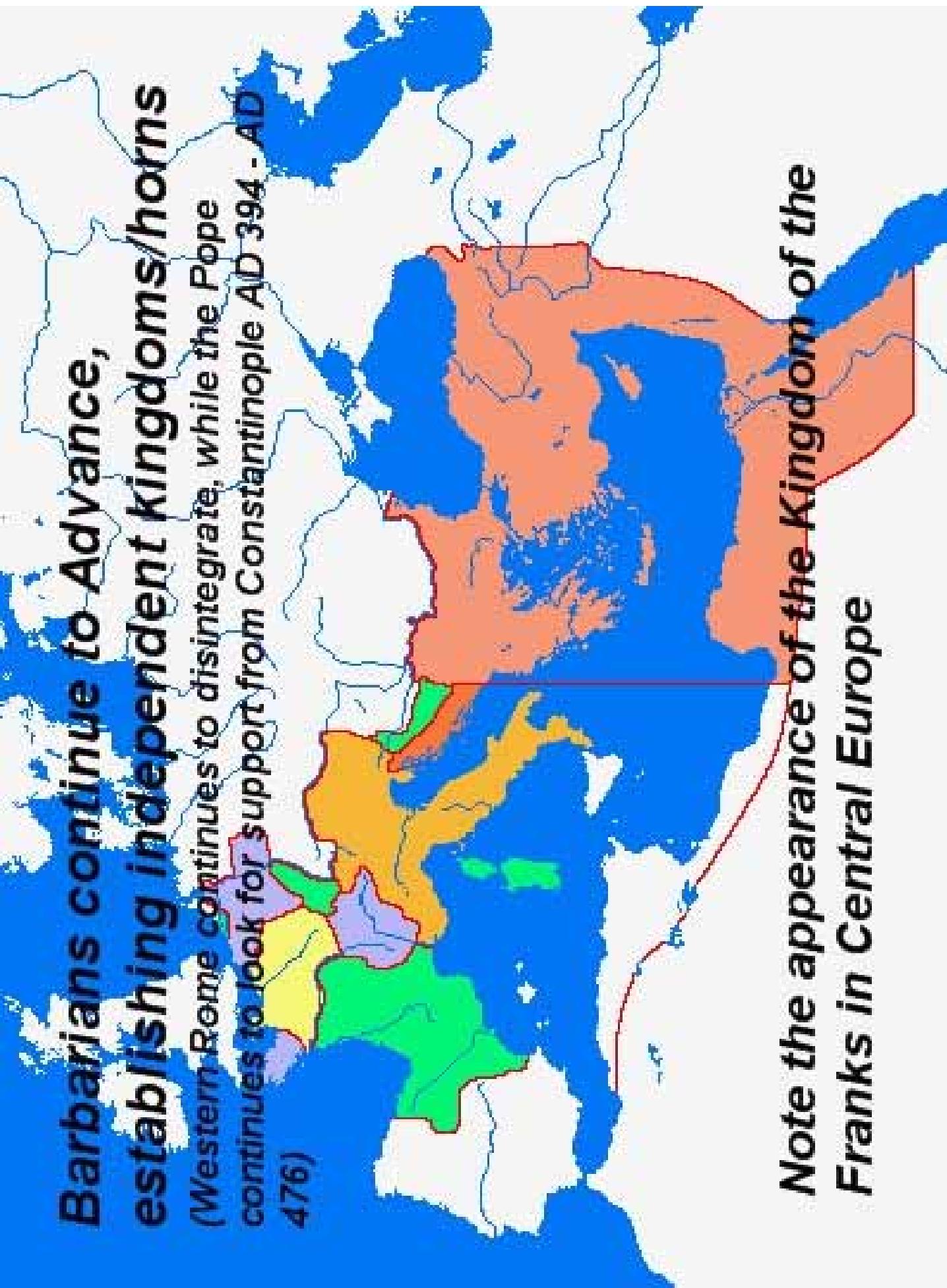


# *Empire Divided - Beast of the Sea Arises AD312 - AD799*

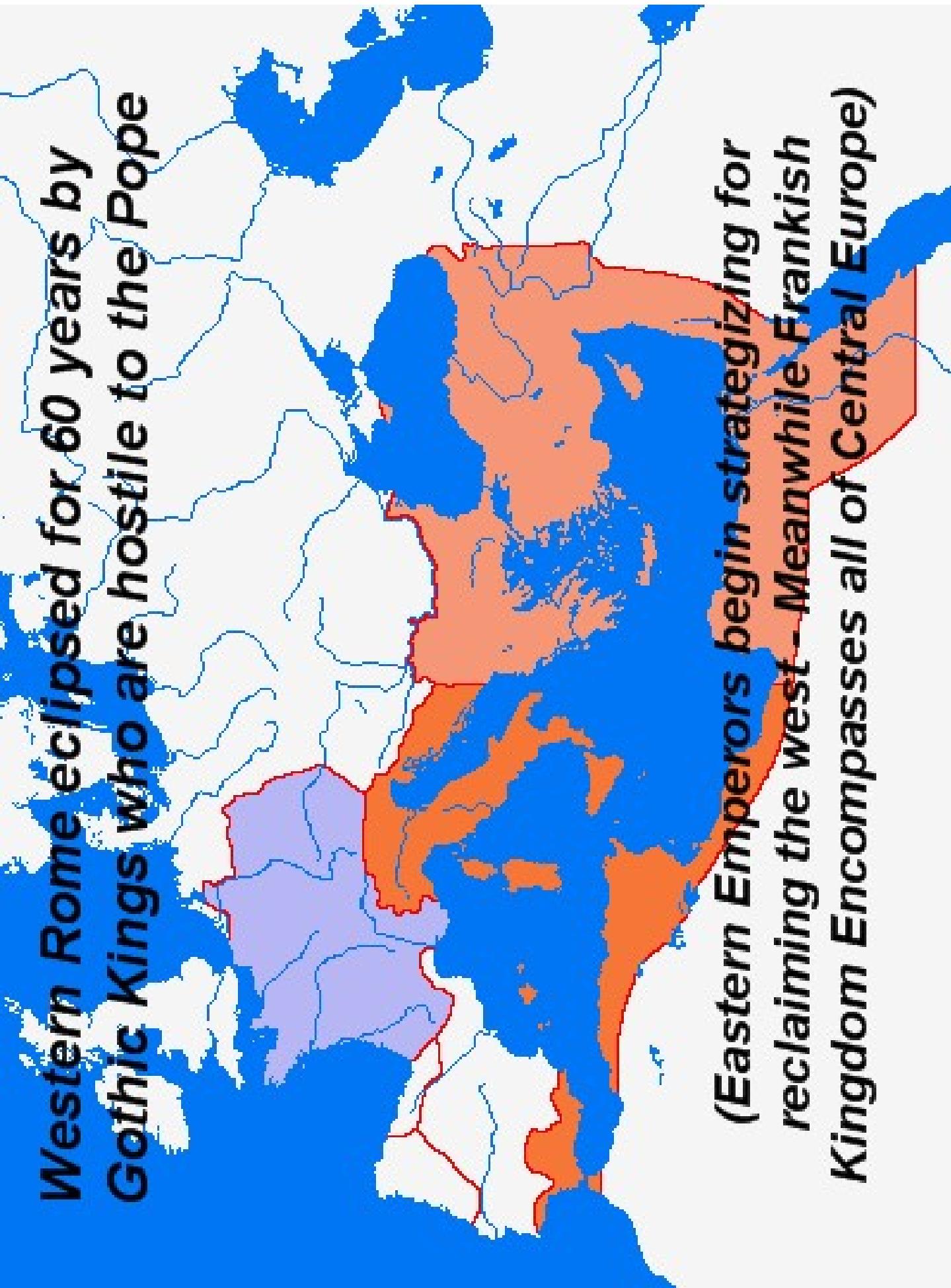
*Barbarians begin to invade the West as early as AD 395*

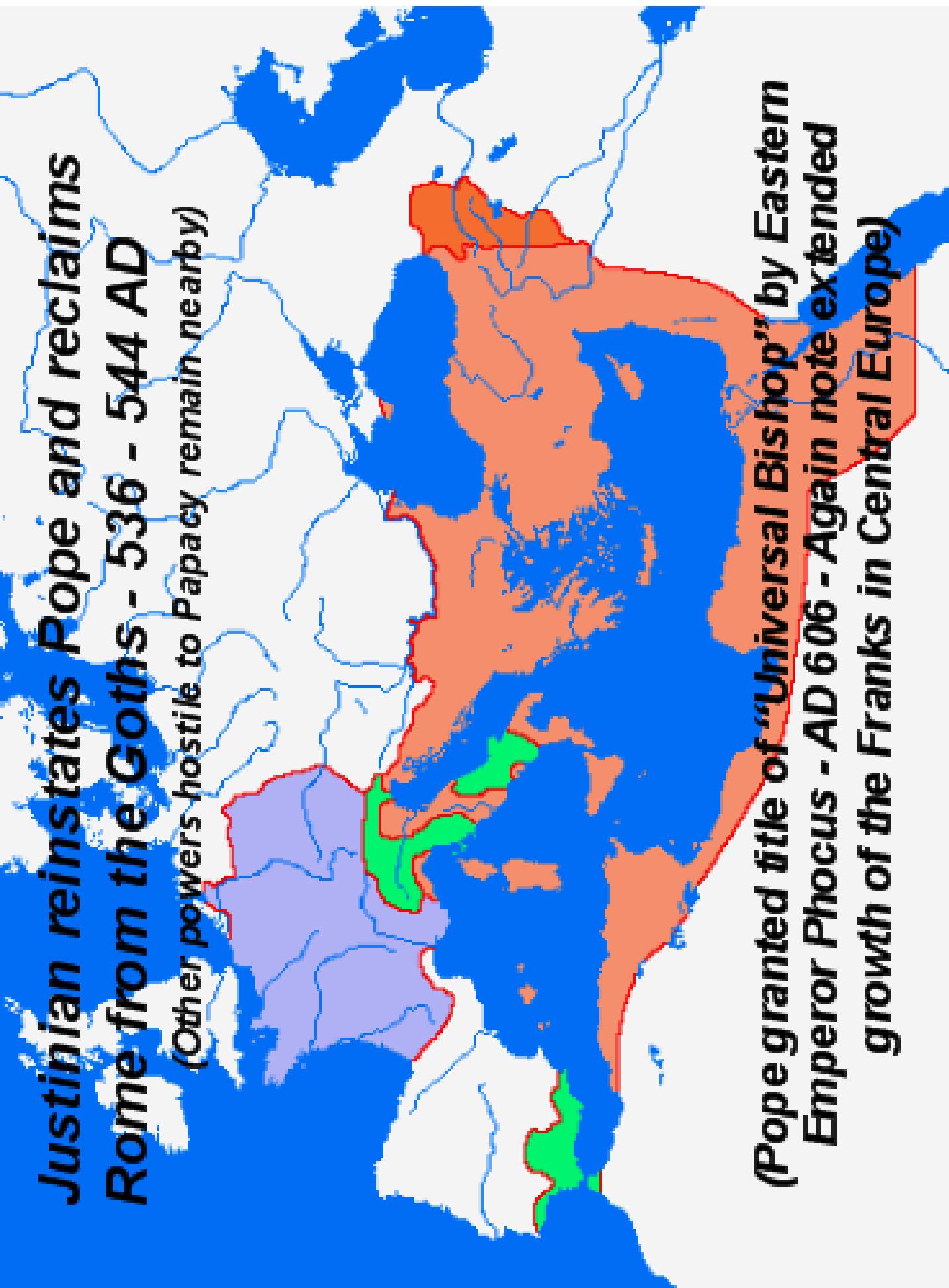
# **Barbarians continue to Advance, establishing independent Kingdoms/horns**

*(Western Rome continues to disintegrate, while the Pope continues to look for support from Constantinople AD 394 - AD 476)*



**Note the appearance of the Kingdom of the  
Franks in Central Europe**





*Western Rome Again falls to the  
Lombards - Arian Christians, while  
Saracens begin to make inroads on the  
Eastern Empire (632-932)*

*(The Papacy turns to the Frankish Kings for  
support, who defeat the Lombards -  
Charlemagne Crowned Augustus of the West.)*