

A Taxonomic Model for Religions and Cults in Mobility (Late Antiquity)

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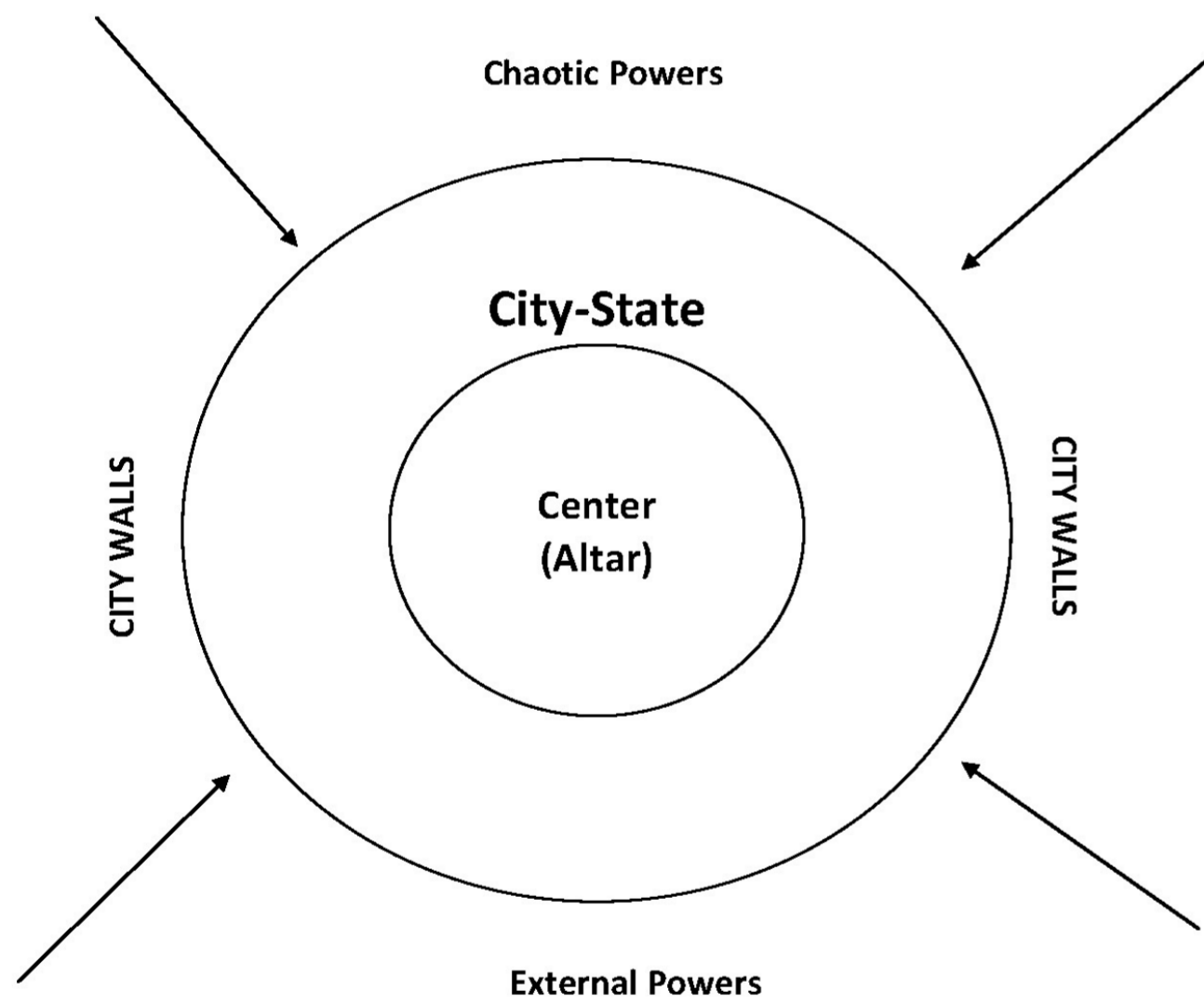


Introduction

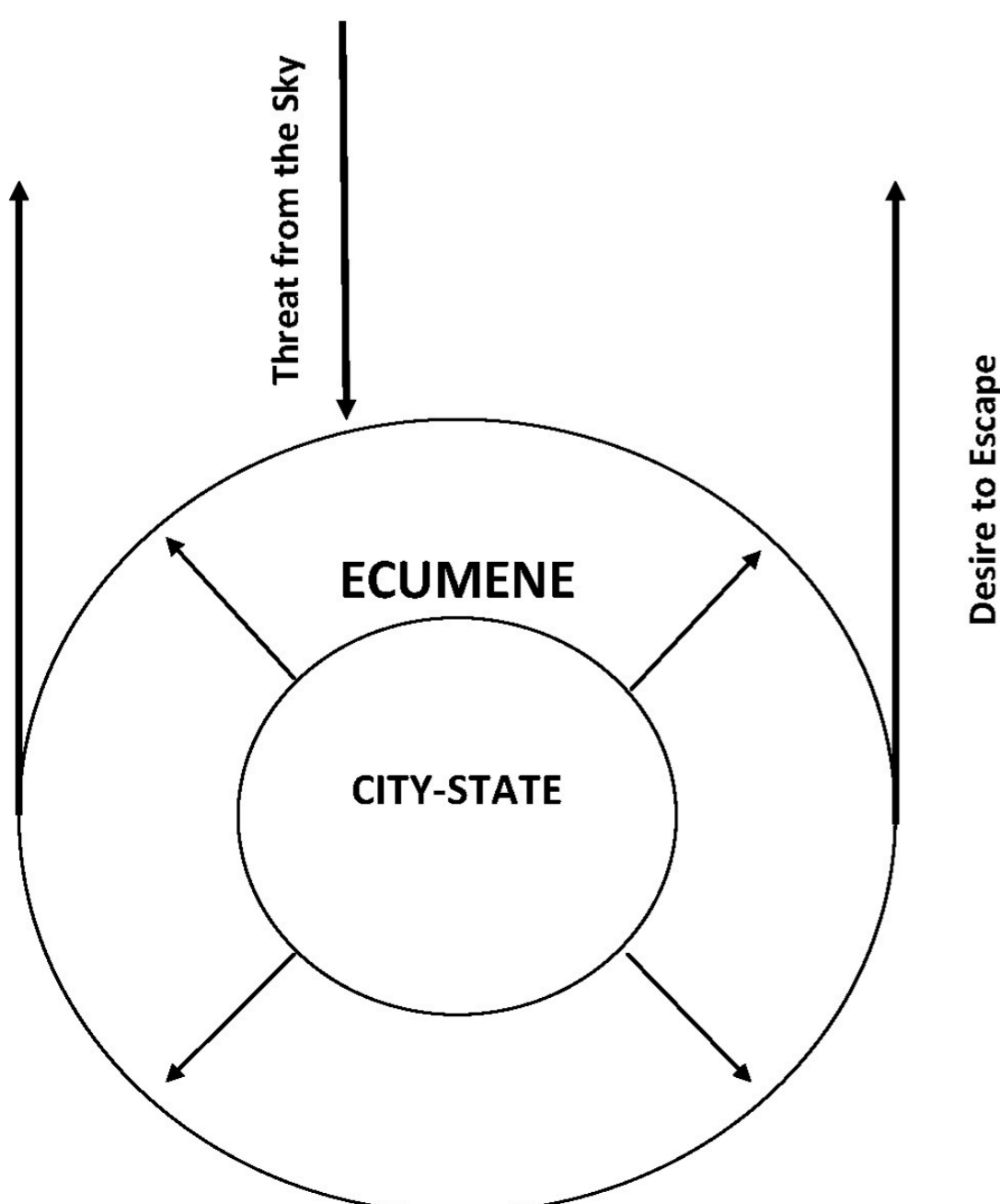
This taxonomy categorizes the cults of this era according to a) the expansion of the religious community, b) the methods of promotion and establishment in several areas of the Roman Empire, and c) how a cult or a religious tradition is depended on a topos (religious place).

Religious Traditions

Local/Ethnic Cults



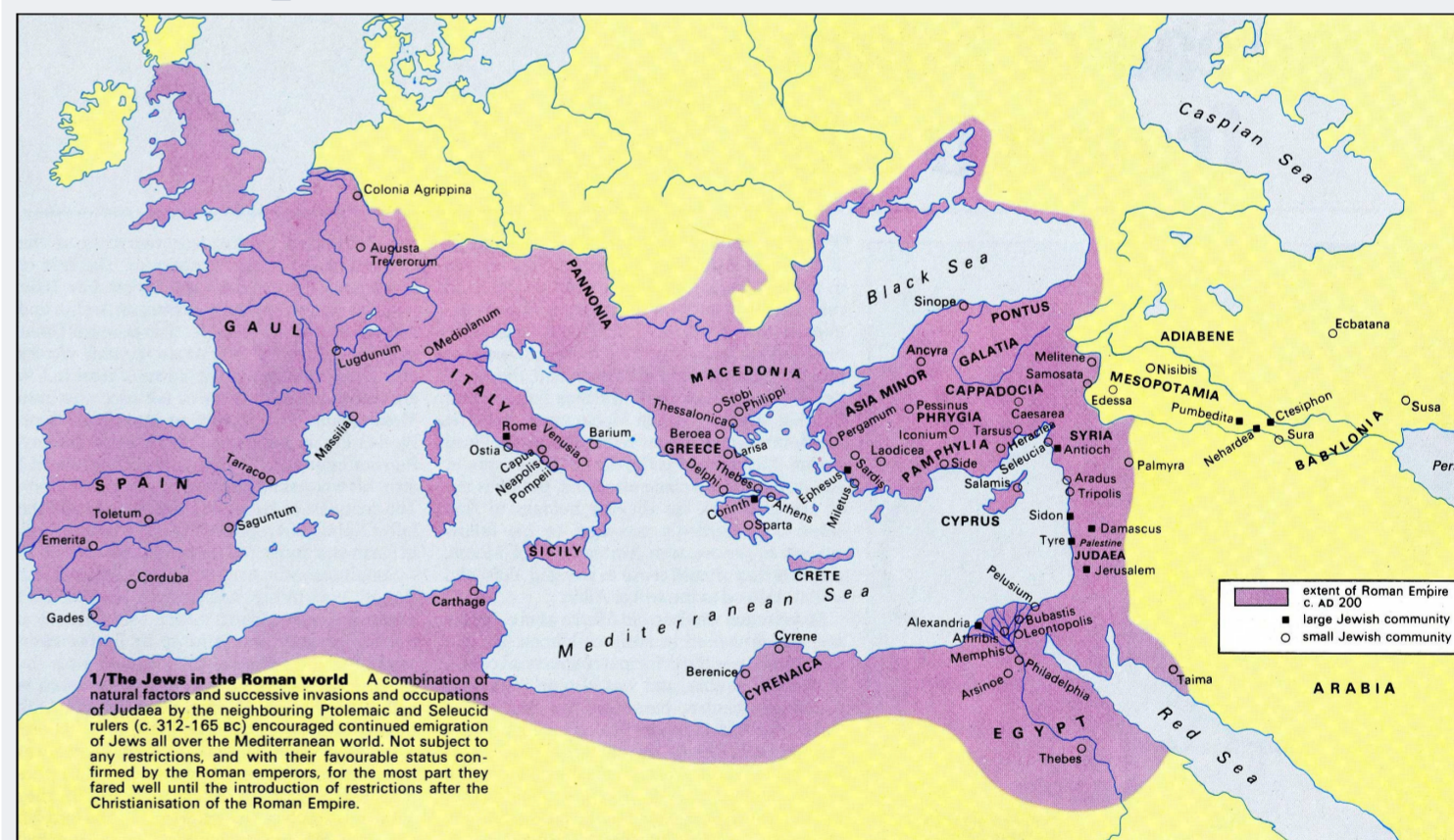
Ecumenical/Utopic Cults



Topography/Mapping

The study of the historical course of the religions of the Mediterranean makes certain those religions and cults were developed far away from their center and evolved their content, teaching and format during their mobility to provinces away from their metropolis. This development meant changes in the way of thinking and the perception of the world, resulting the meeting of local and utopic elements for those religious traditions. Local Model → Utopic model

Diasporas cults



Religious Traditions in New Centers

