Italian saying: *Roma, non basta una vita.*

= “Rome, a lifetime is not enough.”

Three Romes:

**Ancient/classical Rome**  Weeks 1-4

**Medieval/Renaissance Rome**  Weeks 5-8

  Christian & Papal capital city
  later called *Roma nera* or “Black Rome”
  due to black clerical robes of priests

**Modern city 19-20th Century**  Weeks 9-10

  19th C *Risorgimento* : unification of Italy
  “Third Rome” or *Terza Roma*
PALIMPSEST:
Manuscript written over another text
Palimpsest – Euclid’s Geometry
Italy topographical map with Apennines & Alps
GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS:

CONTINENTAL ITALY (Po Valley):
  CISALPINA Gaul

ETHNIC GROUPS

CELTS (called GAULS by Romans; arrive around 500 BC)

PENINSULAR ITALY (Mediterranean climate)

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  CENTRAL: LATIUM = Lazio
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Ancient Italy

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The Seven Hills of Early Rome
ROMAN FOUNDING LEGENDS: MYTH VS HISTORY

FOUNDING OF CITY OF ROME

AUC = Ab Urbe Condita = from the founding of the city

GREEK FOUNDING MYTH: Romans accept Greek version of their origins

AENEAS THE TROJAN son of Anchises of Troy, and Venus;
  wanders in Mediterranean after defeat of Troy by the Greeks,
  (Trojan War Homer’s Iliad)

Aeneas arrives in Lavinium; his son Ascanius starts line of

Kings of Alba Longa, from whom Romulus is descended

Virgil’s Aeneid as most complete version of Aeneas’ story
AND AS HE SPAKE HE PUT A CLOAK OF LION'S SKIN UPON HIS SHOULDERS, AND THE OLD MAN SAT THEREON. ASCANIUS ALSO LAID HOLD OF HIS HAND, AND CREUSA FOLLOWED BEHIND. SO HE WENT IN MUCH DREAD AND TREMBLING, FOR INDEED BEFORE SWORD AND SPEAR OF THE ENEMY HE HAD NOT FEARED, BUT NOW HE FEARED MUCH FOR THEM THAT WERE WITH HIM.
Aeneas with Anchises (father) and Ascanius  The “Trojan Group”
Aeneas with Anchises carrying the palladium

Bernini 17th C
Palladium household gods of Troy
Raphael 16th C. Fire in the Borgo with Trojan group
ETRUSCANS

North of Tiber River
Etruscan Necropolis
(city of dead)
Etruscan sarcophagus with married couple – Villa Giulia Rome
Apollo of Veii
Etruscan
Etruscan Chimera: bronze statue
Etruscan bronze statue

Mars
(from Todi)
Hut urns for funerary ashes   Modelled on early huts of 8th C. BC
Artist’s model of an early Roman hut
Reconstruction of the frame of the putative house of Romulus on the Palatine Hill in Rome

Based on *in situ* post-holes and what is known from hut models and hut-shaped cinerary urns of the period
Model of the village of Romulus on the Palatine Hill (model is in the Museo Nazionale delle Terme, Rome)
ITALIAN/ROMAN MYTH: ROMULUS & REMUS

source = Livy’s *History of the Roman Republic*, Book I
connected with Aeneas by filling in chronological gap

12th C BC fall of Troy (1184 traditional date) and
8th C (April 21, 753 BC) founding of Rome

succession of Kings of Alba Longa, descended from Ascanius

**NUMITOR & AMULIUS**: brothers, rivals for kingship;
   Amulius wins unfairly

**RHEA SILVIA (ILIA)**: daughter of Numitor,
   - forced to become Vestal Virgin so she will have no heirs
   - raped by **MARS**, who wants Rome founded;
   - birth of Romulus and Remus
Etruscan bronze SHE-WOLF (Romulus & Remus added in 16th C)
ROMULUS & REMUS

twins, floated down Tiber to die
land at foot of Palatine Hill
fig tree called Ruminal
cave called Lupercal
nursed by She-Wolf
found by Faustulus, shepherd of King Amulius
raised as shepherds on Palatine Hill
grow up to overthrow King, restoring their grandfather Numitor
to throne of Alba Longa
Drawing of Palatine Hill with Lupercal (wolf’s cave at left)
Ruebens 17th C. Romulus & Remus with wolf and shepherd
QUARREL OF ROMULUS & REMUS:
   who should found Rome?

AUGURIES:
   means of foretelling future, interpreting omens
   Romulus on Palatine, Remus on Aventine
   different versions of how quarrel started: (see Livy)
   Romulus sees 6 vultures, Remus then sees 12
   = priority, older       = numerical majority
   (patrician aristocracy)  (plebians)

WALL: Romulus builds first wall on Palatine; kills Remus

FRATRICIDE = founding act of Roman state; purpose is defense of wall
Poussin, 17th C. France    The Rape of the Sabine Women
View of early Rome from west side of the Tiber River
Cloaca maxima -- “the big sewer” draining Forum
Ponte rotto - early bridge over Tiber
Capitolinus and a porico with sculpted scenes of a wild boar hunt. Due to the ritual characteristics, it is probably a sacrifice celebrated after a

the first direct archaeological testimony of the commissioned.
ROMAN CURSUS HONORUM

*dictator

*proconsul

*praetor

*consul

NB: offices in red are "curule" (toga praetexta); offices with * carry "imperium"

*propraetor

Plebeian aedile

Plebeian aedile

Plebeians

tribune

quaestor

Patricians or Plebeians

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