

URBAN DEVELOPMENT OF RAB

FROM ANTIQUITY TO THE
RENAISSANCE

- Liburnian settlement?
- Roman town with walls dating from the time of Augustus
 - A number of unpreserved imperial statues from the 2nd and 3rd centuries (Marcus Aurelius)
 - Aqueduct
 - Several villas (Kaštelina, Punta Zidine, Supetarska draga, Banjol, Barbat)

- Ostrogoths (no traces)
- Justinian's reconquista
 - Churches dedicated to St. Cosmas and Damian, St. Martin, St. Michael, St. George, maybe St. Christopher
 - Fortifications: St. Cosmas and Damian, Kaštelina?
 - Late Slavic settlement / late Slavization

- Byzantine sovereignty: ca 550 – ca 1060
 - Croatian government: ca 878 – 998
 - Venetian government: 998 – ca 1050 (?)
- Croatian sovereignty: ca 1050 – 1090
- Venetian: 1090 - 1105
- Hungarian/Croatian: 1105 – 1118
- Venetian: 1118 – 1358
- Hungarian/Croatian: 1358 – 1420
- Venetian: 1420 - 1798

- No sources about the beginnings of Christianity
 - in 530 the bishop of Rab attends the synod in Salona
 - St. Lawrence in Banjol: the oldest church? (fragment of a relief representing a fish)

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- No memory of any bishops between 533 and 787 – only the mention of an anonymous bishop attending the synods of Split in 925/928
- No memory of relics before 1170
 - Not even Constantine Porphyrogenitus mentions relics or churches in Rab in his description of Dalmatia

- St. John the Evangelist

- Fifth century?
- Larger than the cathedral
- Function? Cemeterial basilica?
- Benedictine monastery?

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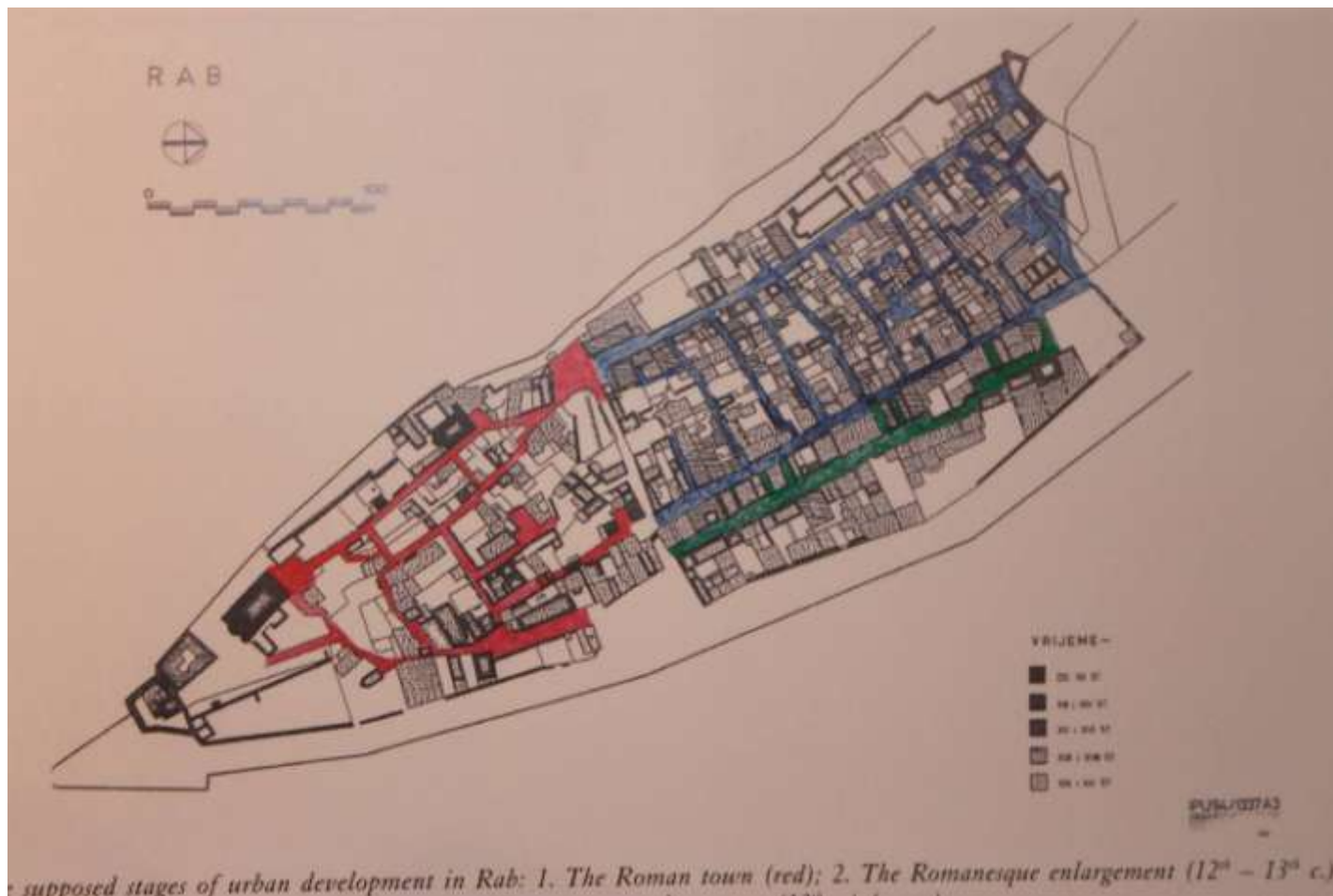
- Benedictine nunnery? (nunns in 1199)
- Since 1278 Franciscan friary

- Cathedral
- - dedicated to whom?
- - St. Mary for sure only since 1177
- - position: on the Forum, close to the Capitolium?

- First written sources from the eleventh century
- Increase in population reflected in:
 - A) the enlargement of the city
 - B) the growing number of churches in the rural part of the island
 - C) the enlargement of the Cathedral

- The growing wealth reflected in:
 - A) the erection of three belfries inside the town and one (St. Peter's) outside
 - B) the foundation of two monasteries and two nunneries
 - C) production of silk?

- Three fases of urban development:
 - - a) Preromanesque on the Roman matryx
 - - b) Romanesque (12th – 13th c.)
 - - c) Late Medieval (14th)









Was the bellfry of the Cathedral originally the tower of the bishop?









Dubrovnik's enlargement in the 16th c.



- Third enlargement:
- St. Andrew near the sea

- How many gates were there?

Pozdrav iz Raba - Vedura Borgo
Sale" da Arbe - l'ogled baros

