

Battleground Earth

Christology: Trinitarianism

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit share

- ▶ power
- ▶ substance
- ▶ eternity

They differ in

- ▶ person

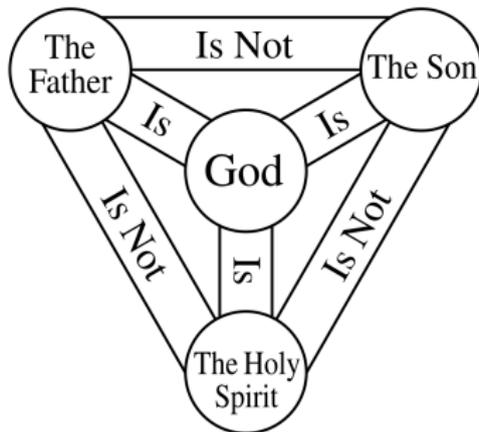


Figure: The Trinity (public domain: [source](#))

Christology: Arianism

The belief that the Son is

- ▶ begotten by the Father
- ▶ distinct from the Father
- ▶ subordinate to the Father (Io 14:28: “pater maior me est”)
- ▶ Declared heretical at 325 Council of Nicaea
- ▶ Condemnation revoked 335 Synod of Tyre
- ▶ Condemnation reinstated at 381 Second Ecumenical Council of Constantinople
- ▶ Germanic peoples held onto Arianism until the eighth century

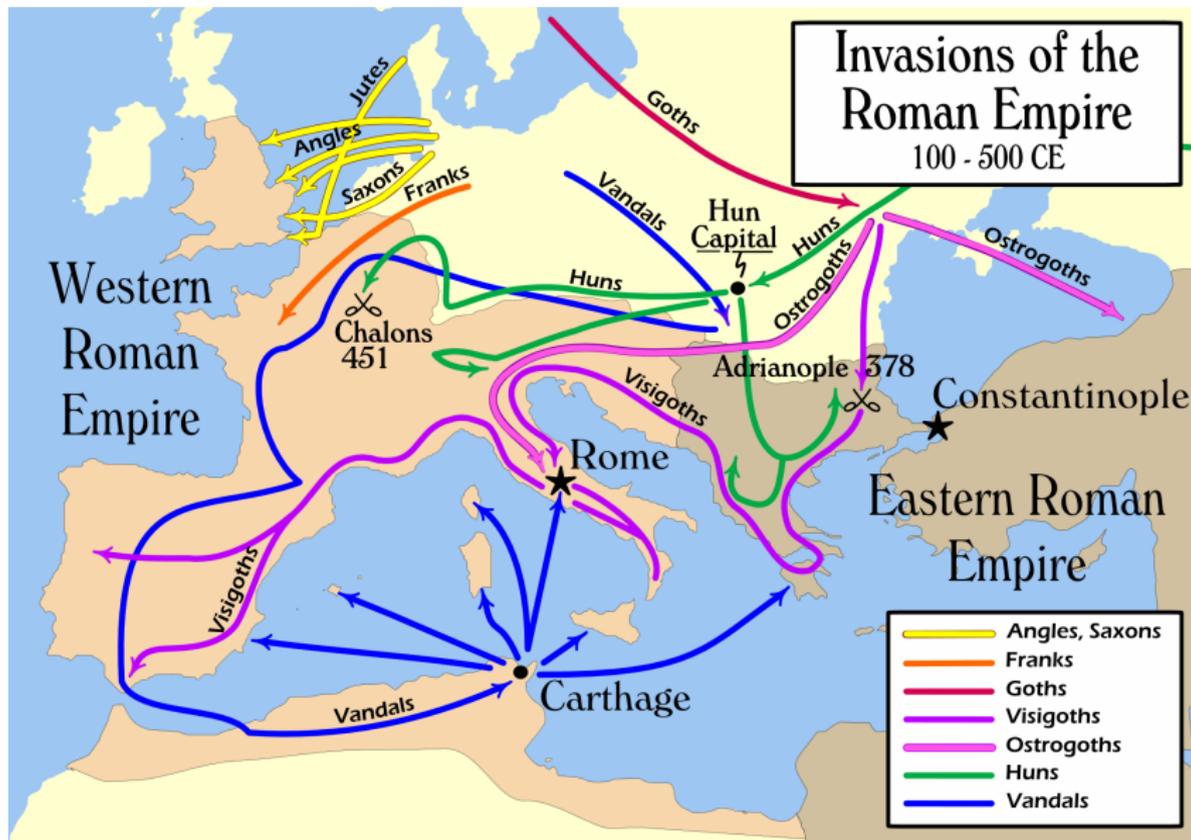


Figure: Invasions of the Roman Empire (CC-BY-SA: [source](#))

Christology: Person of Christ

- ▶ Duality: fully God *and* fully human
- ▶ Christ is the Word
 - ▶ Io 1:1: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
 - ▶ Gn 1:3: God said: Be light made. And light was made.
- ▶ He assumes humanity at incarnation

Christ's Nature in the Old Saxon *Heliand*

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Uuas im thes landes uuard

an fastunnea fiortig nahto,

manno drohtin, sô he thar mates ni antbêt;

1055 than langa ni gidorstun im dernea uuihti,

nîðhugdig fîund, nâhor gangan,

grôtean ina geginuuarðan: uuânde that he **god ênfald**,

forûtar mancunnies uuiht mahtig uuâri,

hêleg himiles uuard. Sô he ina thô gehungrean lêt,

1060 that ina bigan bi thero mennisko môses lustean

aftar them fiuuartig dagun, the fîund nâhor geng,

mirki mênscado: uuânda that he **man ênfald**

uuâri uuissungo.

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Christology: Christ's Role in Salvation History

“ After he hath cleansed the sanctuary, and the tabernacle, and the altar, then let him offer the living goat: And putting both hands upon his head, let him confess all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their offences and sins: and praying that they may light on his head, he shall turn him out by a man ready for it, into the desert. (Lv 16:20) ”

“ And it shall be a lamb without blemish, a male, of one year: according to which rite also you shall take a kid. (Ex 12:5) ”

“ For all have sinned, and do need the glory of God. Being justified freely by his grace, through the redemption, that is in Christ Jesus, Whom God hath proposed to be a propitiation, through faith in his blood, to the shewing of his justice, for the remission of former sins. (Rm 3:23–25) ”

Two Covenants

- o. Before the law of Moses: no rule book
- 1. Moses to Christ: the Old Covenant, on outward conduct
- 2. Christ to Judgement Day: the New Covenant, on inner conduct

“ You have heard that it was said to them of old: **Thou shalt not kill**. And whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment. But I say to you, that whosoever is angry with his brother, shall be in danger of the judgment. (Mt 5:21–22) ”

“ You have heard that it was said to them of old: **Thou shalt not commit adultery**. But I say to you, that whosoever shall look on a woman to lust after her, hath already committed adultery with her in his heart. (Mt 5:37–28) ”

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