

CHURCH HISTORY LITERACY

The Fall of the Roman Empire

Lesson 29

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Jesus taught a lot about the
Kingdom of God





“Repent, for the kingdom of God
is near” Mk 1:15





The kingdom is a treasure
hidden in a field someone sells
everything to possess Mt 13:43-45





Blessed are those who are
persecuted, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven Mt 5:10

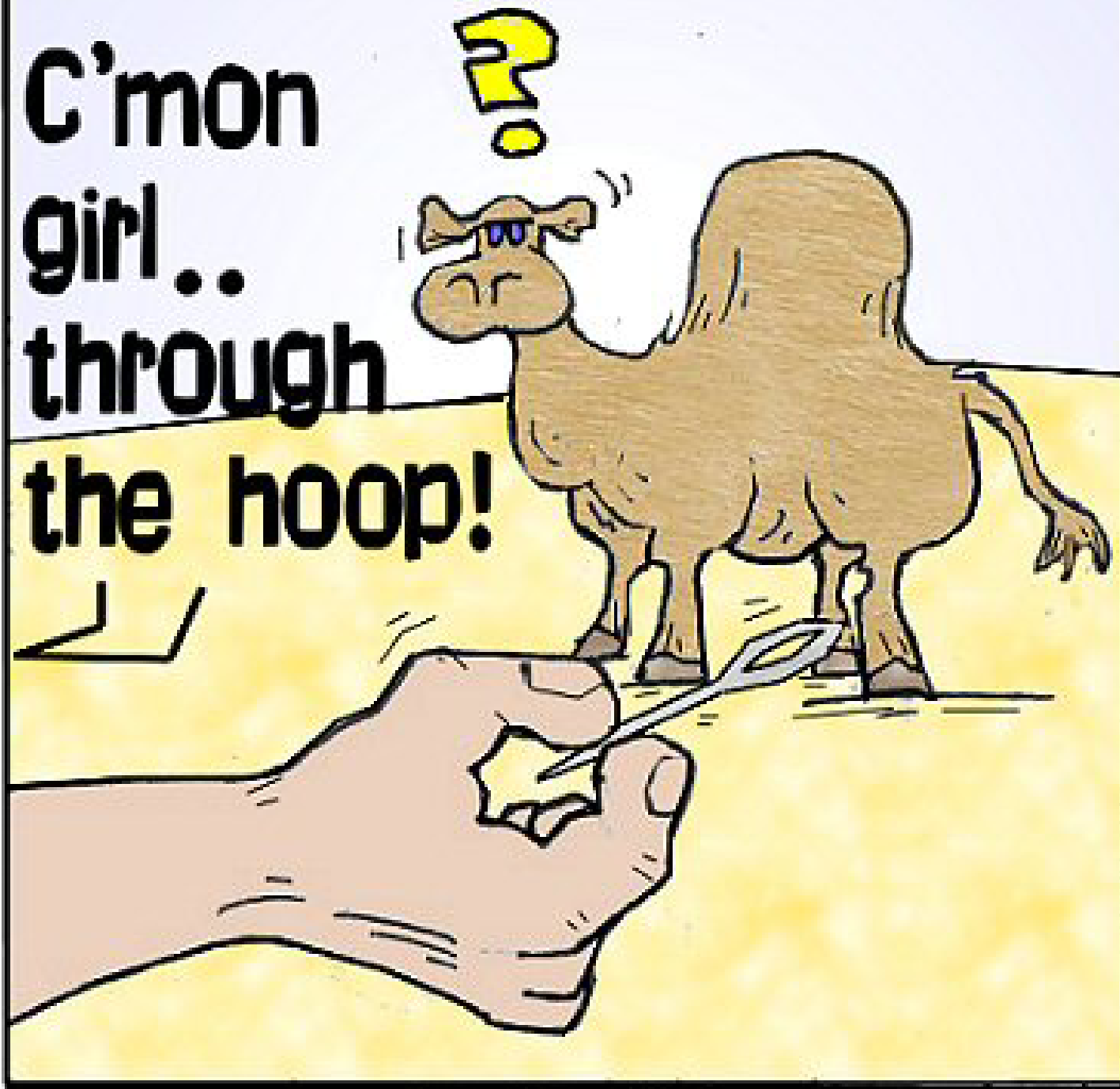




It is easier for a camel to go through
the eye of a needle than for a rich
man to enter the kingdom of God

Mt 19:24

**C'mon
girl..
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the hoop!**





Unless your righteousness
surpasses that of the Pharisees ...
you will certainly not enter the
kingdom of heaven Mt 5:20



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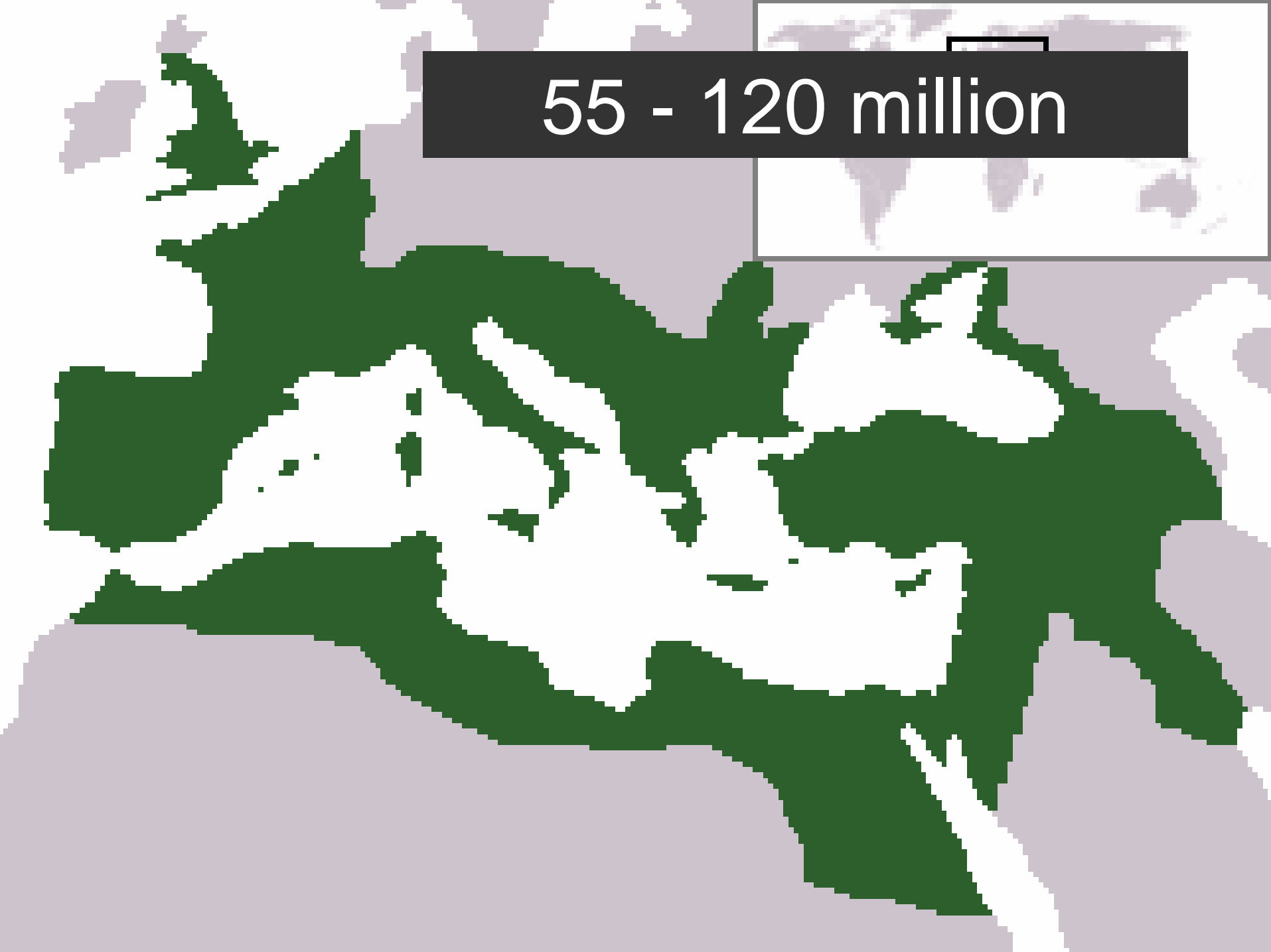
“Are you the king?”



“Are you the king?”

“My kingdom is not of this world ...
but from another place.”

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A handful

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Jesus of Nazareth, the
king of the Jews



A handful



“The kingdom of God does not
come with careful observation ...
because the kingdom of God is
within you” Lk 17:30-31



“within you” Lk 17:30-31



*Unless a man be born again, he
cannot enter the kingdom of
heaven* Jn3:3

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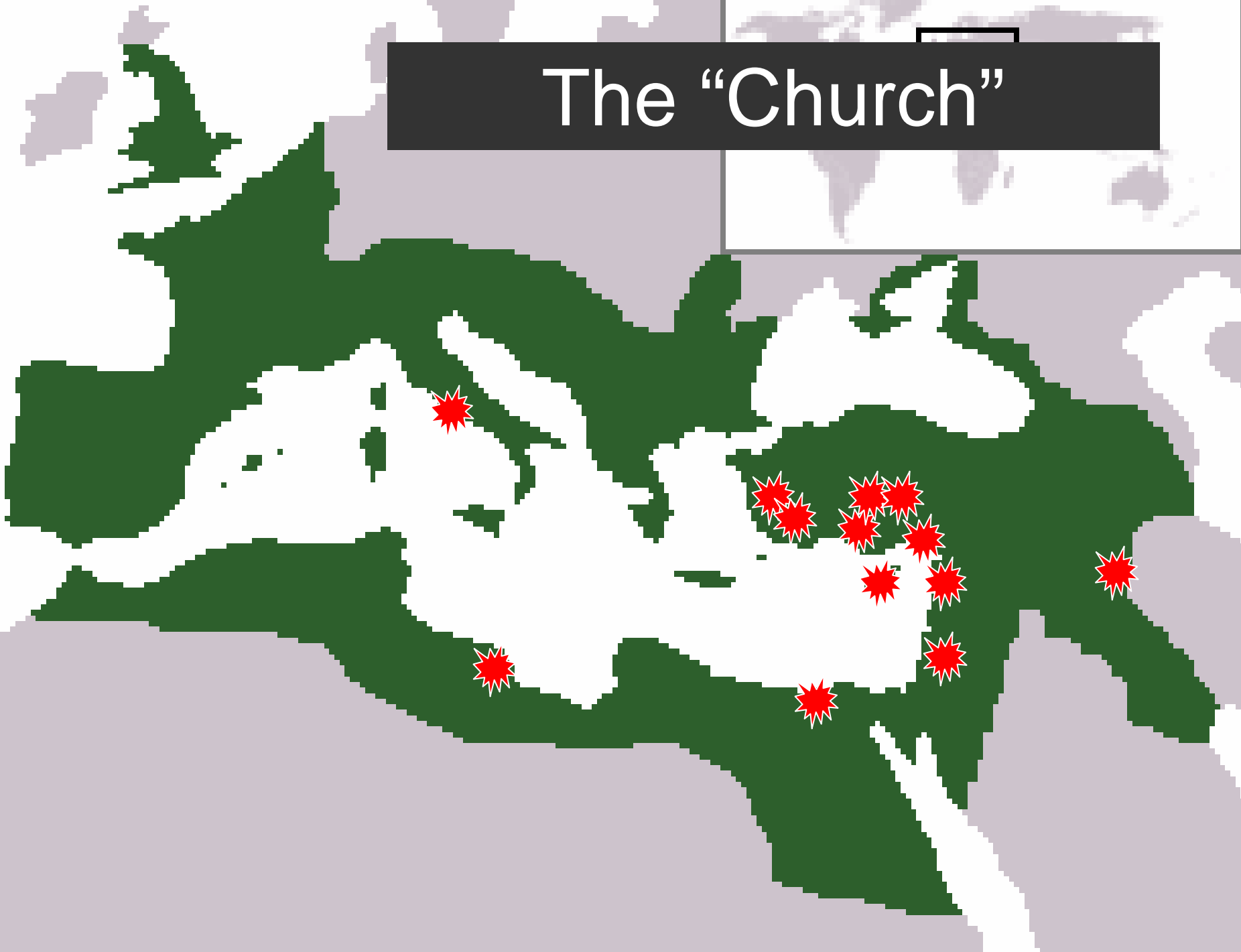
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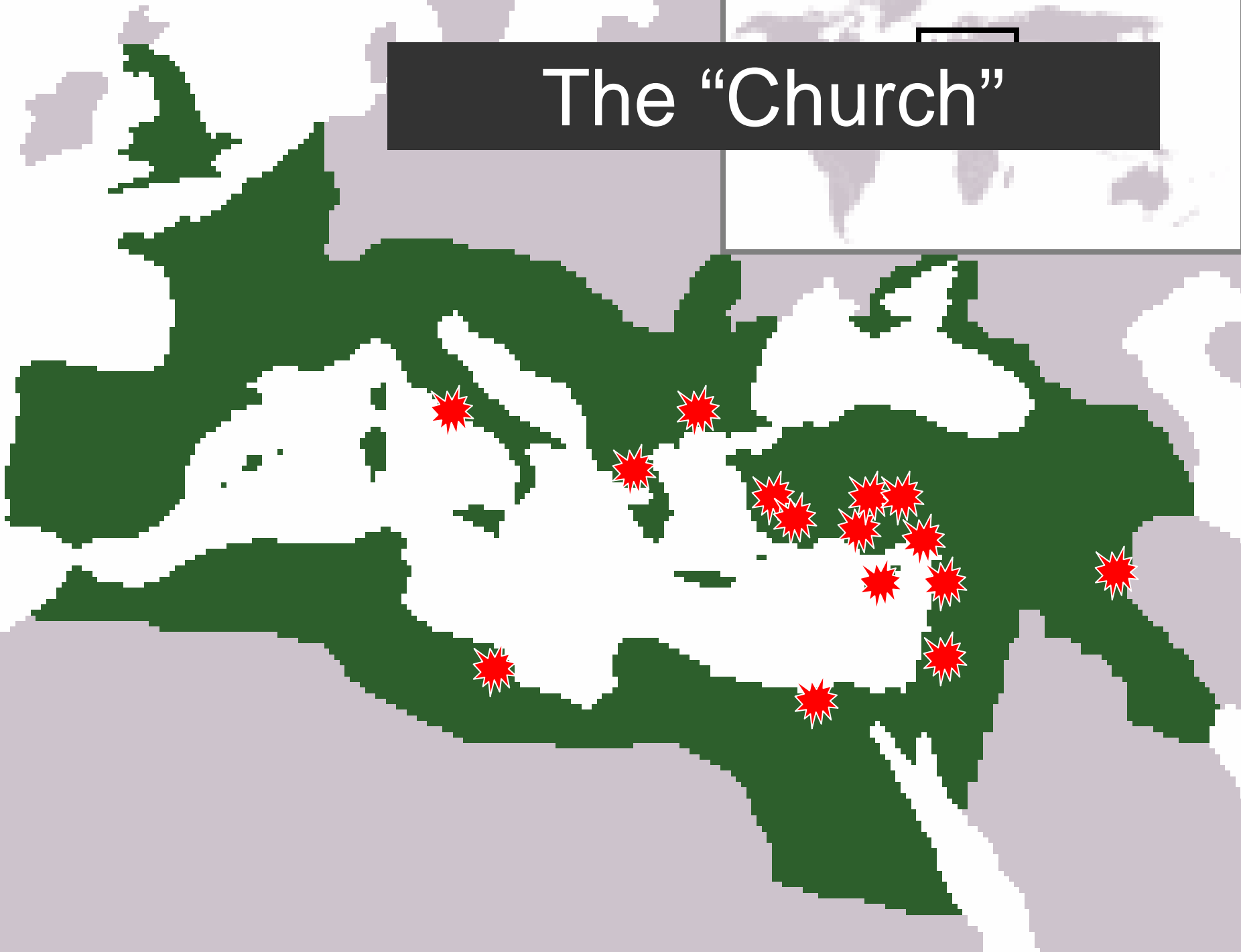
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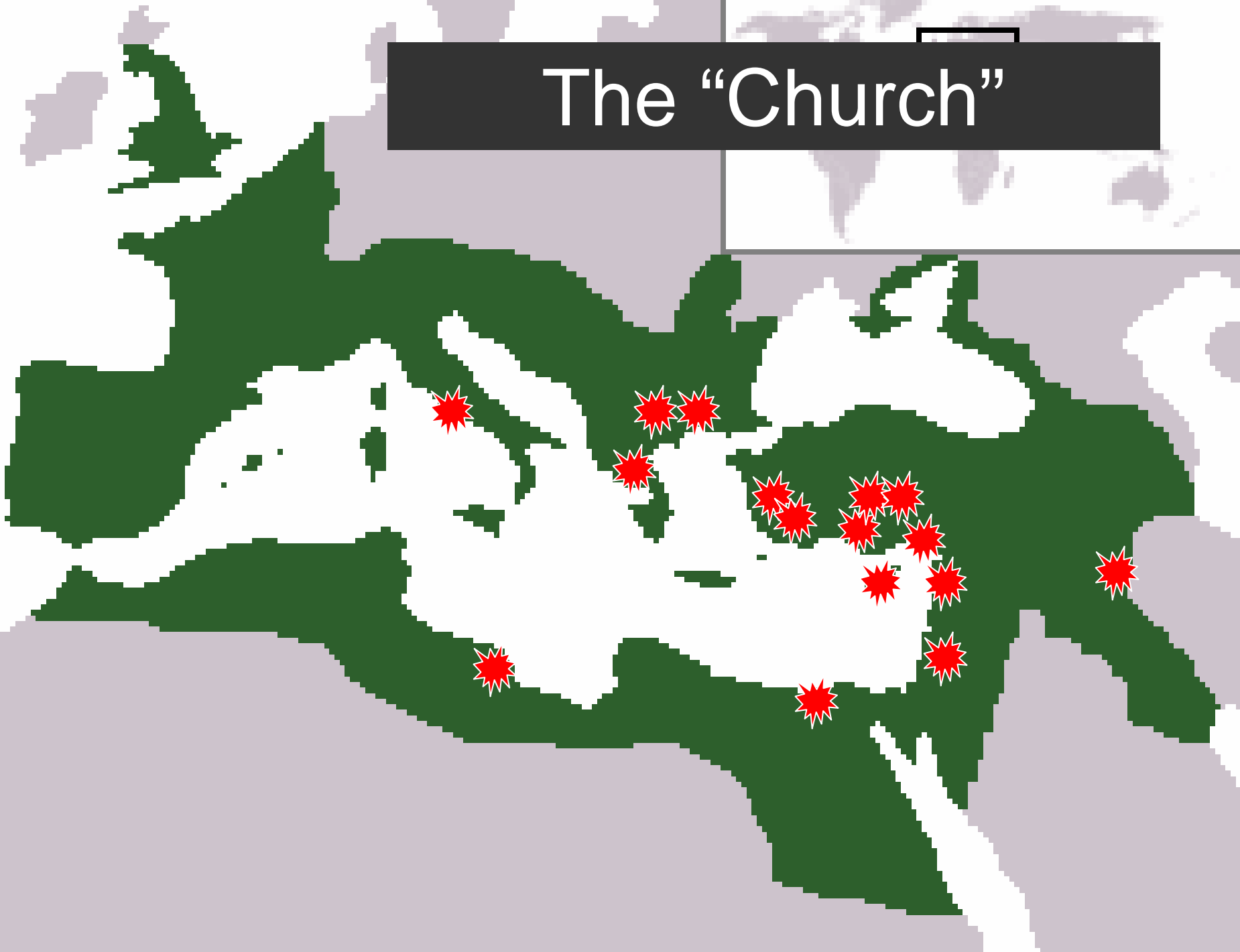
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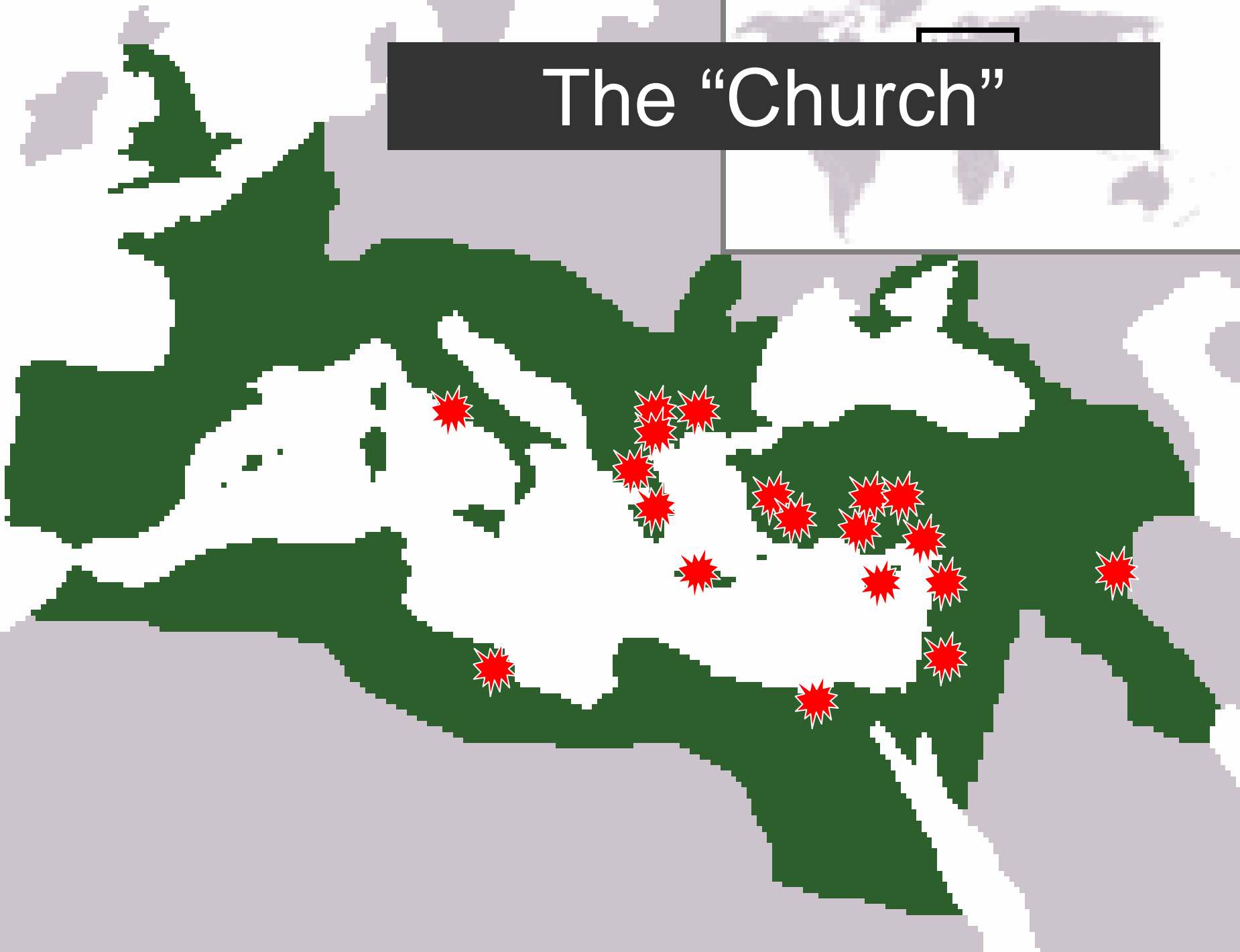
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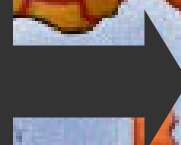


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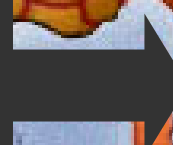
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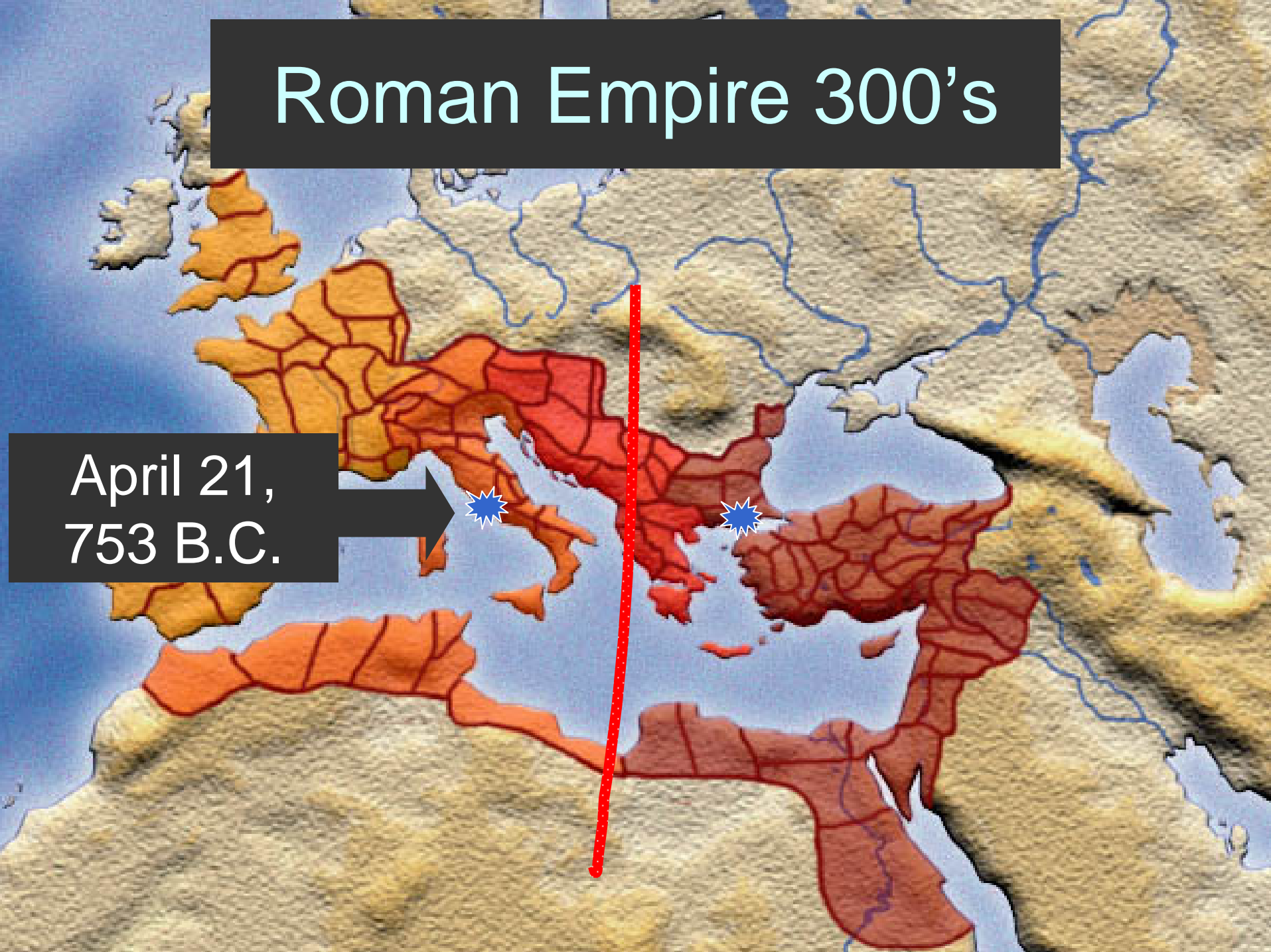
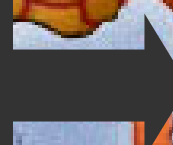
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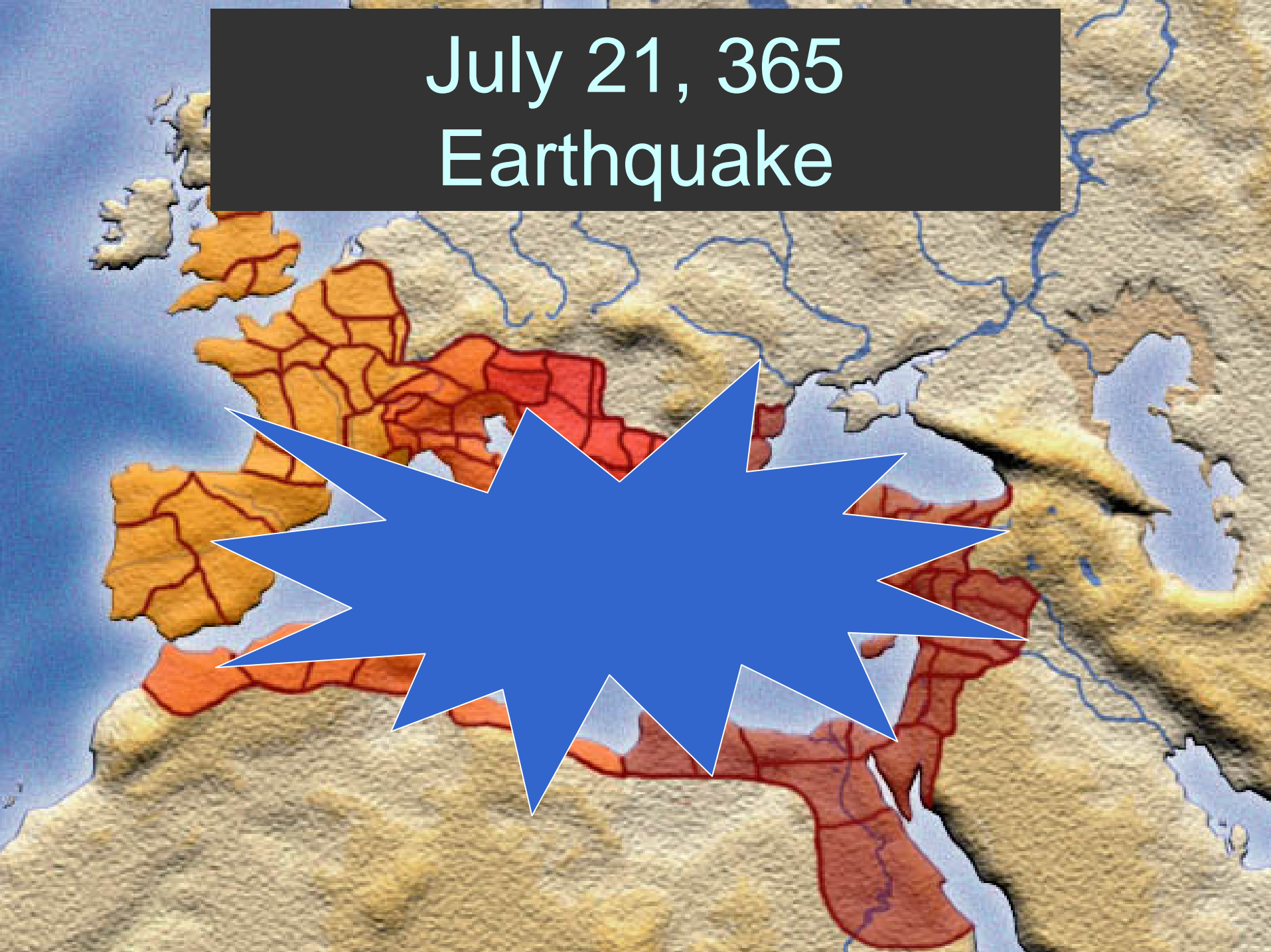
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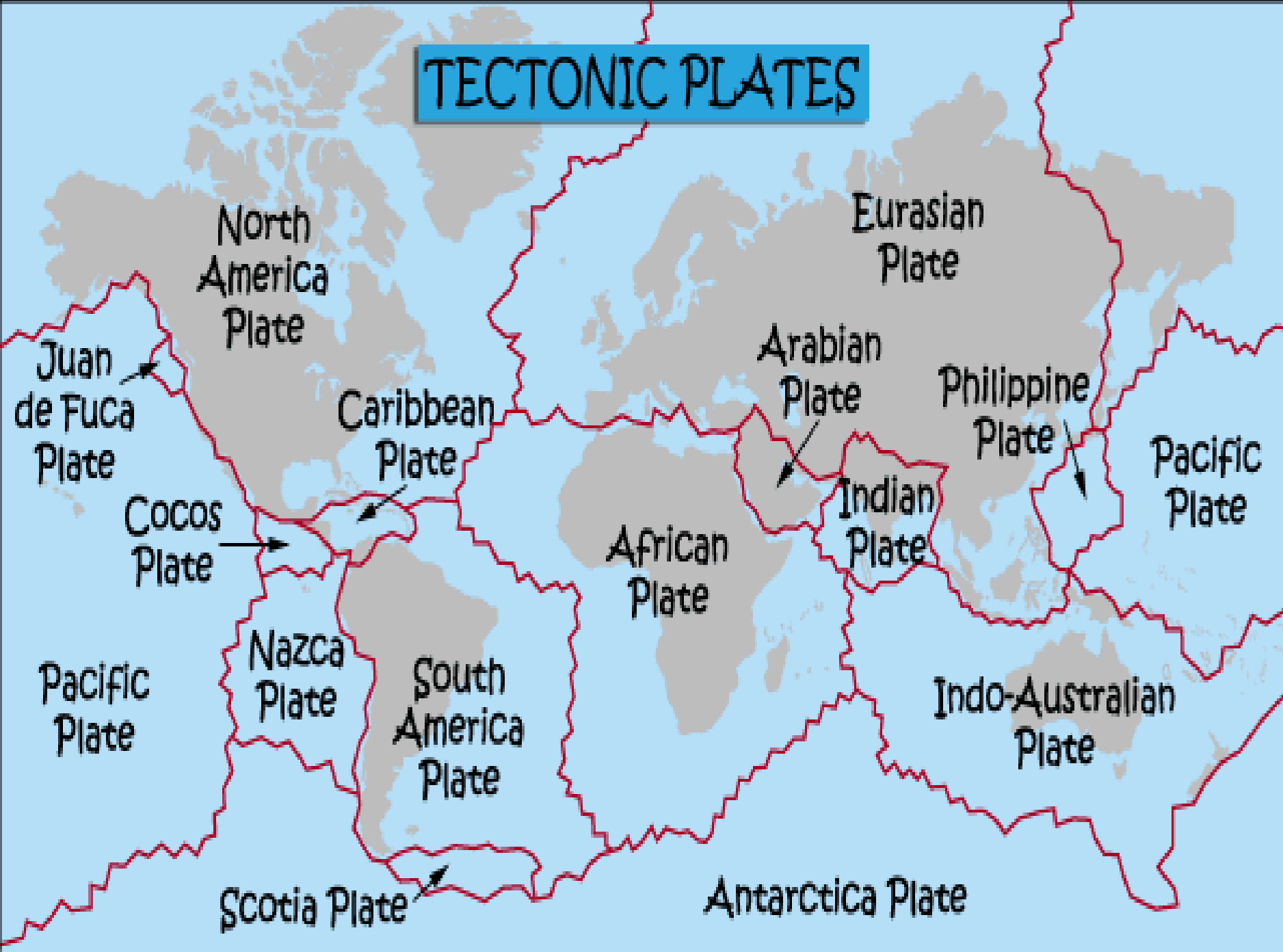
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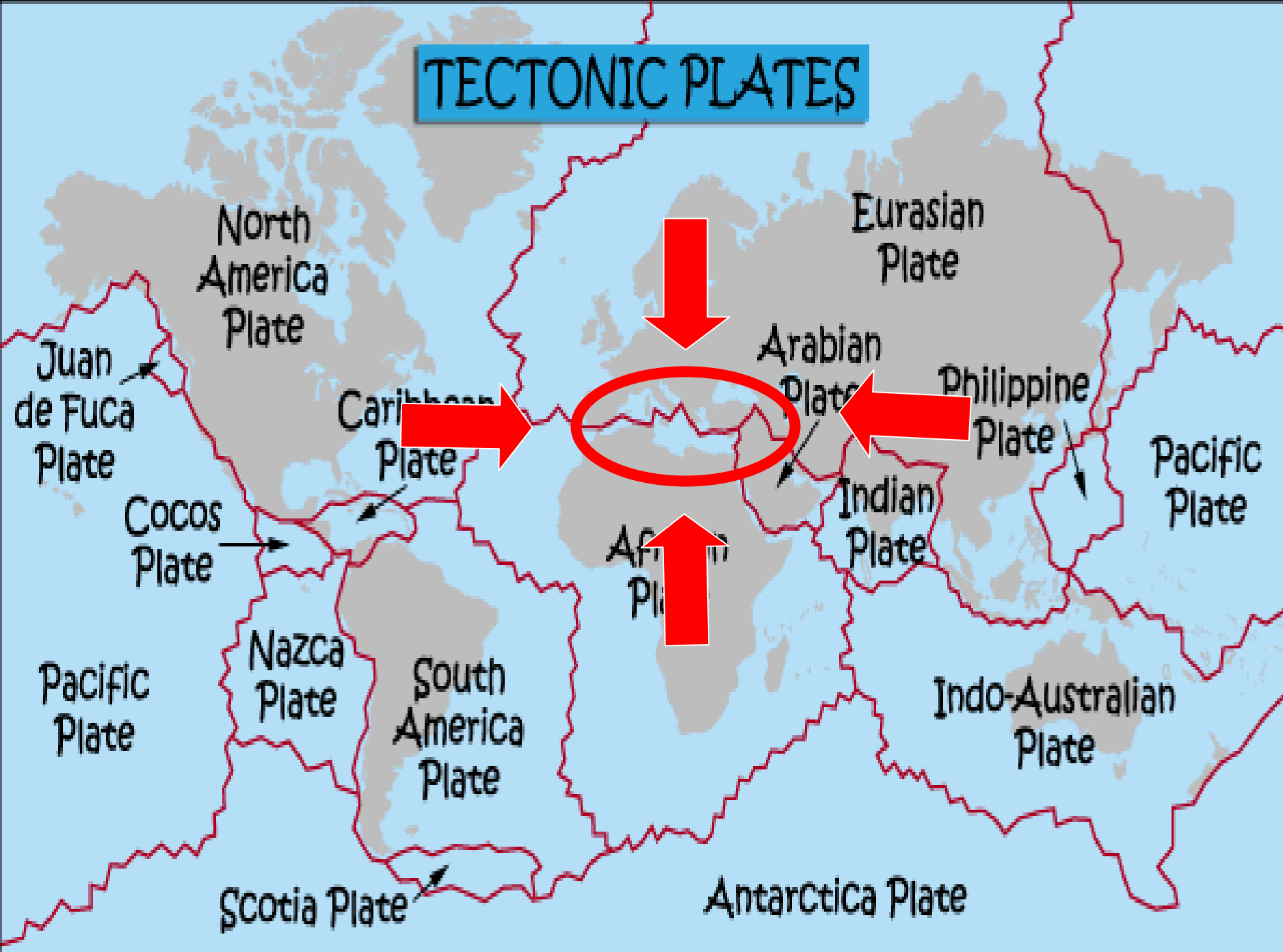
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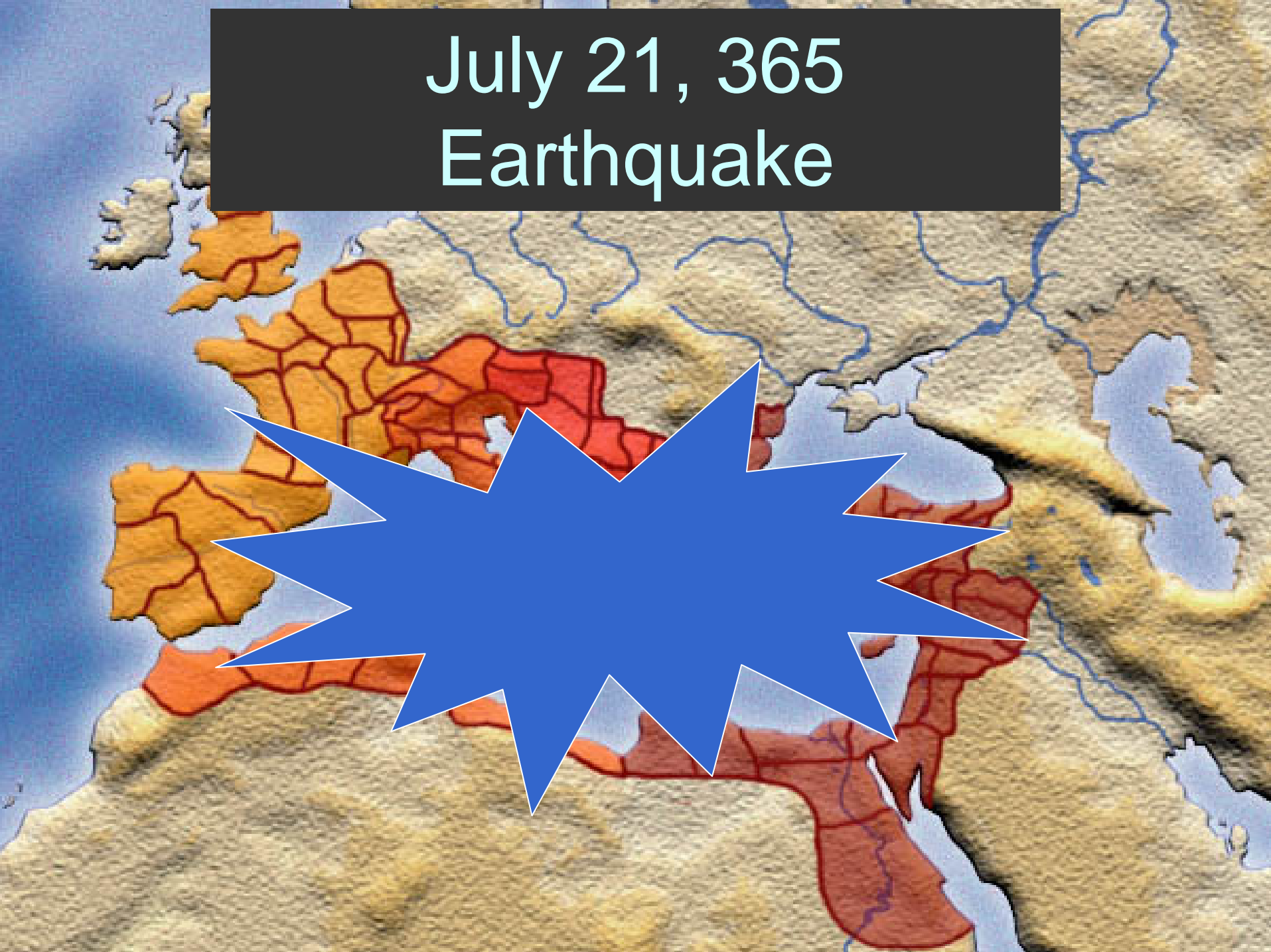
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July 21, 365 Earthquake



July 21, 365
Earthquake

**“Sins and
☐ Heresies!”**



July 21, 365
Earthquake

“Sins and
□ Heresies!”

“Christianity!”



Trouble in the East



Trouble in the East



Visigoths

A map of Europe with a red outline highlighting a large territory in the central and eastern parts of the continent. This territory is shaded in a dark red color. To the west and south of this territory, the land is shaded in lighter orange and yellow tones, indicating other regions. A red starburst symbol is located on the eastern border of the red-shaded area, near the Balkans. The word 'Visigoths' is written in white text inside a black, irregularly shaped box that overlaps the red-shaded territory.

Trouble in the East



Ostrogoths

Visigoths



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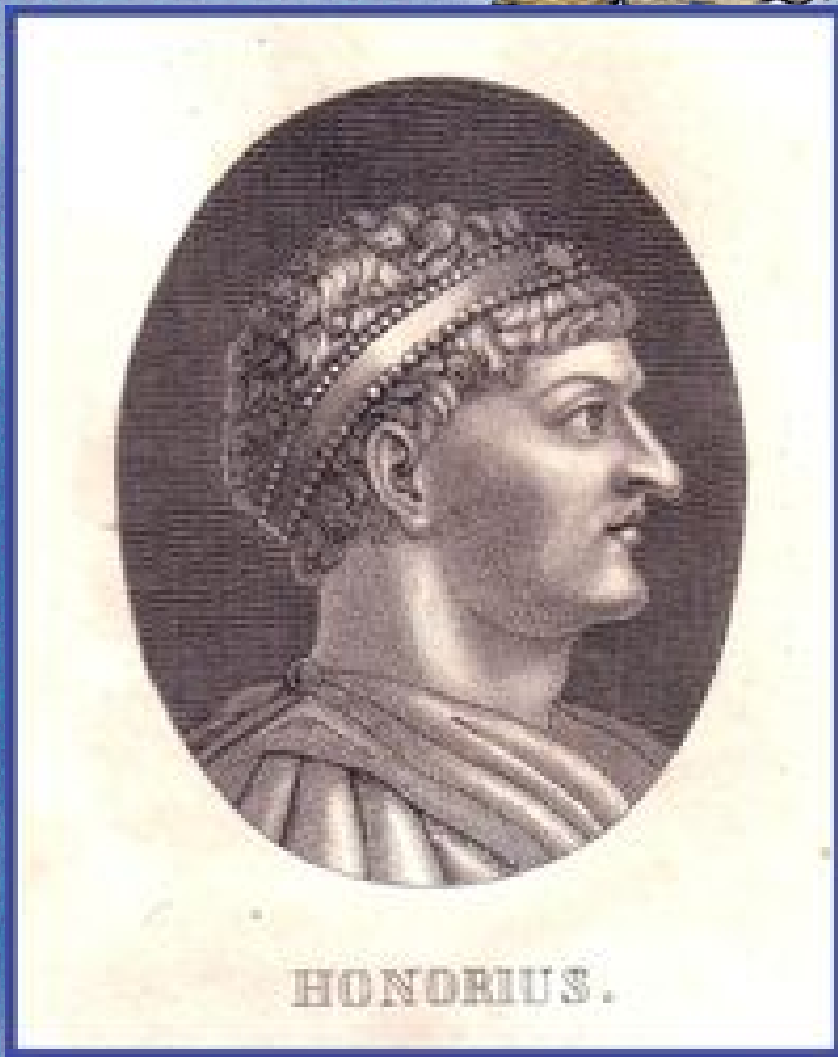


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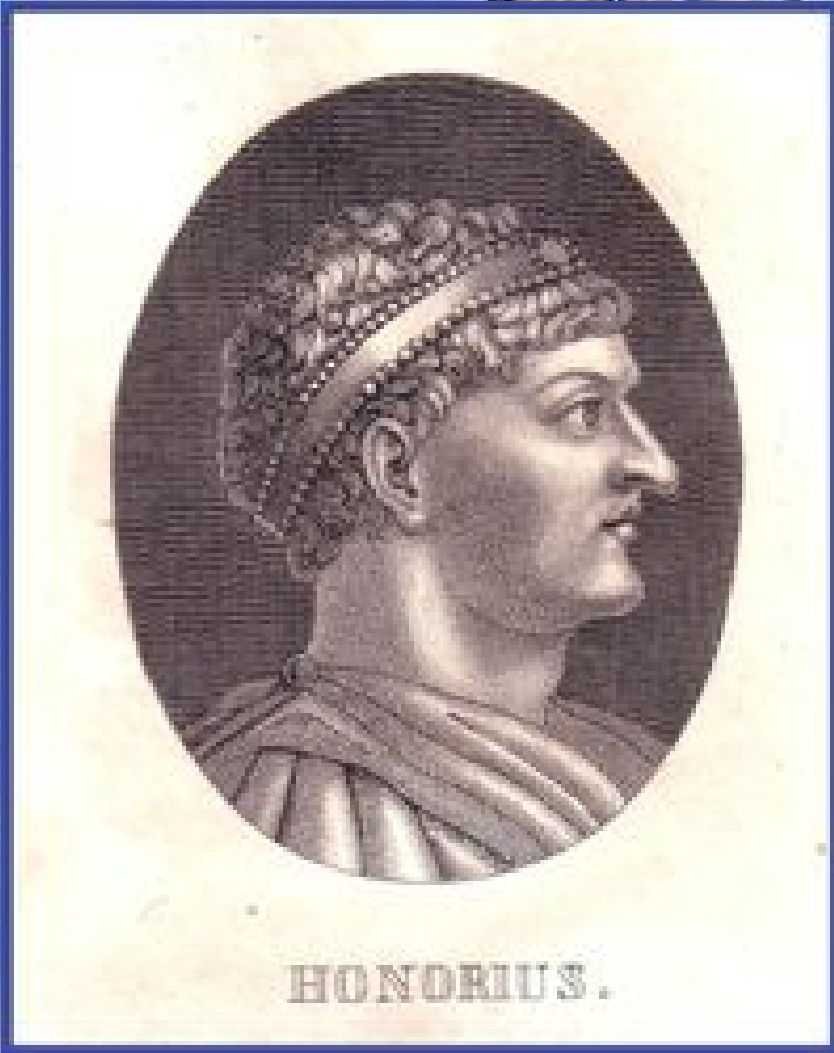
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Buffer Zone

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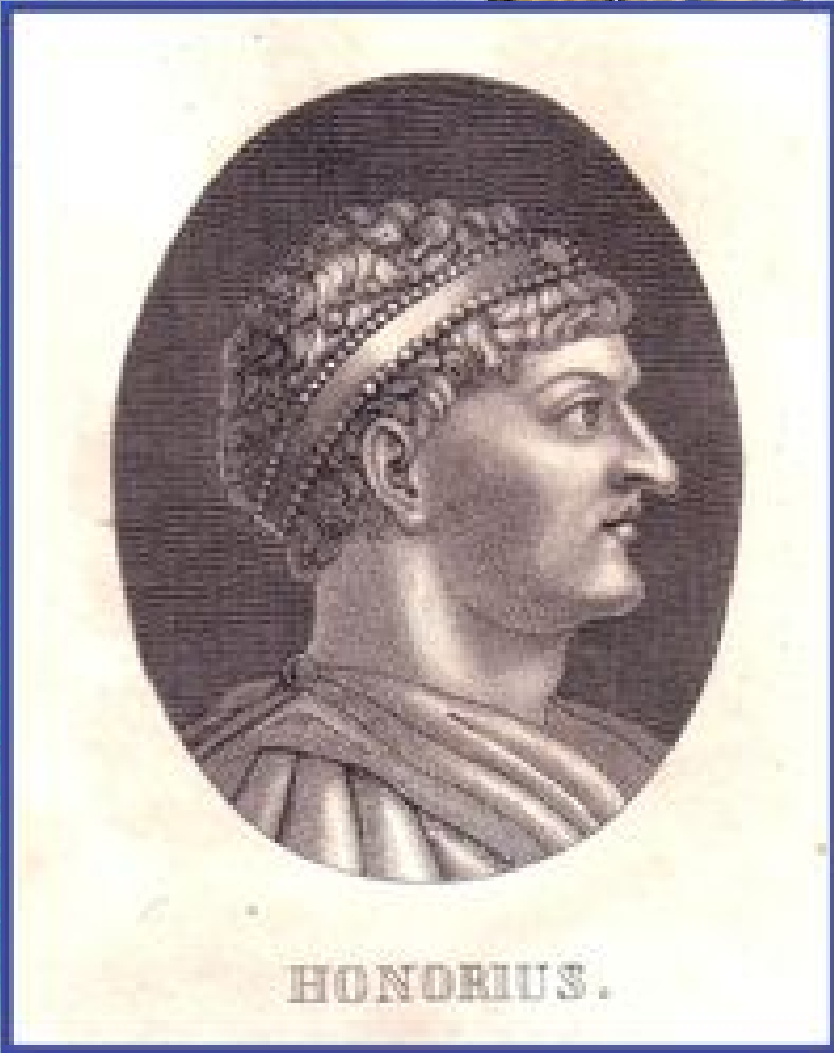
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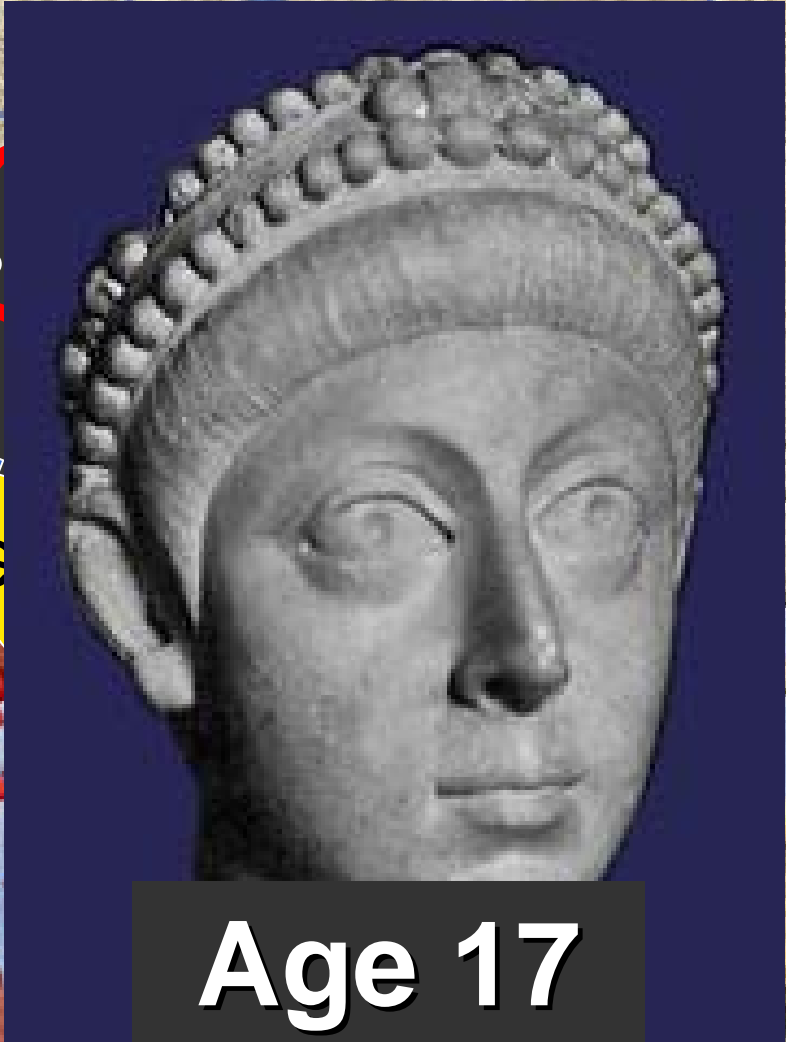
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Age 17

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Age 17

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Ostrogoths

Visigoths

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Rome sacked 410



Ostrogoths

Visigoths

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gods to Christianity

3. Rome was punished for its
sins and heresies

Why was Rome sacked?



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There is the kingdom of God, the kingdom of Satan, and kingdoms of men. They are not the same.



Why was Rome sacked?

Read the Newsweek interview with Billy Graham



Effects of the Fall of Rome



Effects of the Fall of Rome

Society (language, clothing, law, food, rural, etc.)



Effects of the Fall of Rome

Society (language, clothing, law, food, rural, etc.)

Church (international, assumes gov. functions)



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- “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.” (Jn 3:3)
- “For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. For, ‘All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever.’” (I Peter 1:23-25, quoting Isaiah 40:8)

Points for Home

- “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away... I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God...And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes...for the old order of things has passed away.’” (Rev. 21:1-4)