

# 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..  
through  
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.”

A map of Europe with the British Isles highlighted in red. A red rectangular box is drawn over the British Isles, and a black rectangular box is drawn over the rest of Europe. The text "55 - 120 million" is written in white inside the black box.

55 - 120 million



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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



# The “Church”



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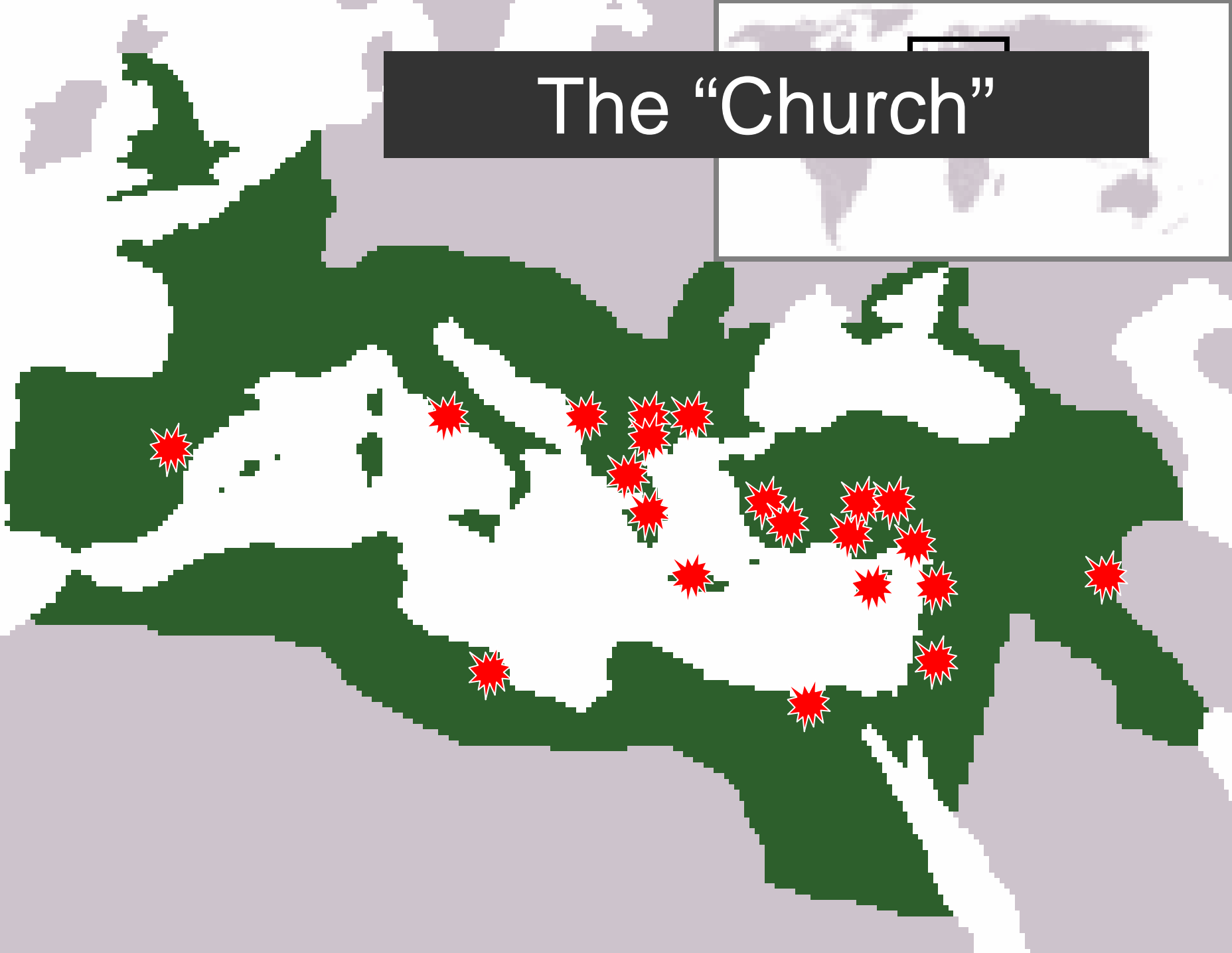
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# Roman Empire 300's



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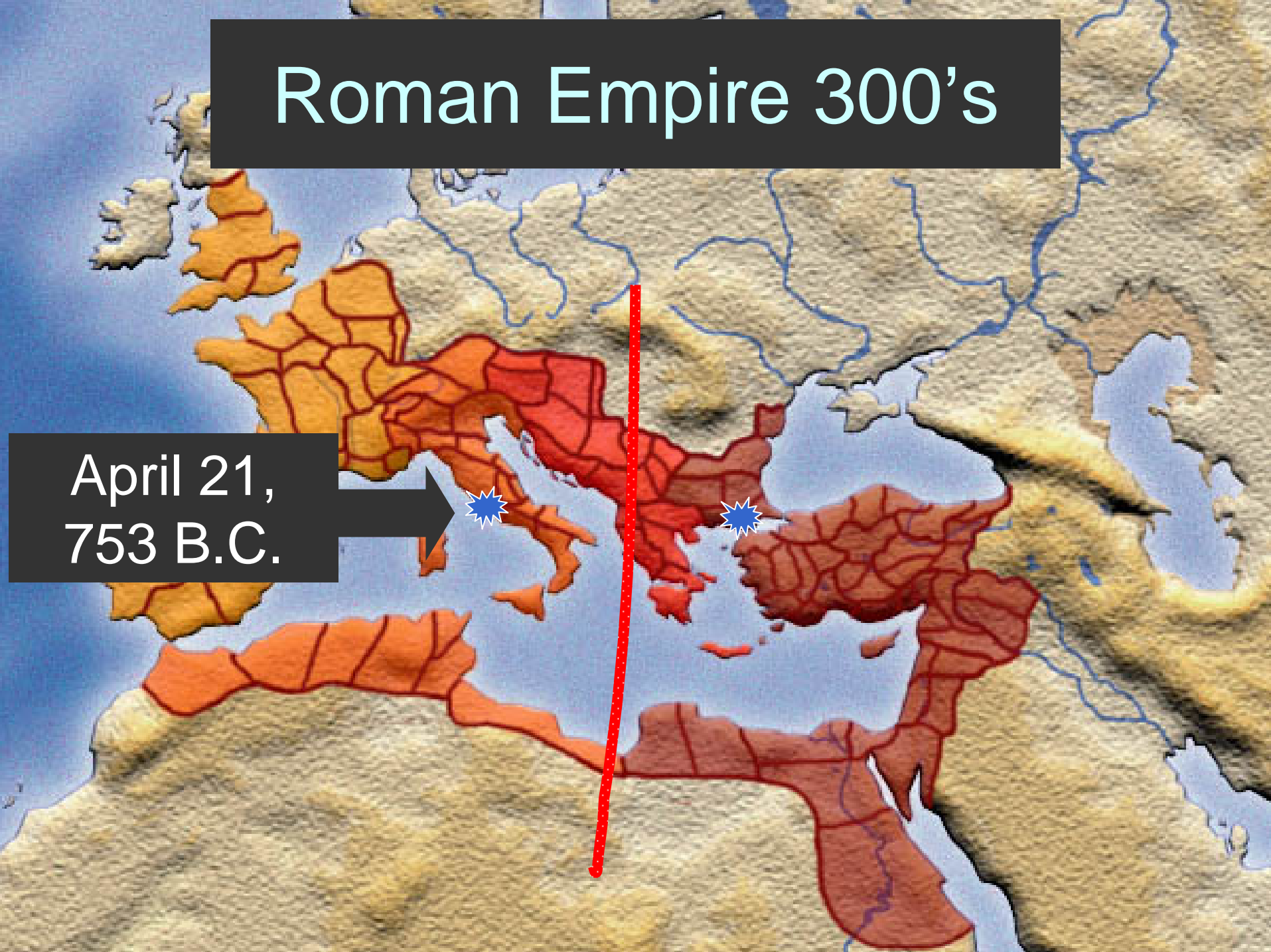
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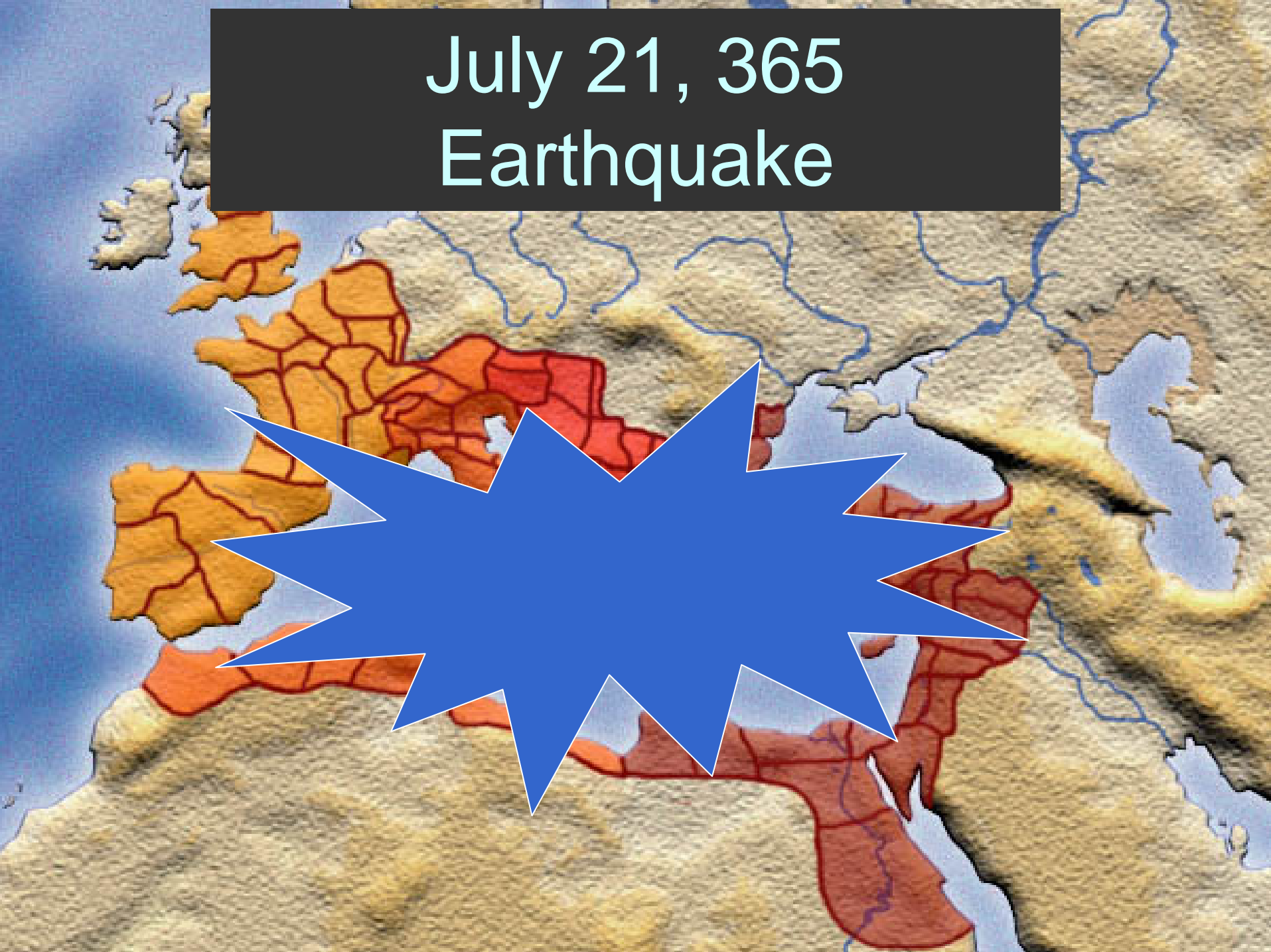
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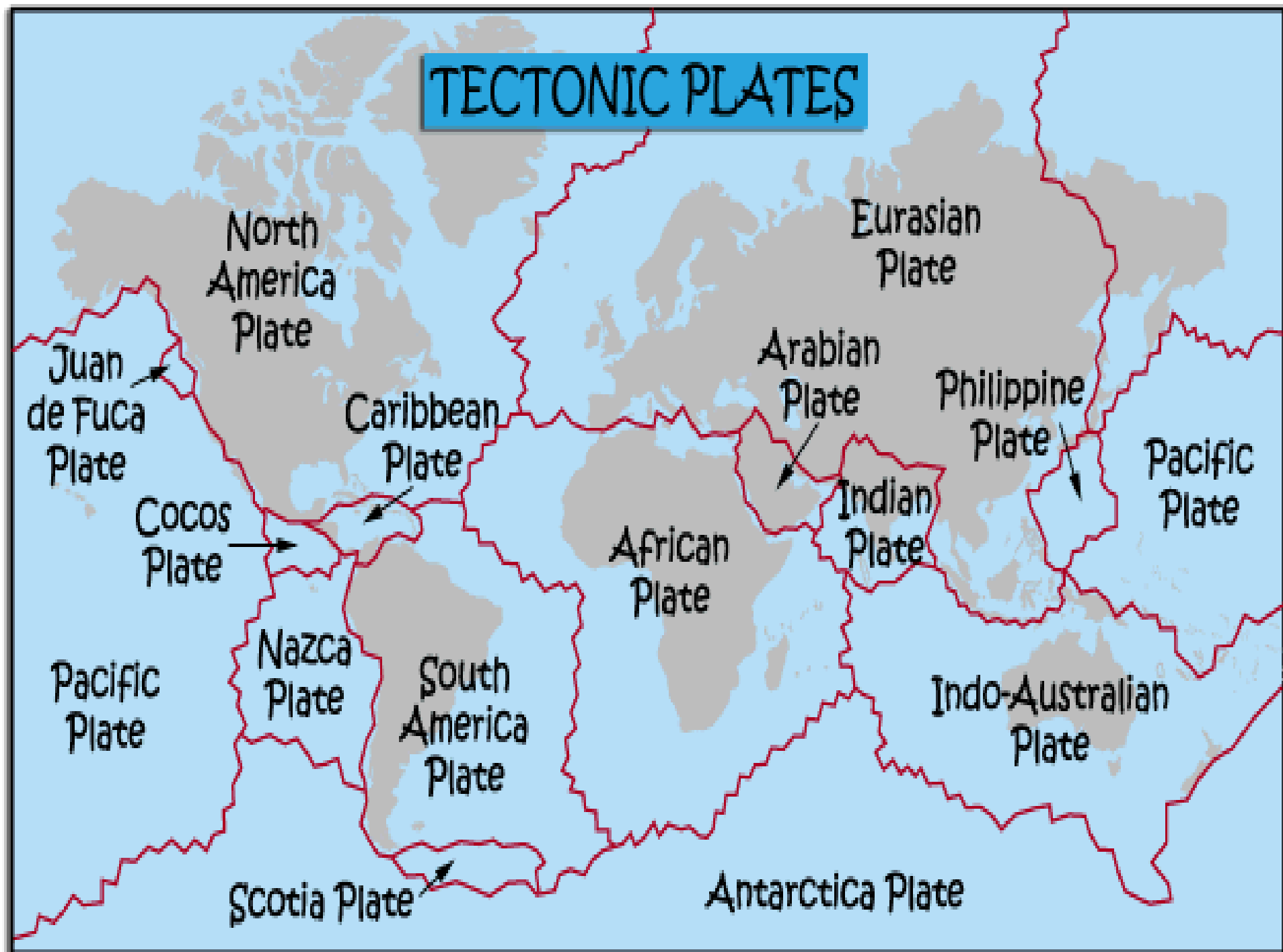
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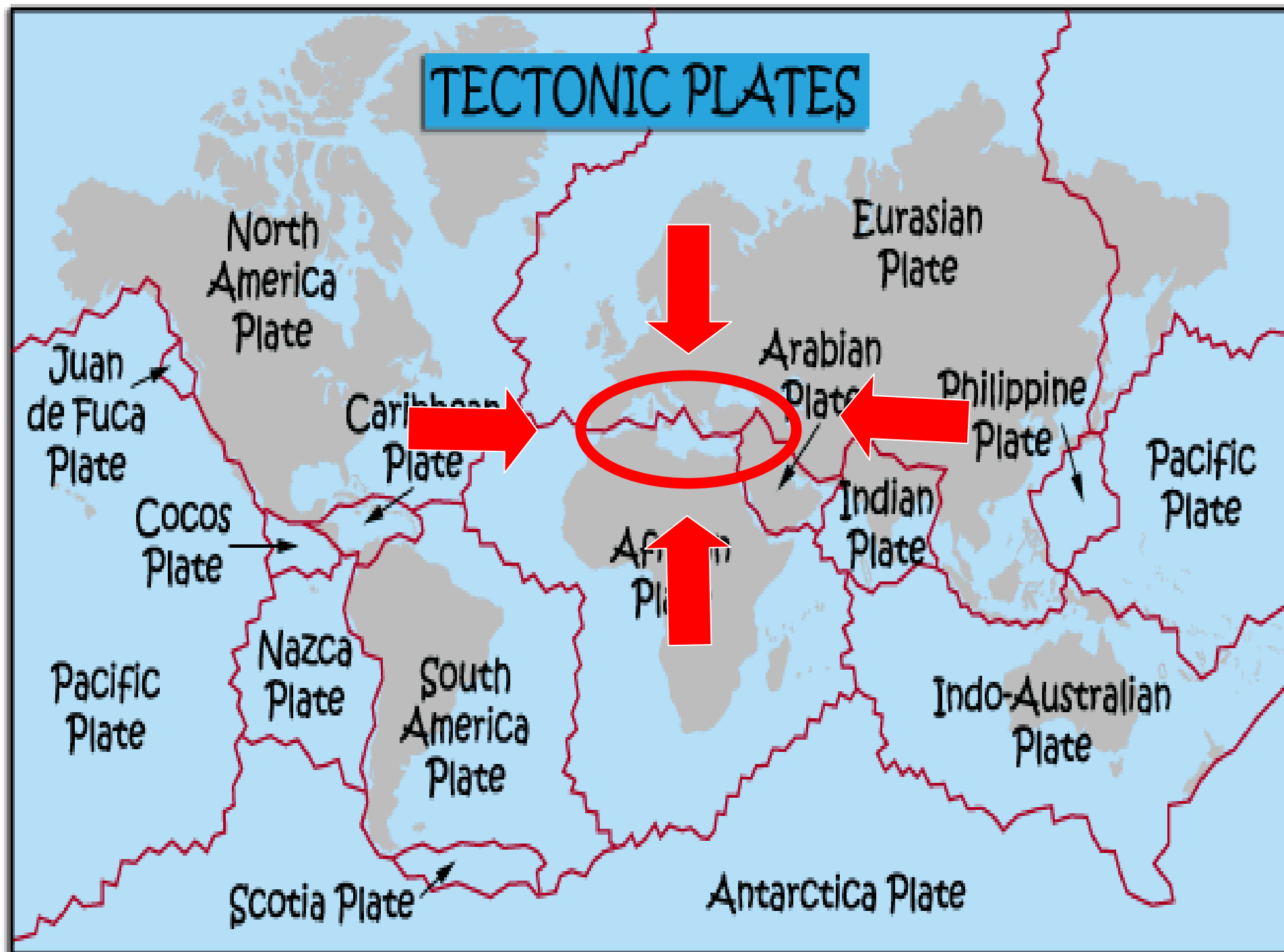
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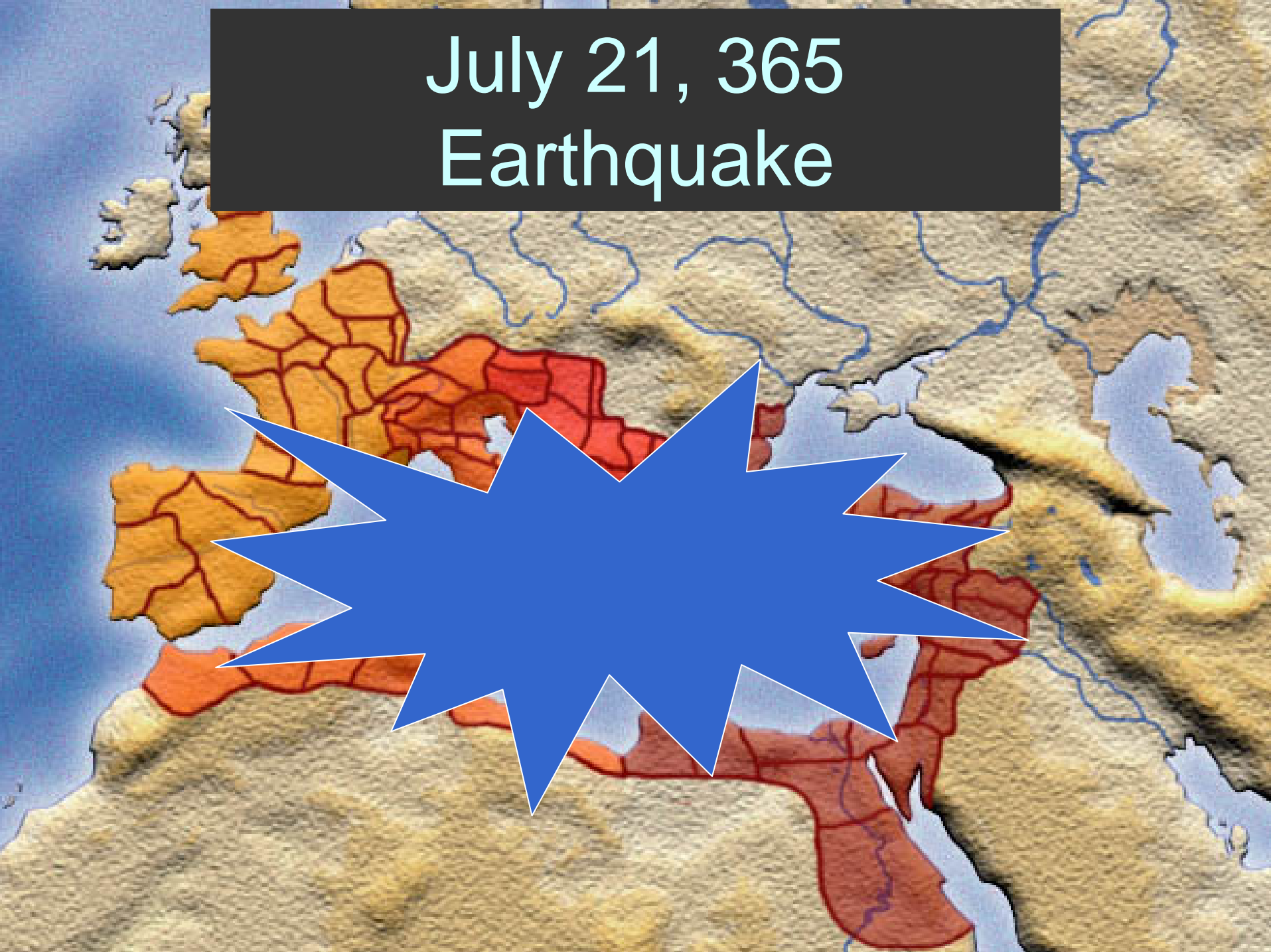


# TECTONIC PLATES





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



A map of Europe showing the Visigothic Kingdom. The kingdom's territory is outlined in red and filled with a red-to-orange gradient. A black label with the word 'Visigoths' is placed over the central part of the kingdom. A red starburst icon is located on the eastern border of the kingdom, near the Mediterranean coast. The map also shows the surrounding landmasses and bodies of water.

Visigoths

Trouble in the East



A map of the Western Roman Empire, showing the Mediterranean Sea and surrounding landmasses. The empire's territory is outlined in red and filled with a light orange color. Within this territory, a large black area is outlined in red, representing the lands of the Ostrogoths and Visigoths. The text 'Ostrogoths' is written in white above the text 'Visigoths', which is also in white. A small red starburst icon is located in the eastern part of the empire, near the border with the Eastern Roman Empire.

Ostrogoths  
Visigoths

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Ostrogoths

Visigoths

Enter Theodosius



Ostrogoths

Visigoths

Buffer Zone

Enter Theodosius



HONORIUS.



Exit Theodosius



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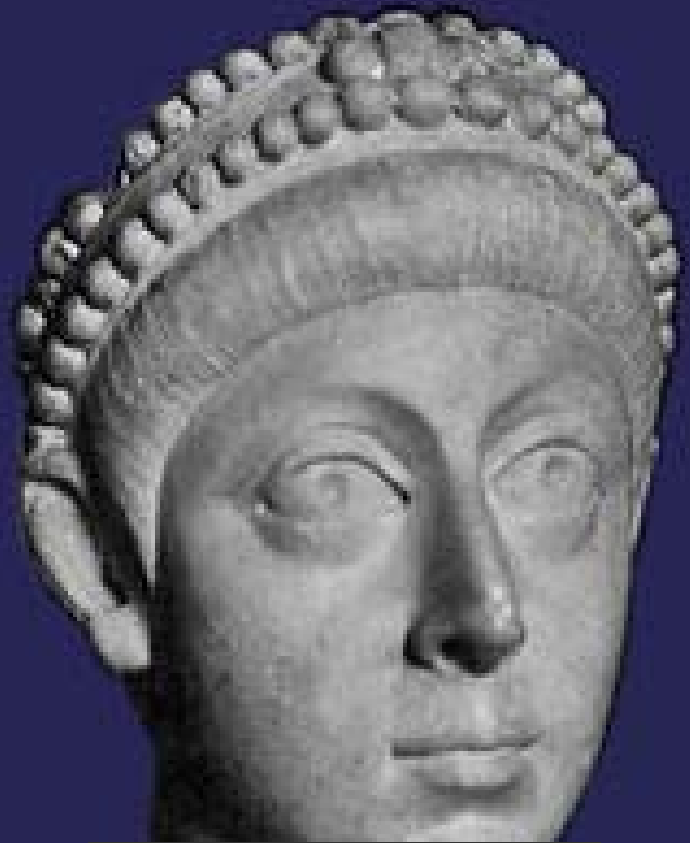


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Age 17

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**Age 11**



**Age 17**

**Exit Theodosius**



Ostrogoths

Visigoths

Buffer Zone



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Rome sacked 410



Ostrogoths

Visigoths

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## Why was Rome sacked?



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2. Rome had turned from its  
gods to Christianity



Why was Rome sacked?

A background map of the Roman Empire and surrounding regions. The Roman Empire is highlighted in red, showing its extent from the British Isles to the Persian Gulf. Other regions are colored in shades of blue, yellow, and orange. The map is partially obscured by text boxes.

1. Too weak to withstand the  
Goths and Huns

2. Rome had turned from its  
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





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



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**Society (language, clothing,  
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**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)