

# Medieval Christianity



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# Terminology

- Not the Dark Ages
  - *Post tenebras lux?*
- “Middle Ages” and “Medieval” are pejorative.



The Bubonic Plague – 14<sup>th</sup> Century

# Boundaries

- The “Middle Ages” are European.
- 500-1500
- Divisions in time are artificial.
  - There are many ways to think of the limits of the Middle Ages.



# Definition

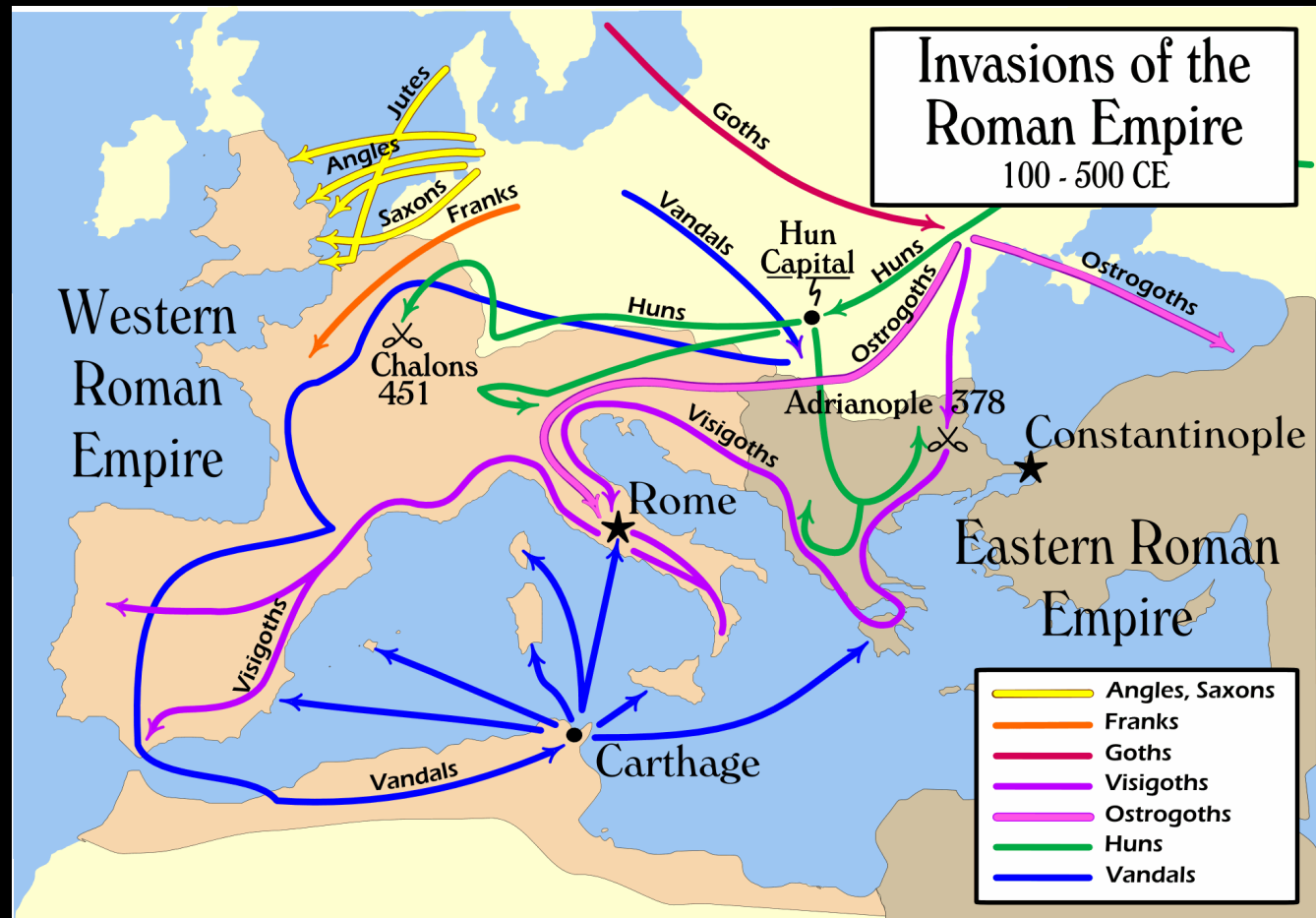
- Metaphor of the maturation of a believer
- The Middle Ages is the Birth, Maturation, and Climax of European Christendom



Yorkminster Cathedral

# Christendom

- Invasions and Migrations



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A Medieval Classroom

# Christendom

- Invasions and Migrations
- A new Christian Society Grows and Matures
- Move to the West



The Santa Maria – Columbus' Flagship

# Major Events

476 – The Fall of Rome

