

Rome 250 Day 1

Roman Founding Legends

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Italian saying: *Roma, non basta una vita.*
= “Rome, a lifetime is not enough.”

Three Romes:

Ancient/classical Rome Weeks 1-4

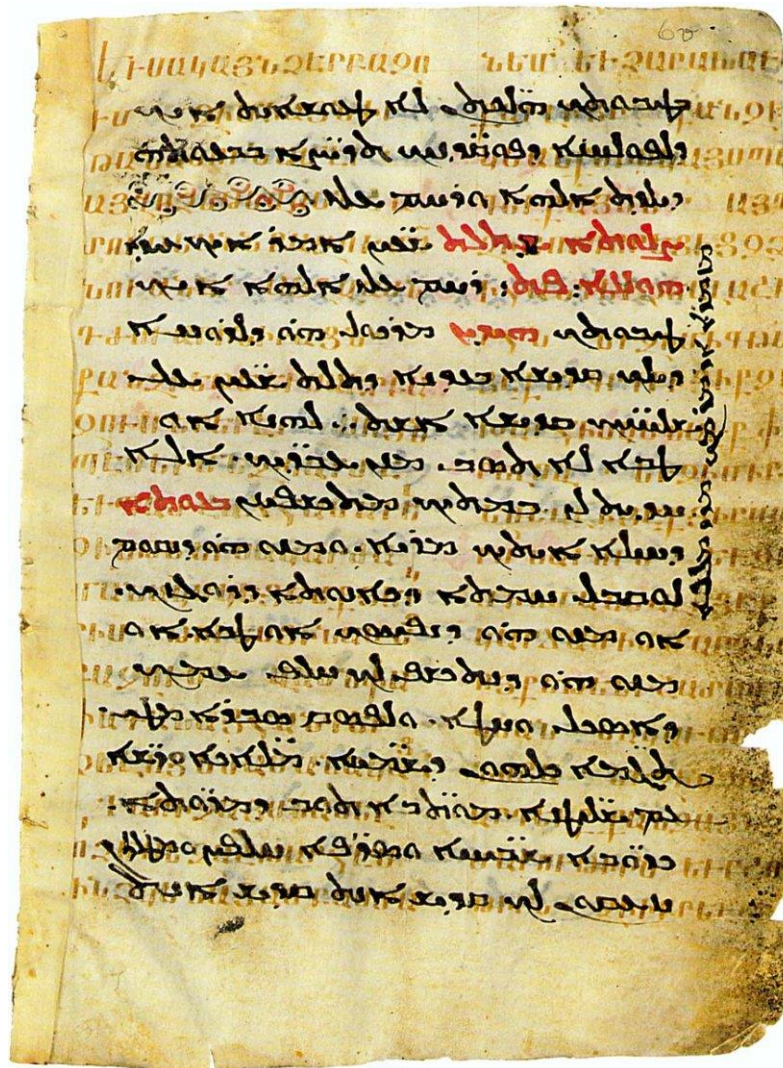
Medieval/Renaissance Rome Weeks 5-8

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***



MS 575
Codex Armenicus Rescriptus. Palimpsest,
Monastery of St. Catherine, Mt. Sinai, 6th c. and 1st half of 10th c.

PALIMPSEST:
Manuscript written over another text



Palimpsest – Euclid's Geometry



Italy topographical map
 with Apennines & Alps

GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS:

CONTINENTAL ITALY (Po Valley):
CISALPINA Gaul

PENINSULAR ITALY (Mediterranean climate)

APPENINES:

NORTH/CENTRAL: ETRURIA = Tuscany

CENTRAL: LATIUM = Lazio

SOUTH: MAGNA GRAECIA

= Greater Greece (includes Neapolis, Capua)

ETHNIC GROUPS

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

SABINES

ETRUSCANS

LATINS, including **ROMANS**

GREEKS colonists from Greece

Ancient Italy

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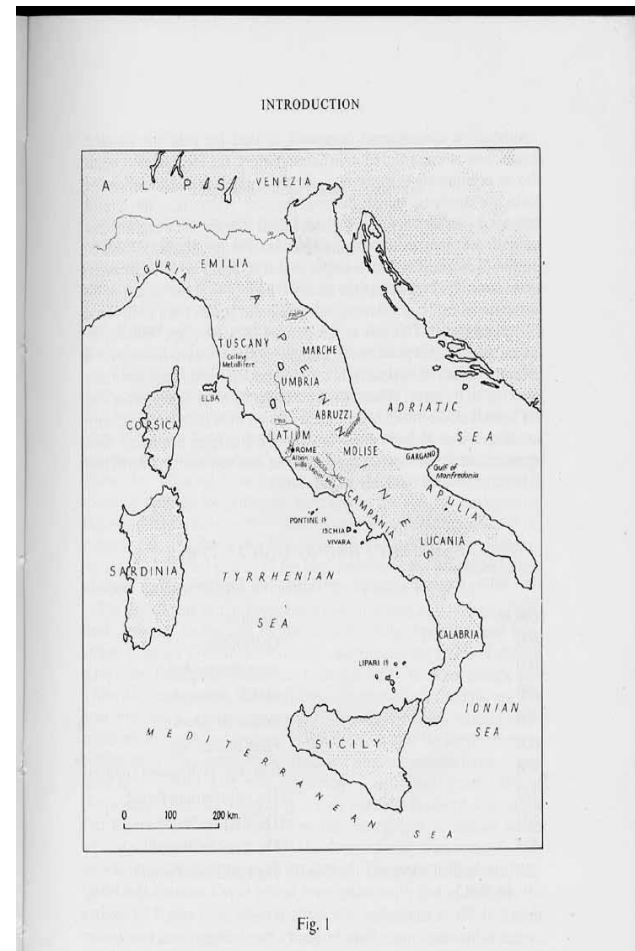
ETRURIA Tuscany

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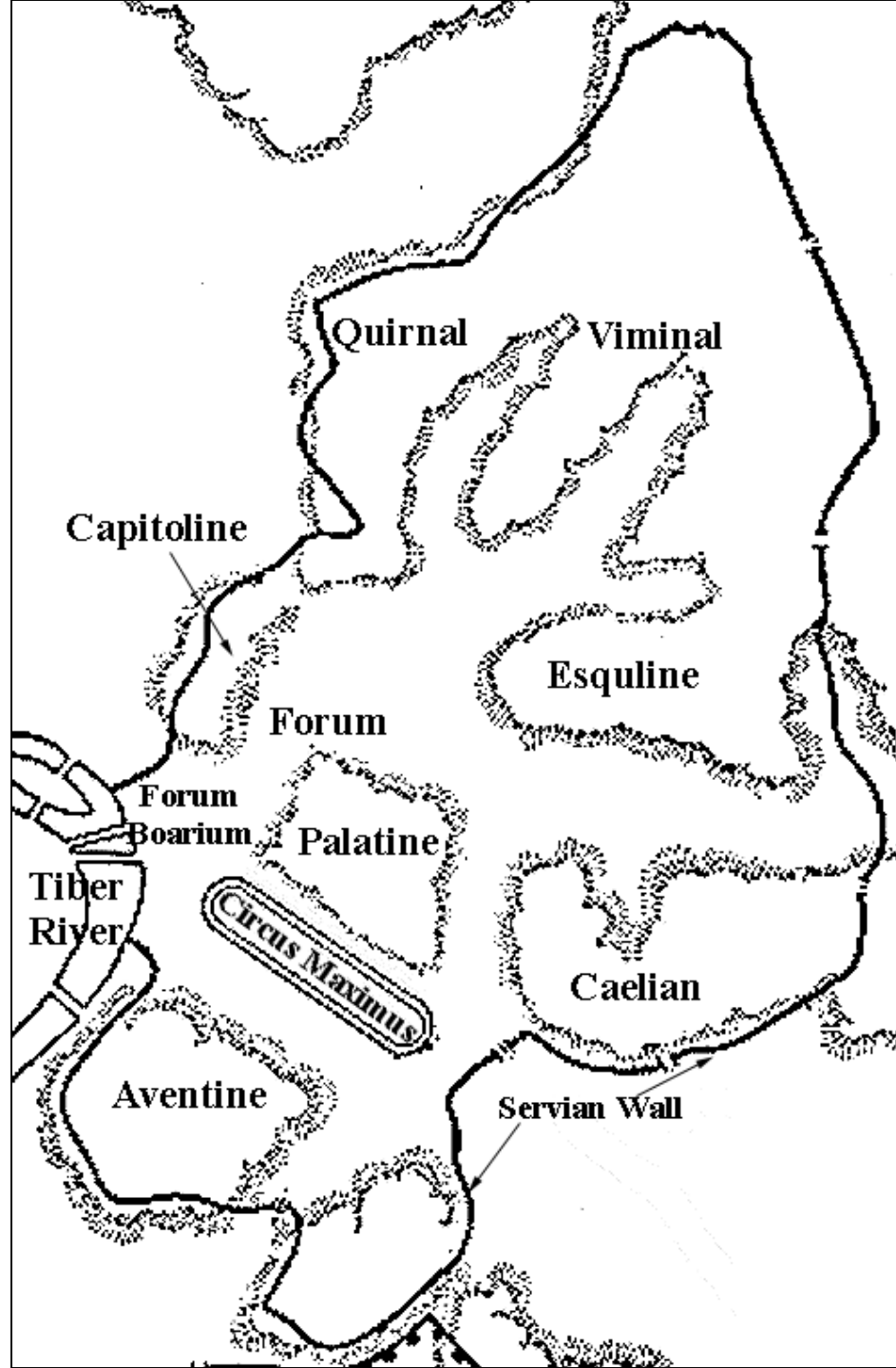
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The Seven Hills of Early Rome



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



Aeneas leaving Troy

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”









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FUGA DI ENEA DA TROIA. Pittura parodistica da
Galliano, I sec. d.C. (Napoli, Museo Nazionale) (18) *







Bernini 17th C

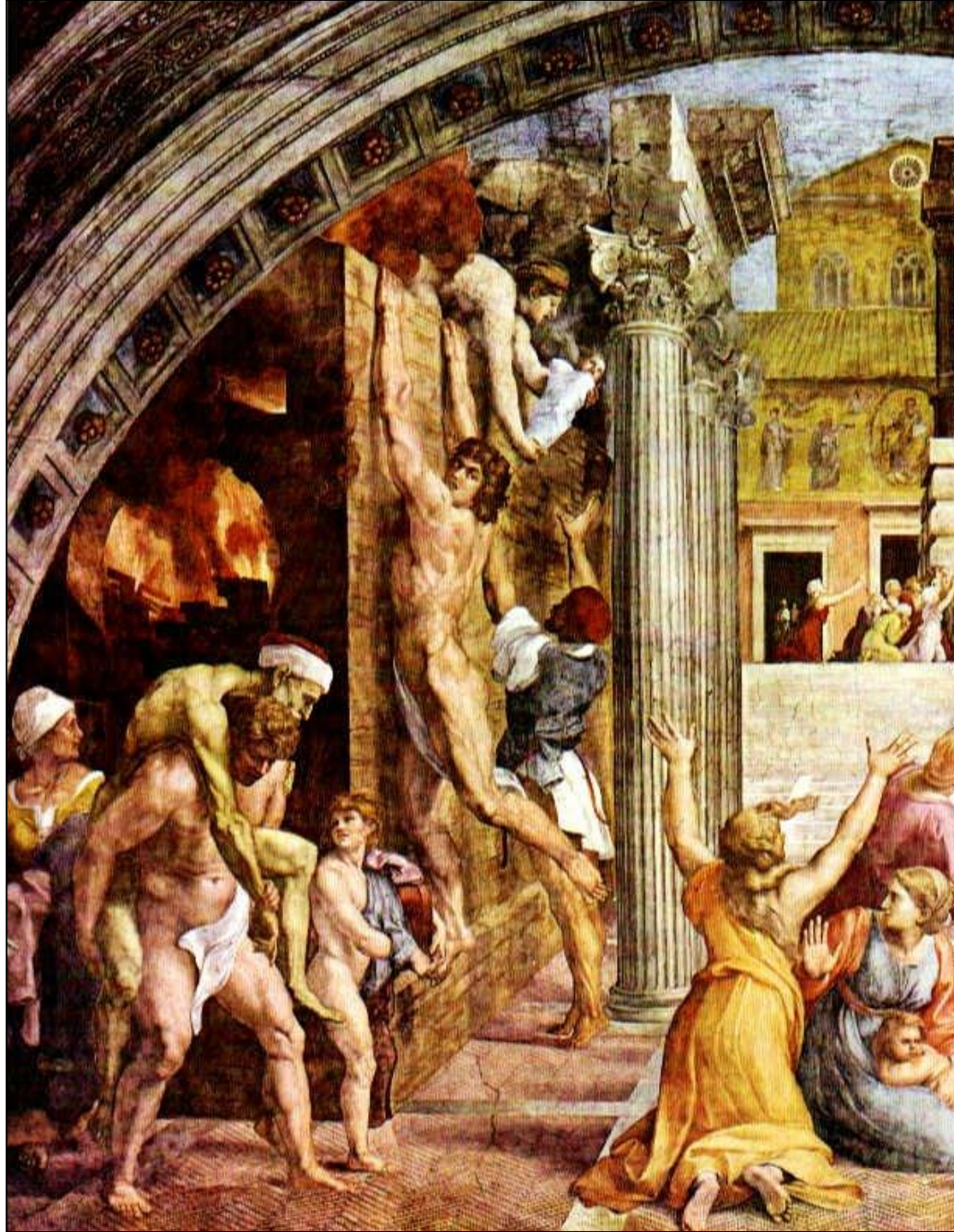
Aeneas with
Anchises
carrying the
palladium



Palladium
household
gods of Troy

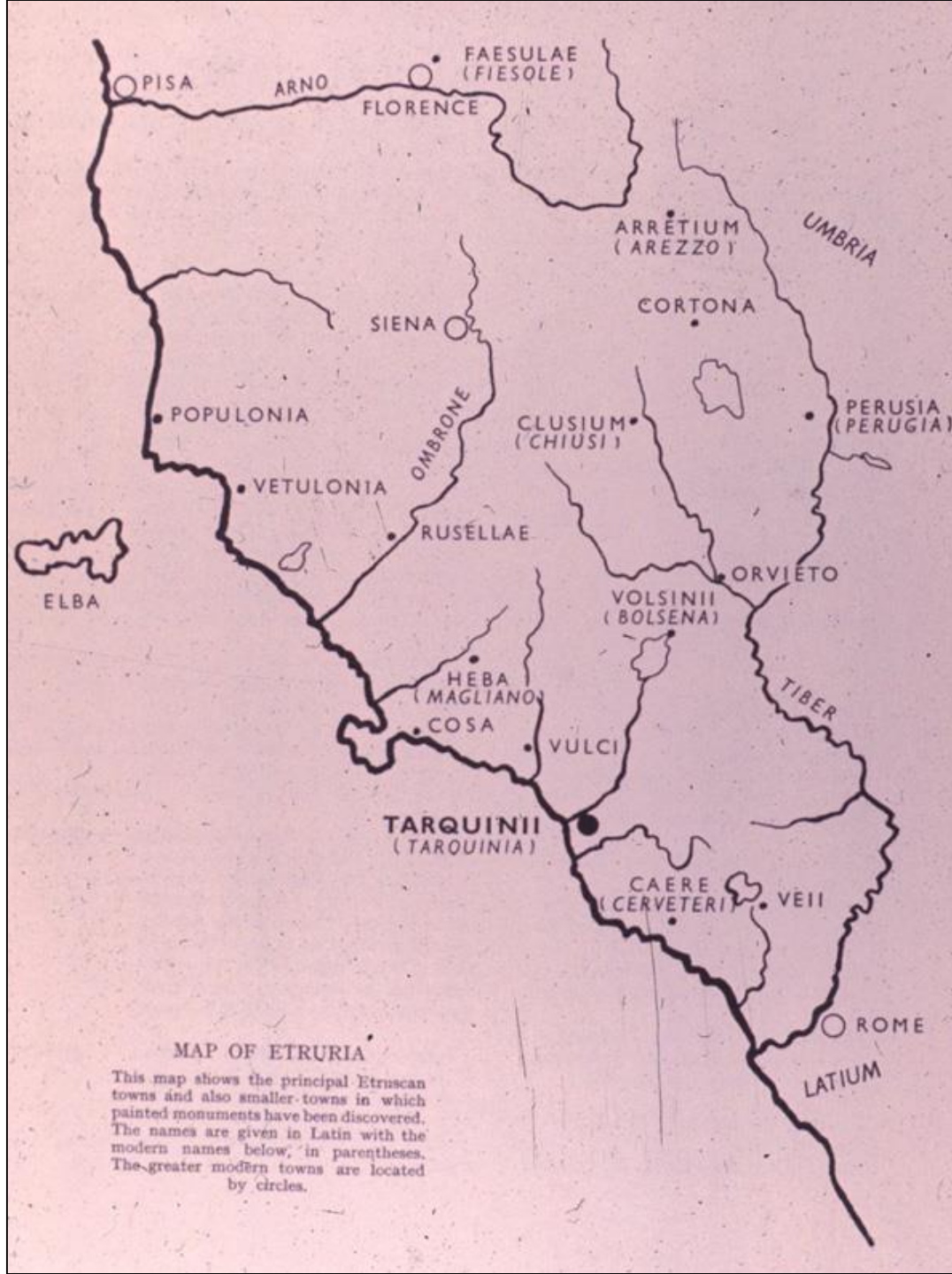


Raphael 16th
C. Fire in the
Borgo with
Trojan group



ETRUSCANS

North of
Tiber River





Etruscan round tombs Cerveteri

Etruscan
Necropolis
(city of dead)







Etruscan sarcophagus with married couple – Villa Giulia Rome



Apollo
of
Veii

Etruscan



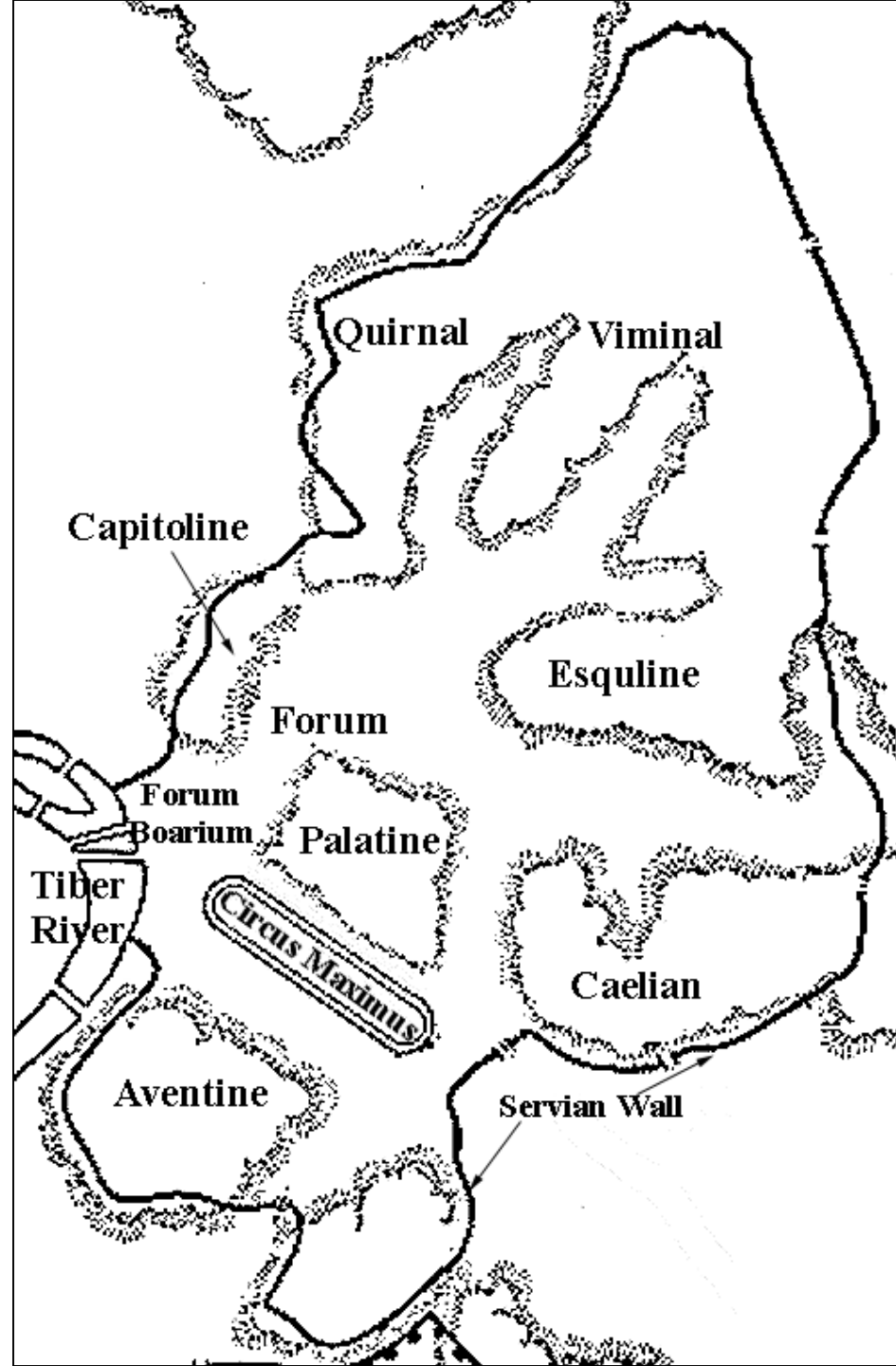


Etruscan Chimera : bronze statue

Etruscan
bronze
statue

Mars
(from Todi)







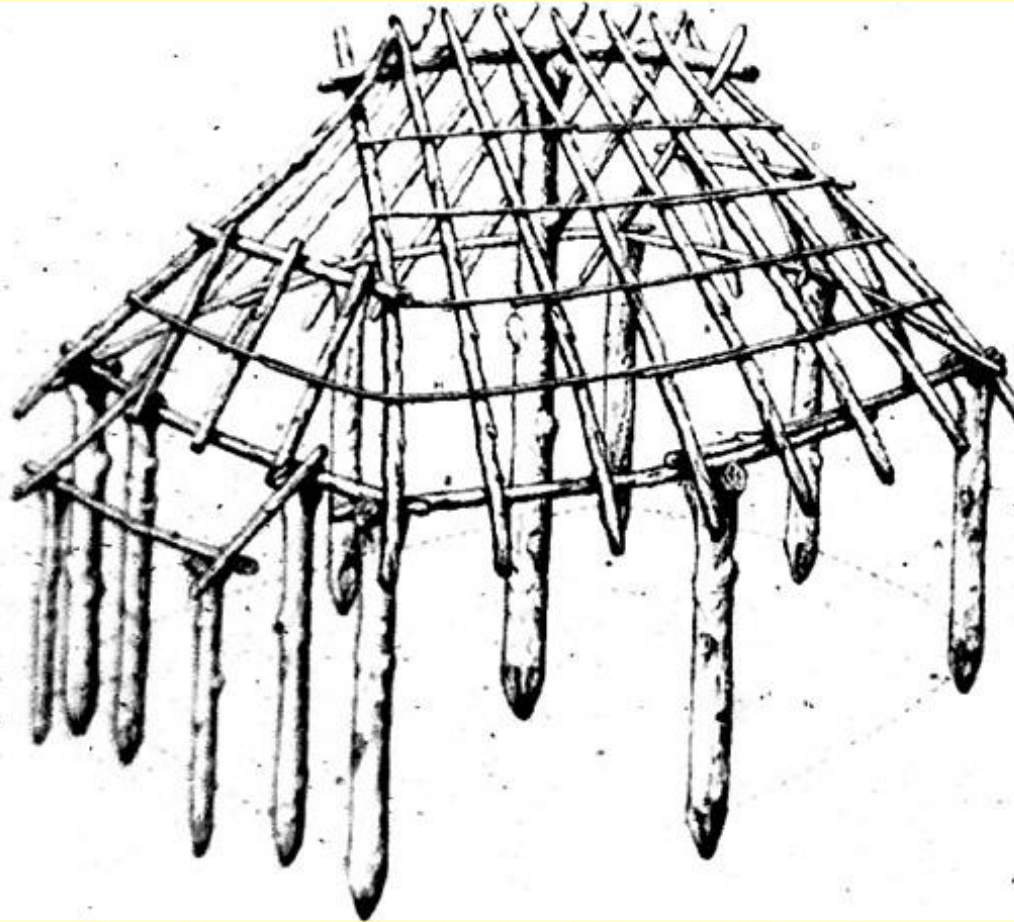
Hut urns for funerary ashes

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

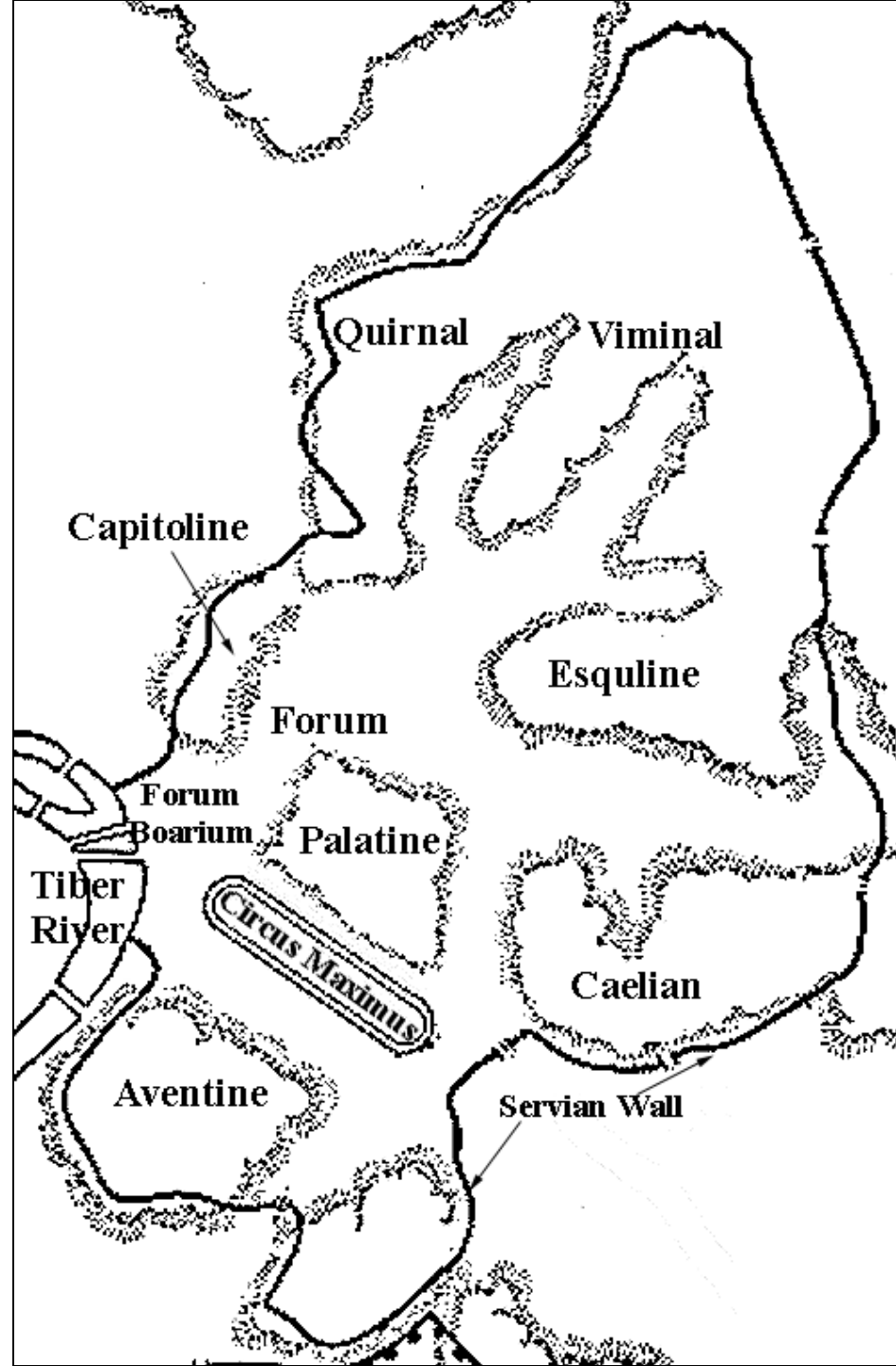


Etruscan bronze SHE-WOLF

(Romulus & Remus added in 16th C)

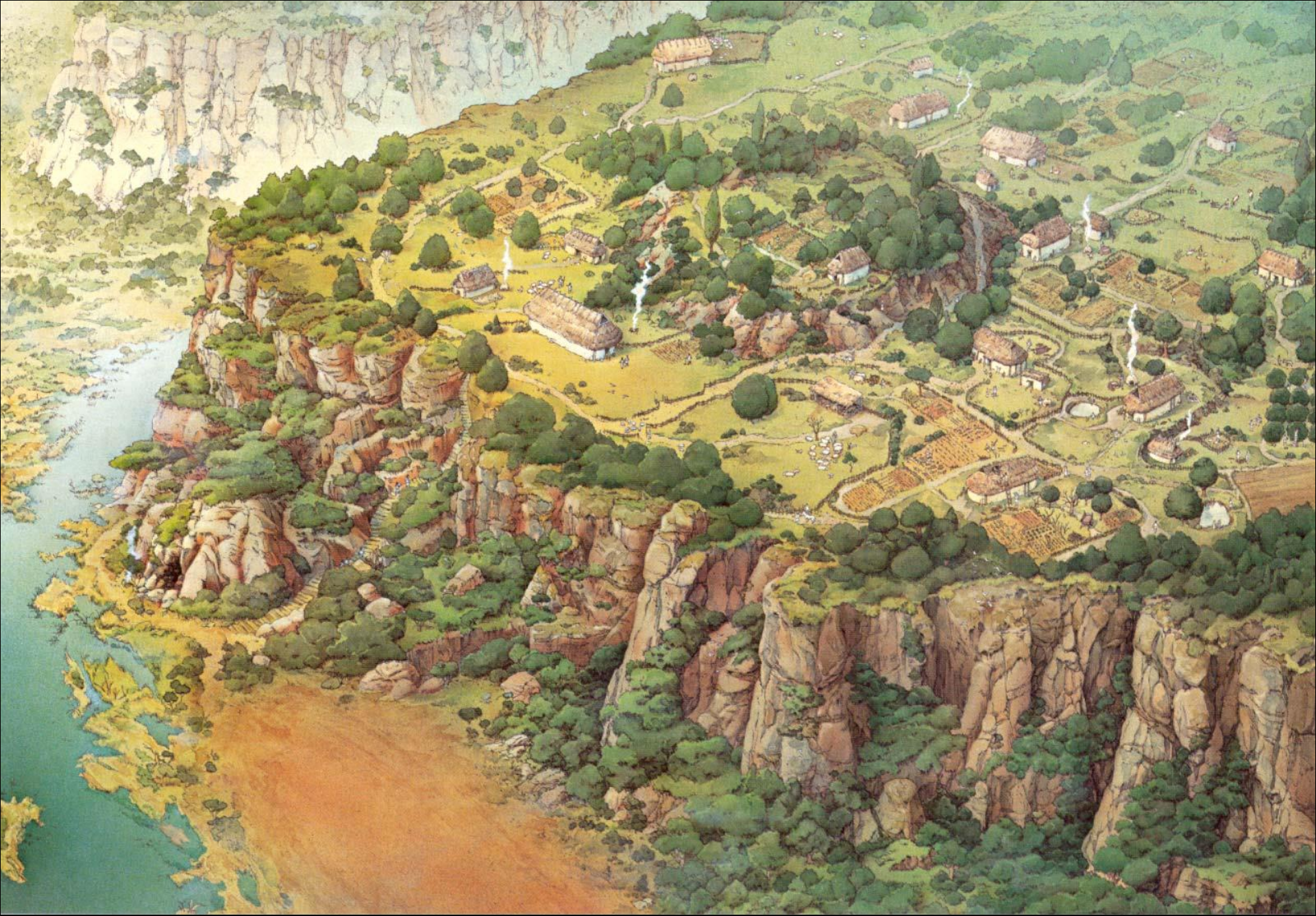






ROMULUS & REMUS

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

(patrician aristocracy)

= numerical majority

(plebians)

WALL: Romulus builds first wall on Palatine; kills Remus

FRATRICIDE = founding act of Roman state; purpose is defense of wall



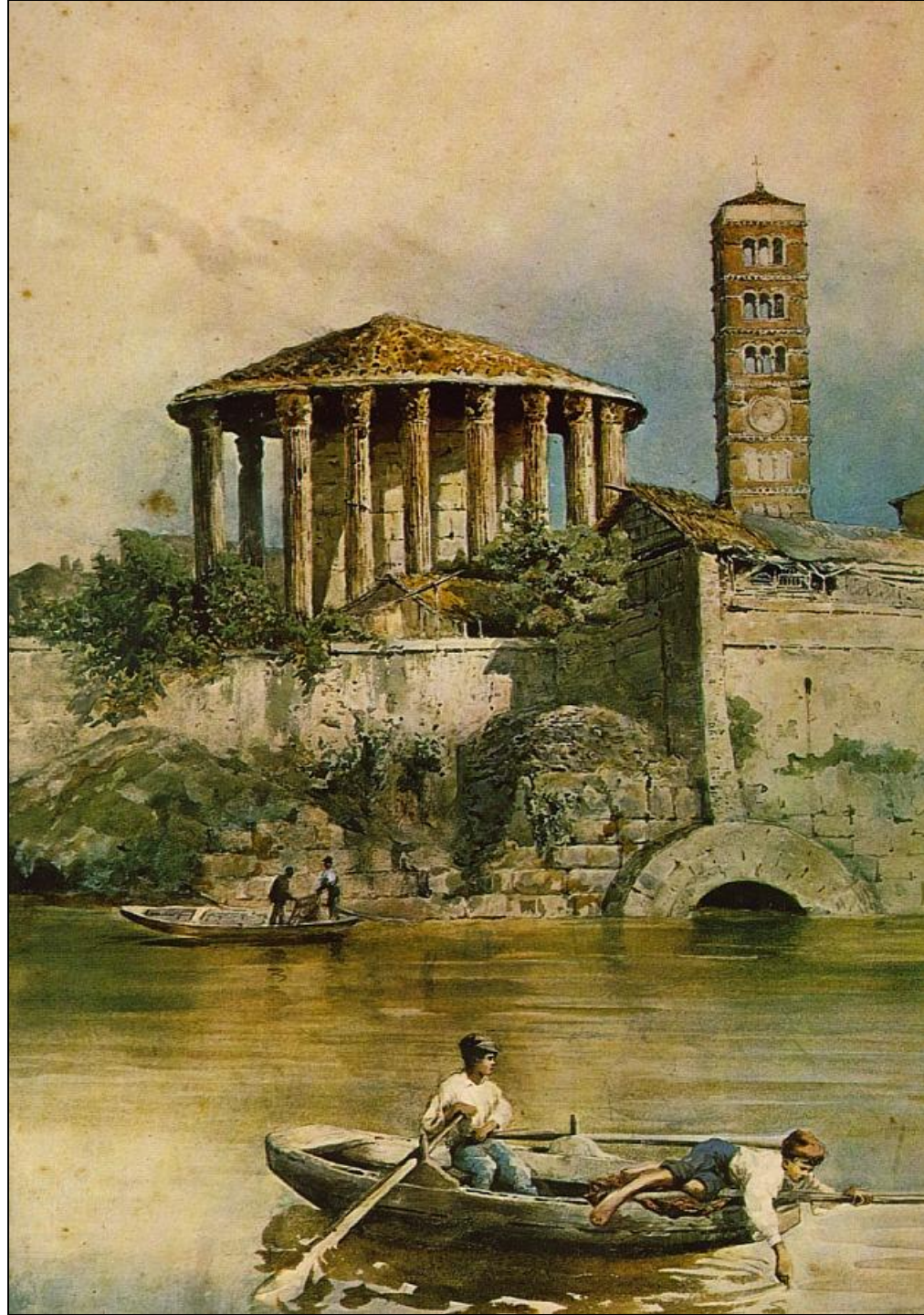
Poussin, 17th C. France The Rape of the Sabine Women



David, 18th C. France The Intervention 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

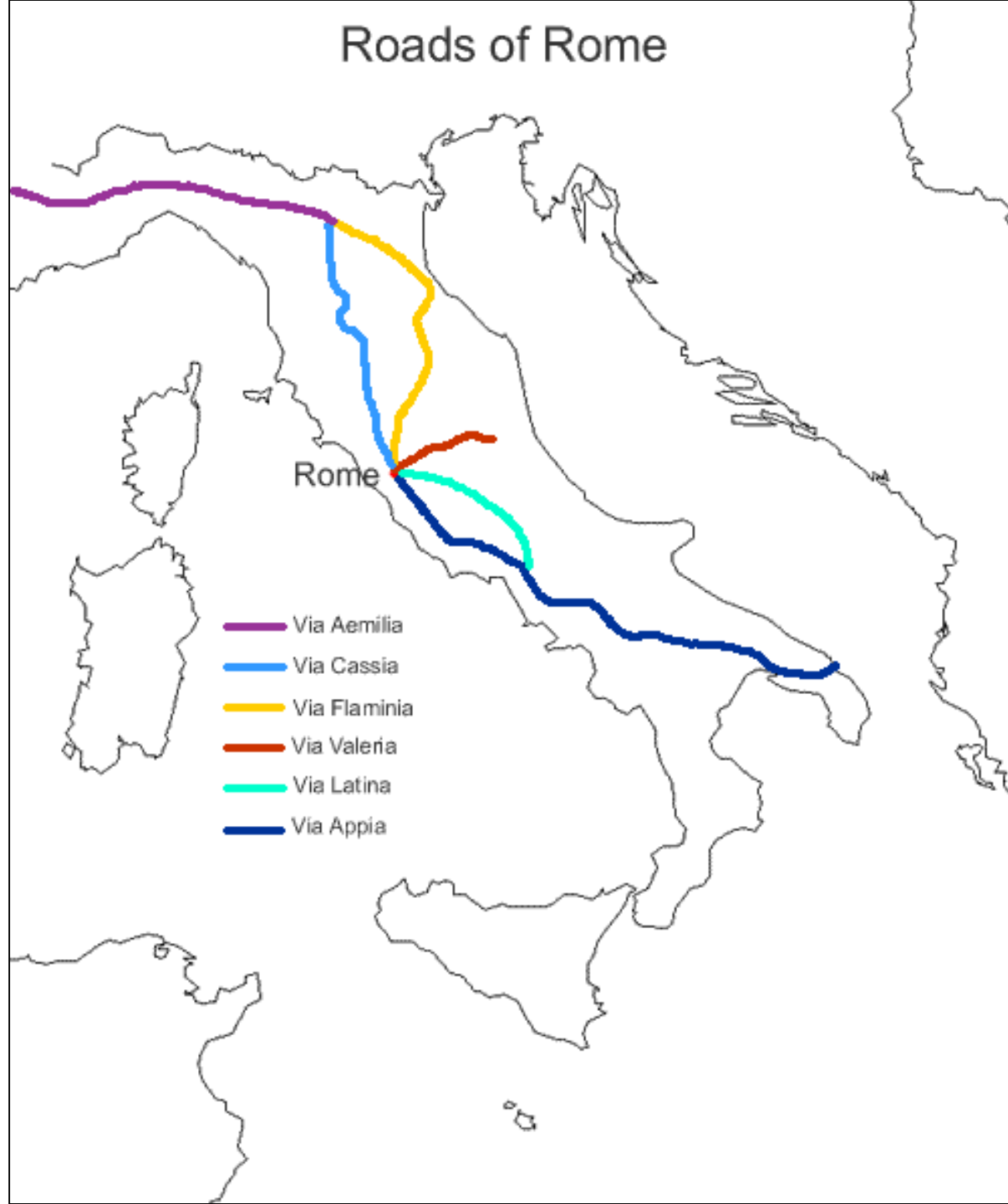








Roads of Rome

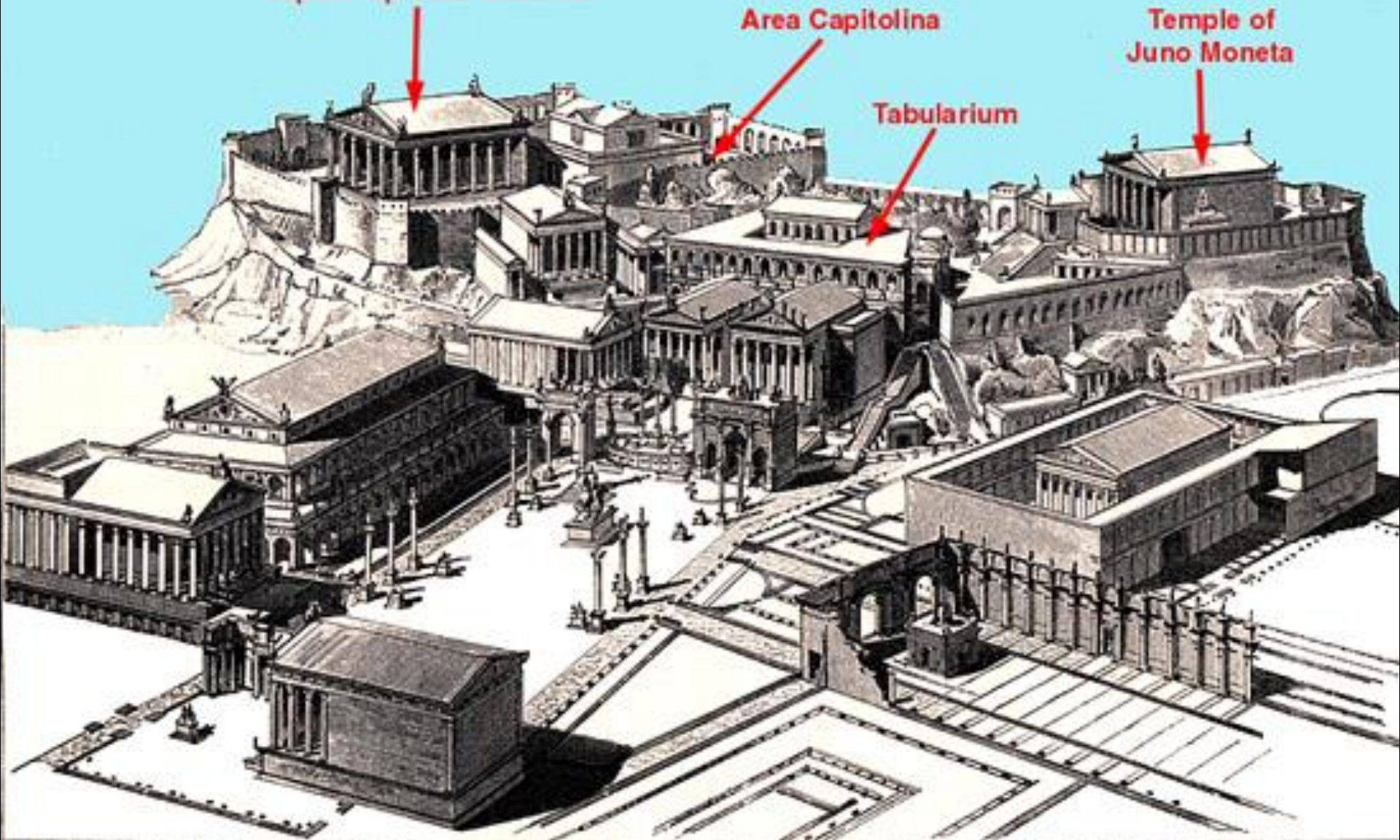


Temple of
Jupiter Optimus Maximus

Area Capitolina

Temple of
Juno Moneta

Tabularium



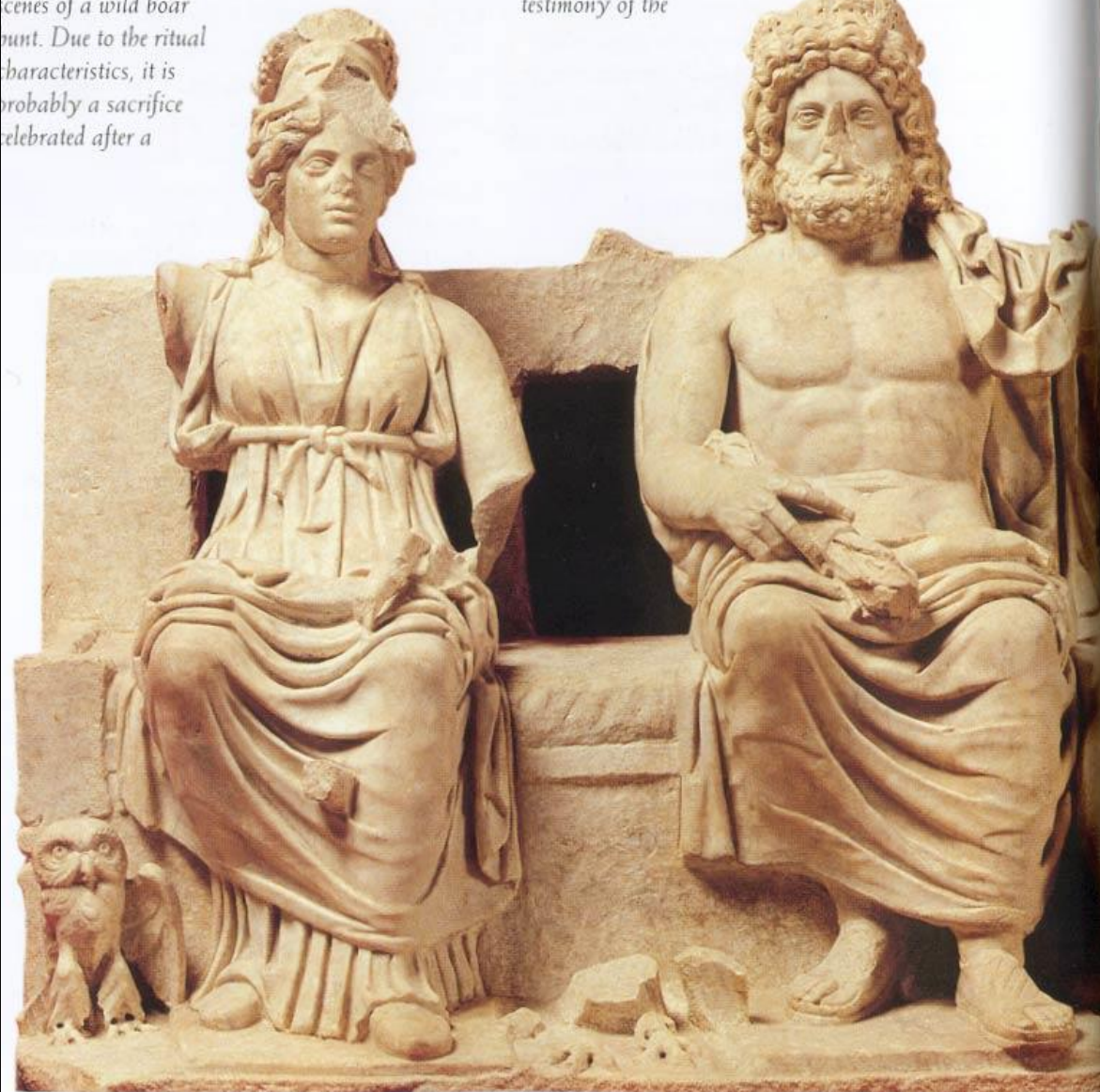


Capitolinus and a
 portico with sculpted
 scenes of a wild boar
 hunt. Due to the ritual
 characteristics, it is
 probably a sacrifice
 celebrated after a

Constantine.

the first direct
 archaeological
 testimony of the

commissioned.

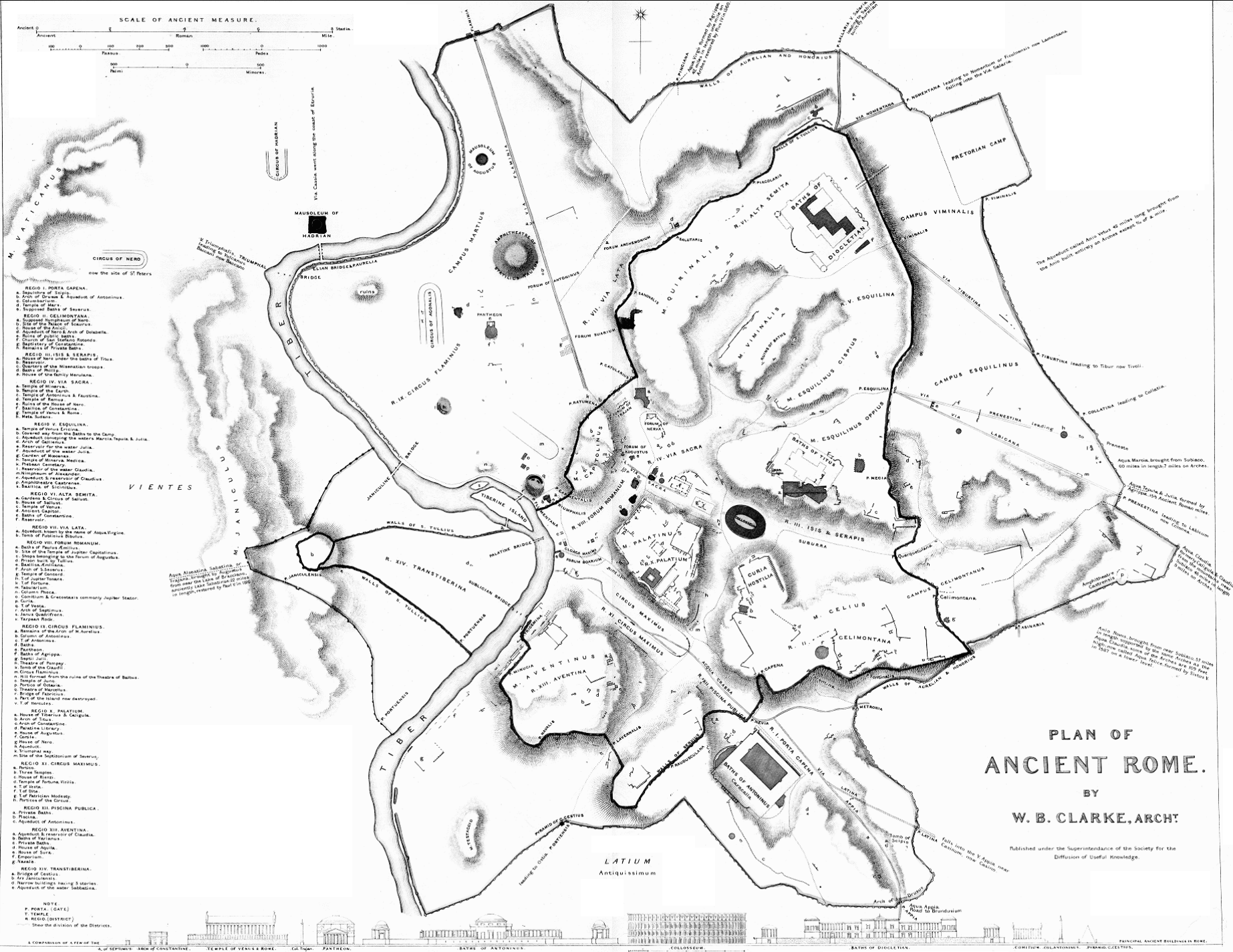
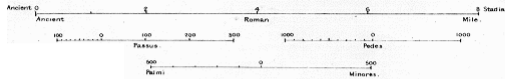


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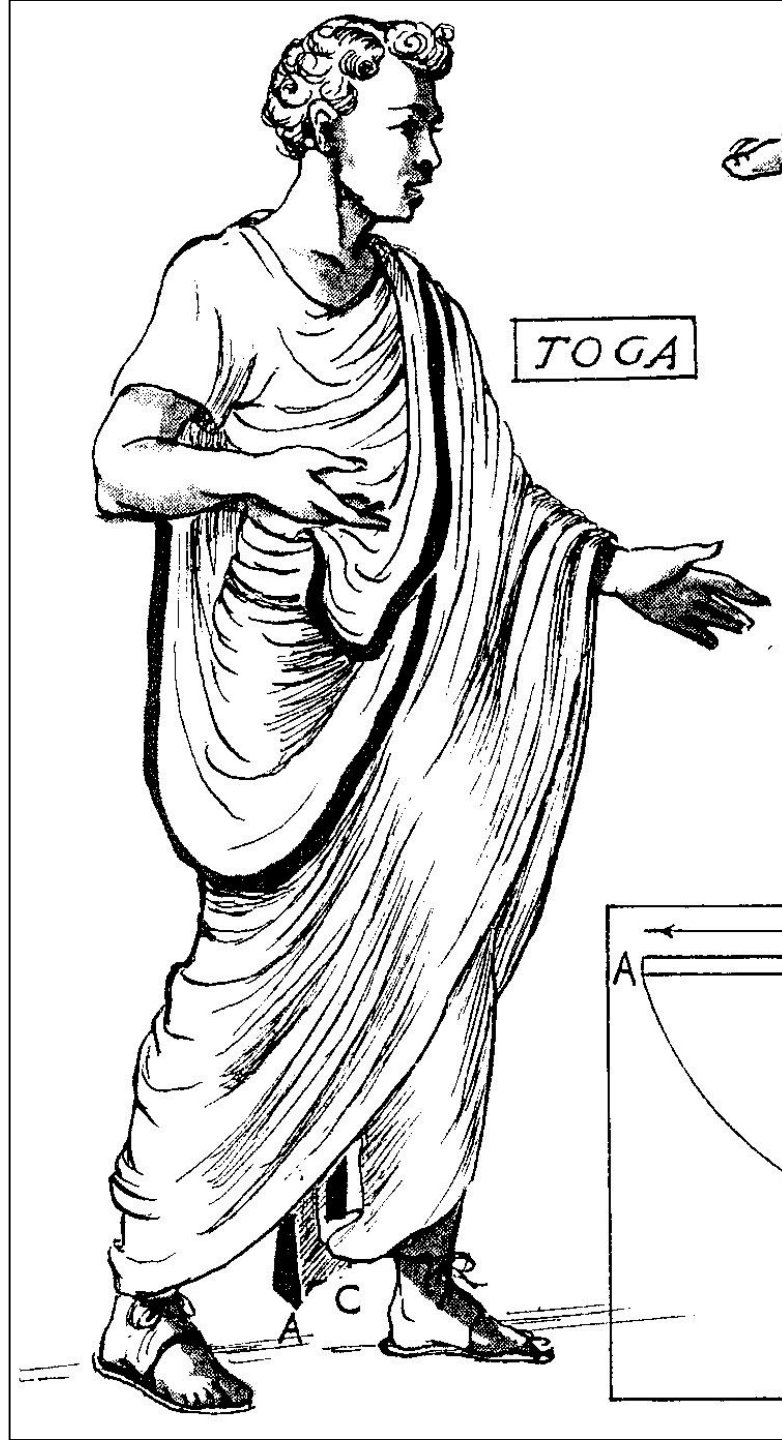
PLAN OF ANCIENT ROME. BY W. B. CLARKE, ARCHT.

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NOTE.
P. PORTA, (GATE).
T. TEMPLE.
R. RUIN (REMAINS).
— Shows the division of the Districts.









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PAVLVS AEMILIVS ZEPHYRVS
HIERONYMVS MORONVS COSSS

ROMAN CURSUS HONORUM

