

the outstanding work of Augustine in connection with it is his book on The City of God and the occasion of the writing of the book was the conquest of Rome by the and they claim of the pagan was this means that we have forsaken our own gods and consequently they have forsaken us and Augustine went through their history to try to show that it was Roman valor and not the help of the gods that made the invasion and now that it was licentiousness and not christianity that made the breach and they discussed those matters at great length but the one thing that perhaps stands out in the book is the idea which he developed of the two cities. It is, of course, an idea which we find in Ephesians about those who mind the things of earth, but our citizenship is in Heaven and there is a contrast given in the two verses there in Ephesians between the earthly citizenship and our citizenship which is in Heaven. Now Augustine took this very concept of the contrast between the earthly city and the heavenly city and that was the basis of his book and yet he never clearly tells us just what he means by that heavenly city. What he is interested in is proving that Christianity which stands for and present the heavenly city is right and that the city of earth and the earthly city is bound to go down, inevitably go down because it is founded on wickedness and cruelty and on fortune instead of on God and his commands and the moral character which He prescribes. Well, now consequently the great bulk of the book is devoted to various phases of these matters. There is a great deal in it that is tremendously useful, very excellent, a great deal of very interesting discussion of Scripture which we do not have to agree with at all by any means, but a great bulk of which is excellent, but the basis concept had almost more influence than the rest of the book did and it had an influence which is hardly likely that Augustine had realized or expected. It lead people to think that well, the city of earth is all wrong and the city of God is the city that comes down from heaven and that is the new Rome and that is instead of having a Roman emperor ruling over the land and telling them, making them