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all this world." Imperial Rome, likewise, though in a somewhat hard, military fashion, took to itself the culture of Hellas, which it has taught Europeans to miscall Greece. It had long struggled against foreign religious rites, and often put them down by law; especially the frenzied cults of Bacchus and Isis. But when the native Italian blood had been recklessly spilt in civil wars, and Rome grew Orientalized by its multitudes of slaves and parasites from Eastern lands, such secret, fantastic, and professedly wonder-working forms of worship gained an immense influence. They brought to the capital of civilisation an idea as of something universal, which corresponded with its own dignity and its office towards mankind. There was conceivable a deep interpenetration of the outward Roman framework of society by a spiritual force. But these old heathen superstitions were not destined to achieve so noble an enterprise. For Israel had already learnt from its prophets the true Religion of Humanity. Judaism was enlarged in thought and outlook until it became the Catholic Church. The first Rome had been established on the Palatine Hill. A second now sprang into being on the Vatican.