

# From the Fall of Han to the Tang Dynasty

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# Northern and Southern Dynasties Period

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## Western Region States

## Northern Dynasties

Northern Wei 386 ~ 535

Western Wei 535 ~ 557 Northern Zhou 557 ~ 581	Eastern Wei 534 ~ 550 Northern Qi 550 ~ 577
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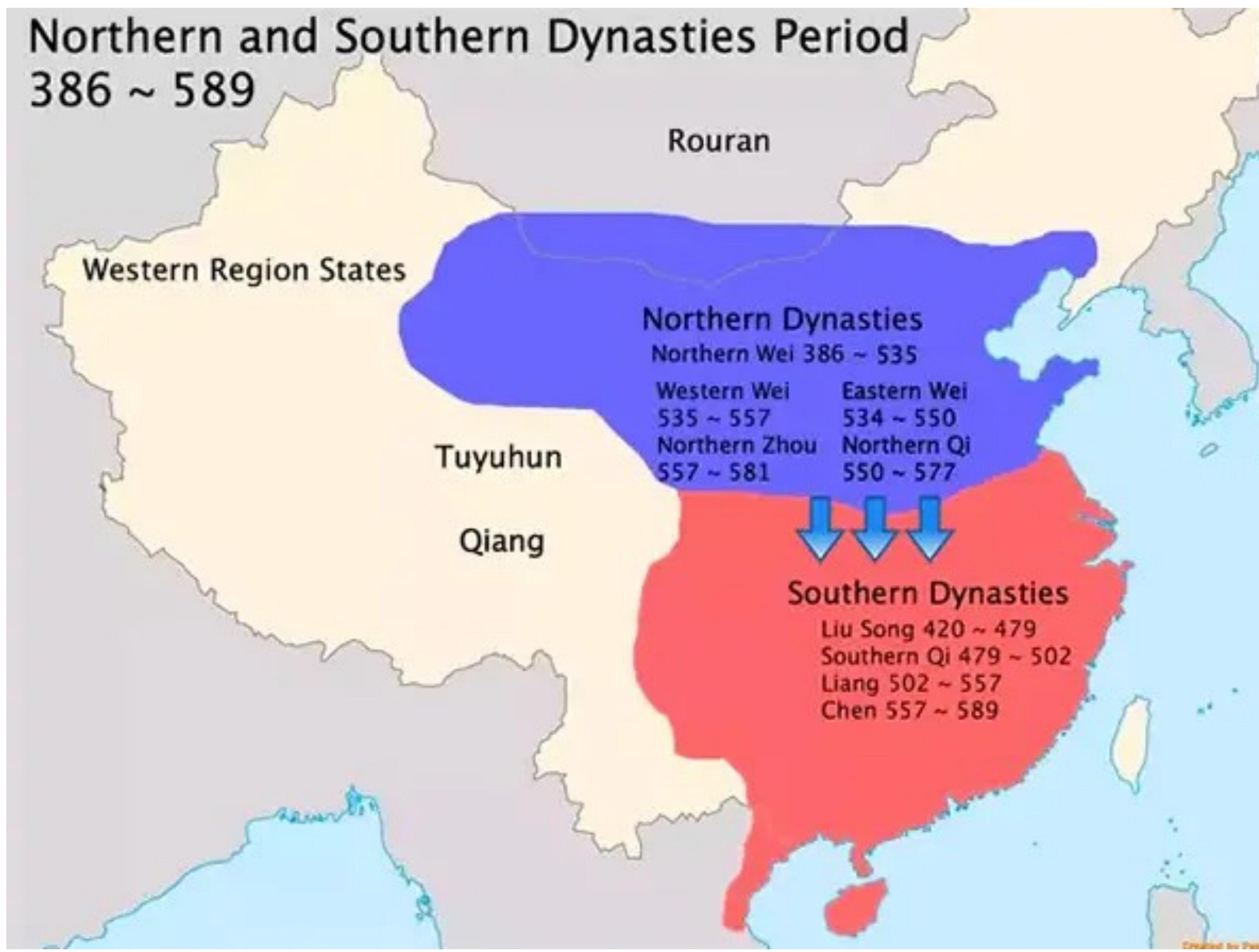
## Tuyuhun

## Qiang

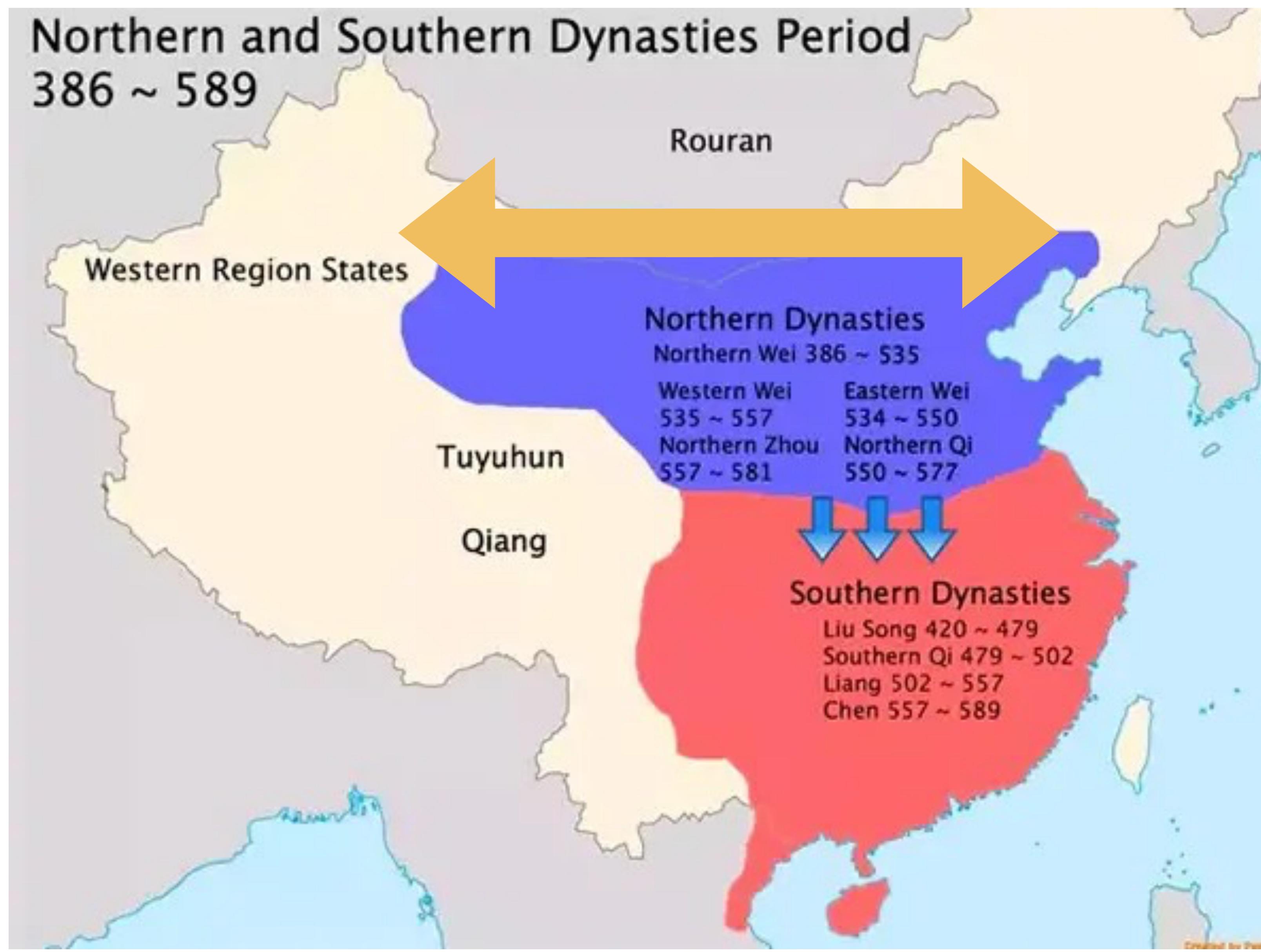
## Southern Dynasties

Liu Song 420 ~ 479  
Southern Qi 479 ~ 502  
Liang 502 ~ 557  
Chen 557 ~ 589

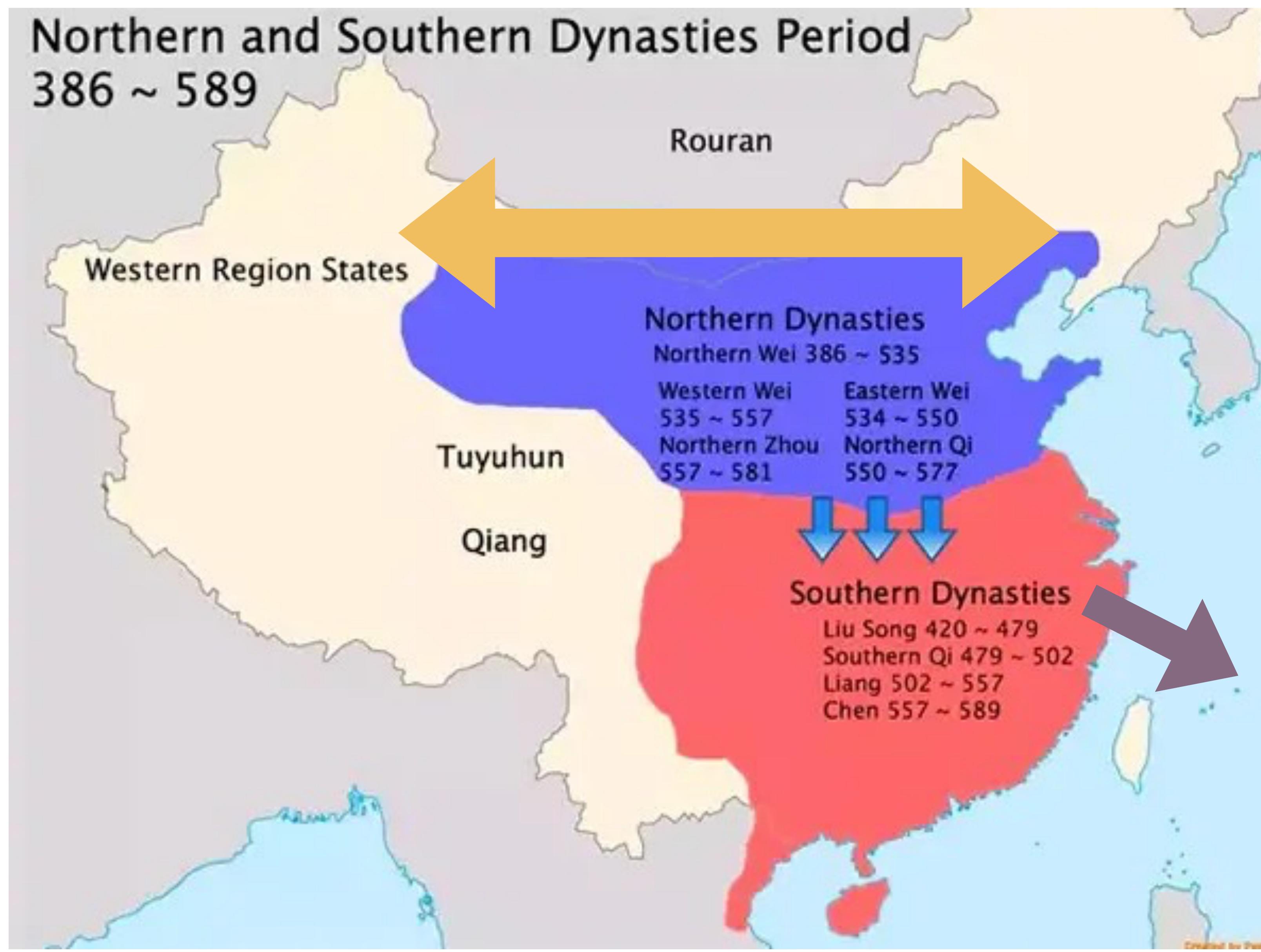
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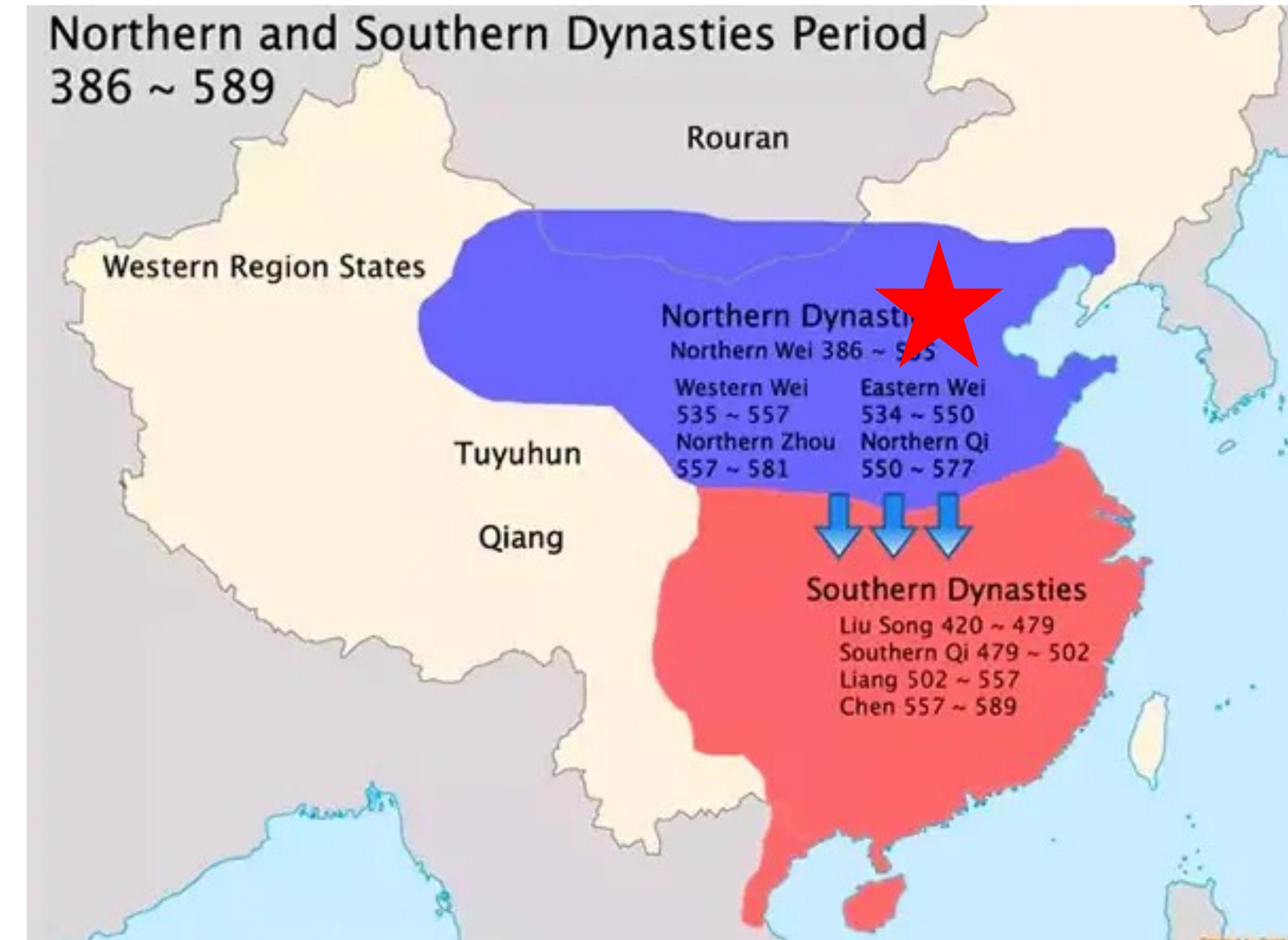
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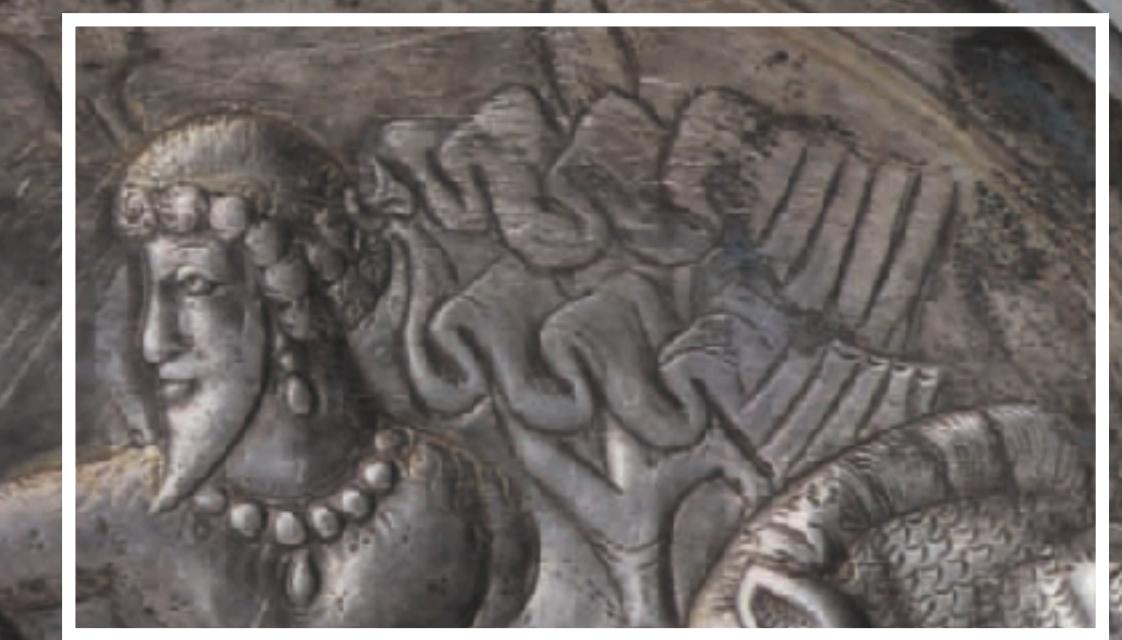
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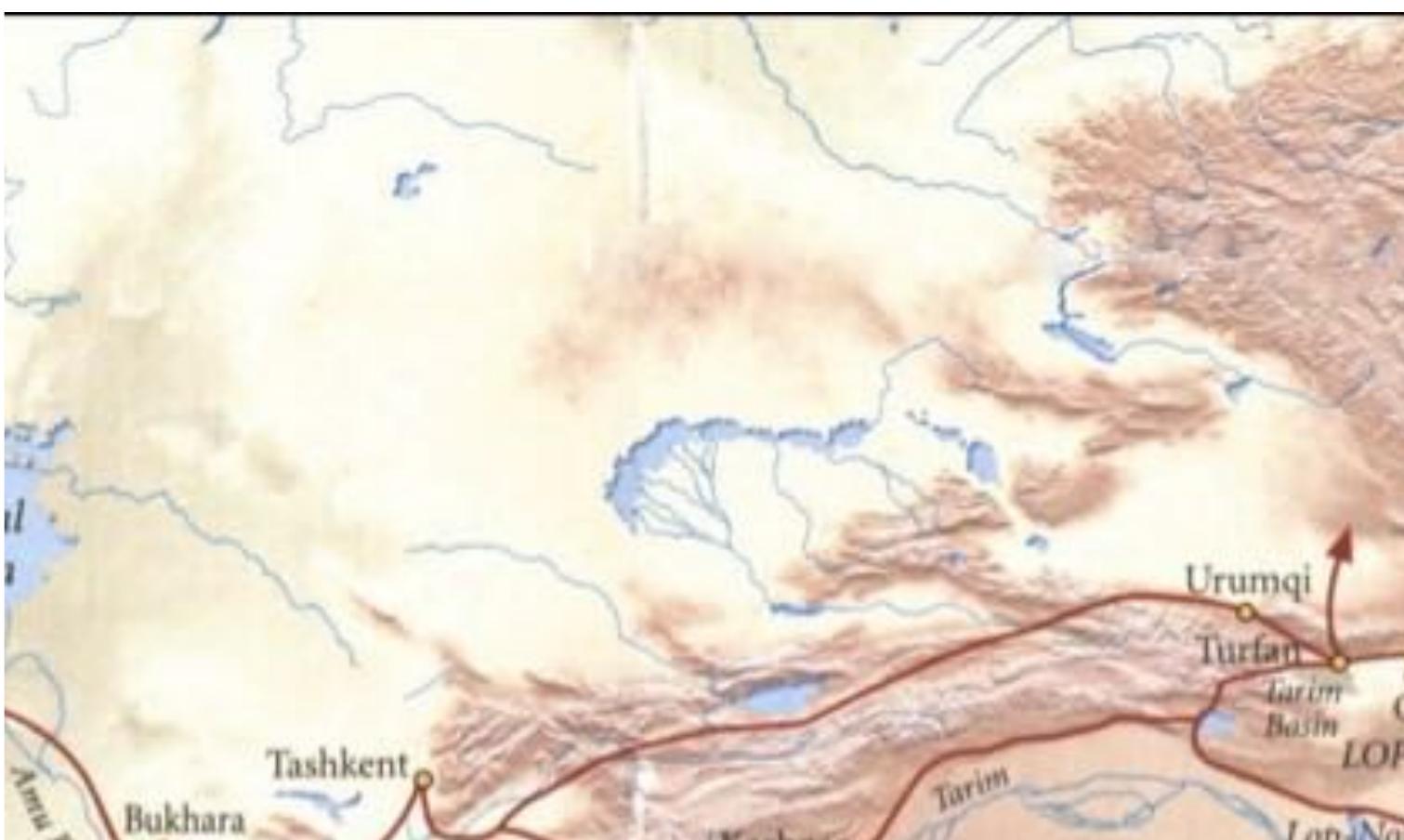


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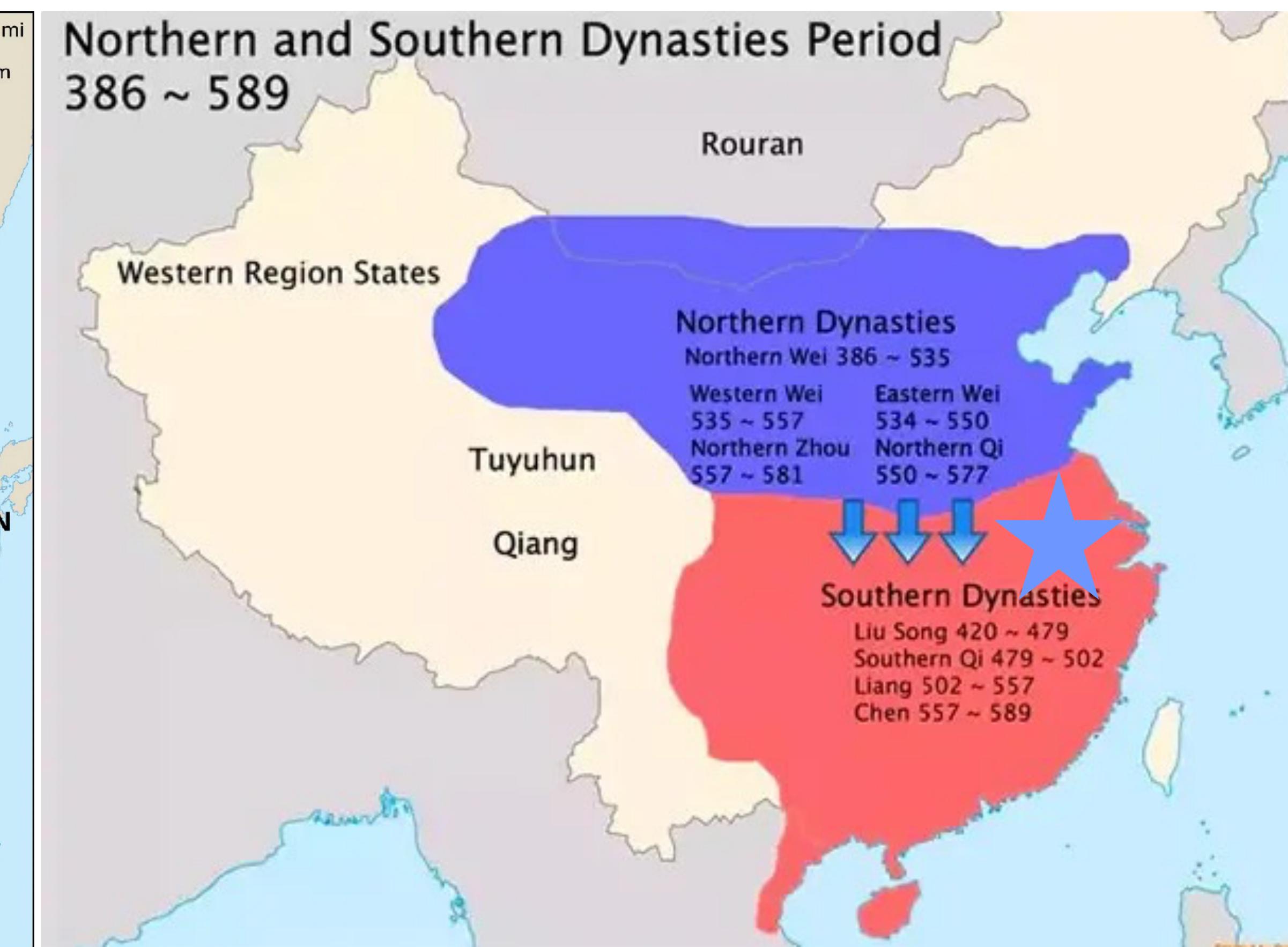
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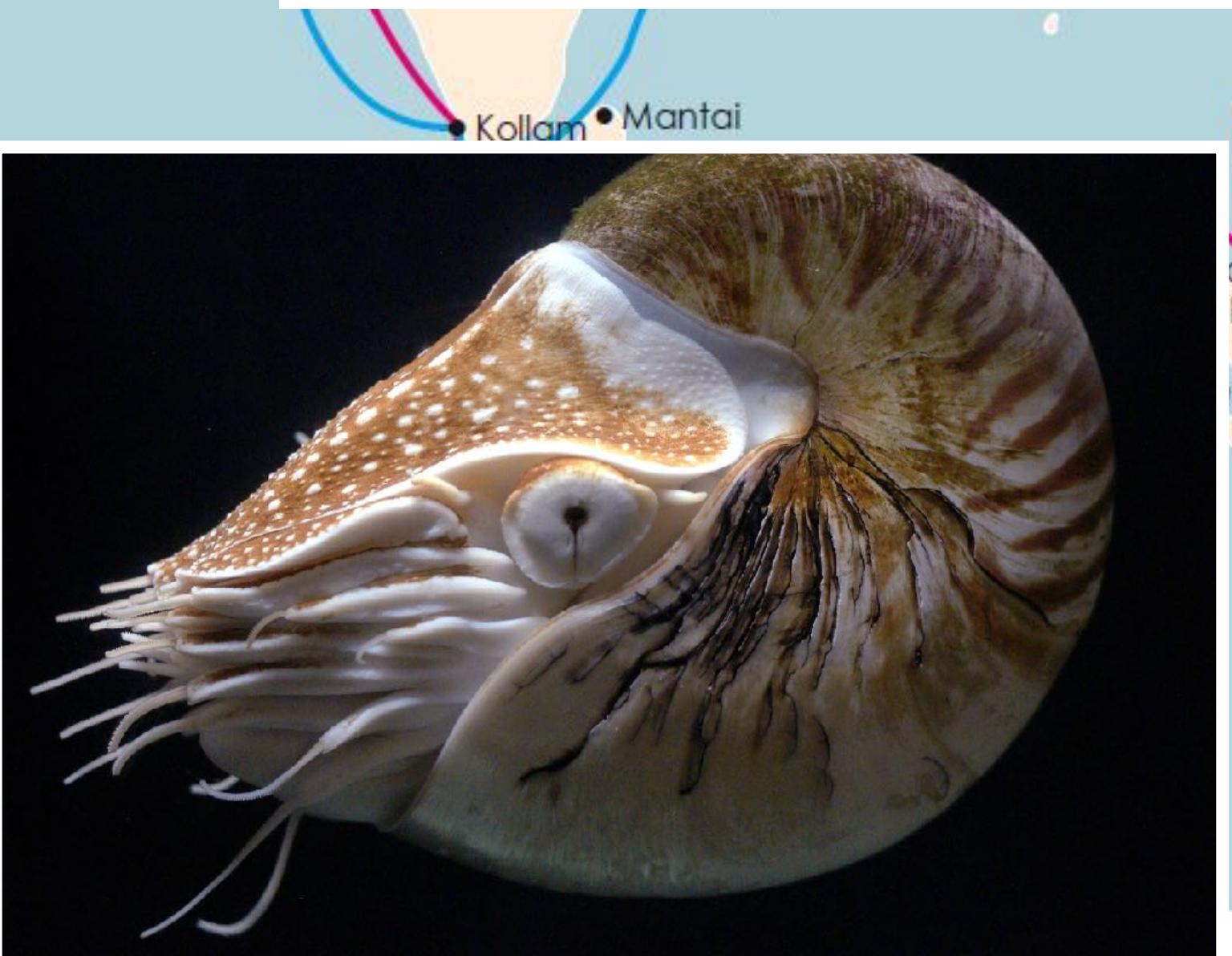
Handle





## Drinking Cup

Lacquered wood; c. 317-420  
Nanchang Municipal Museum



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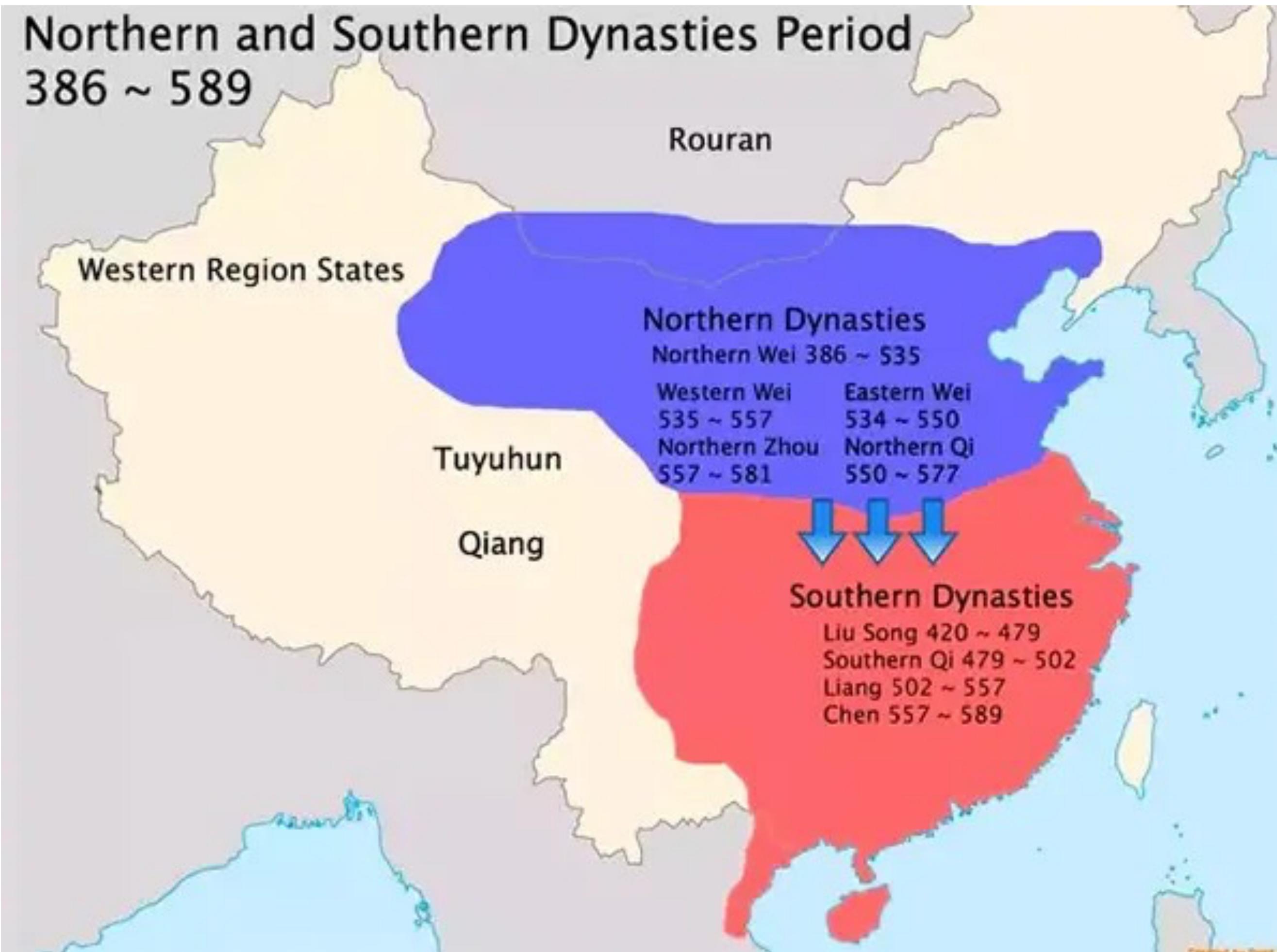
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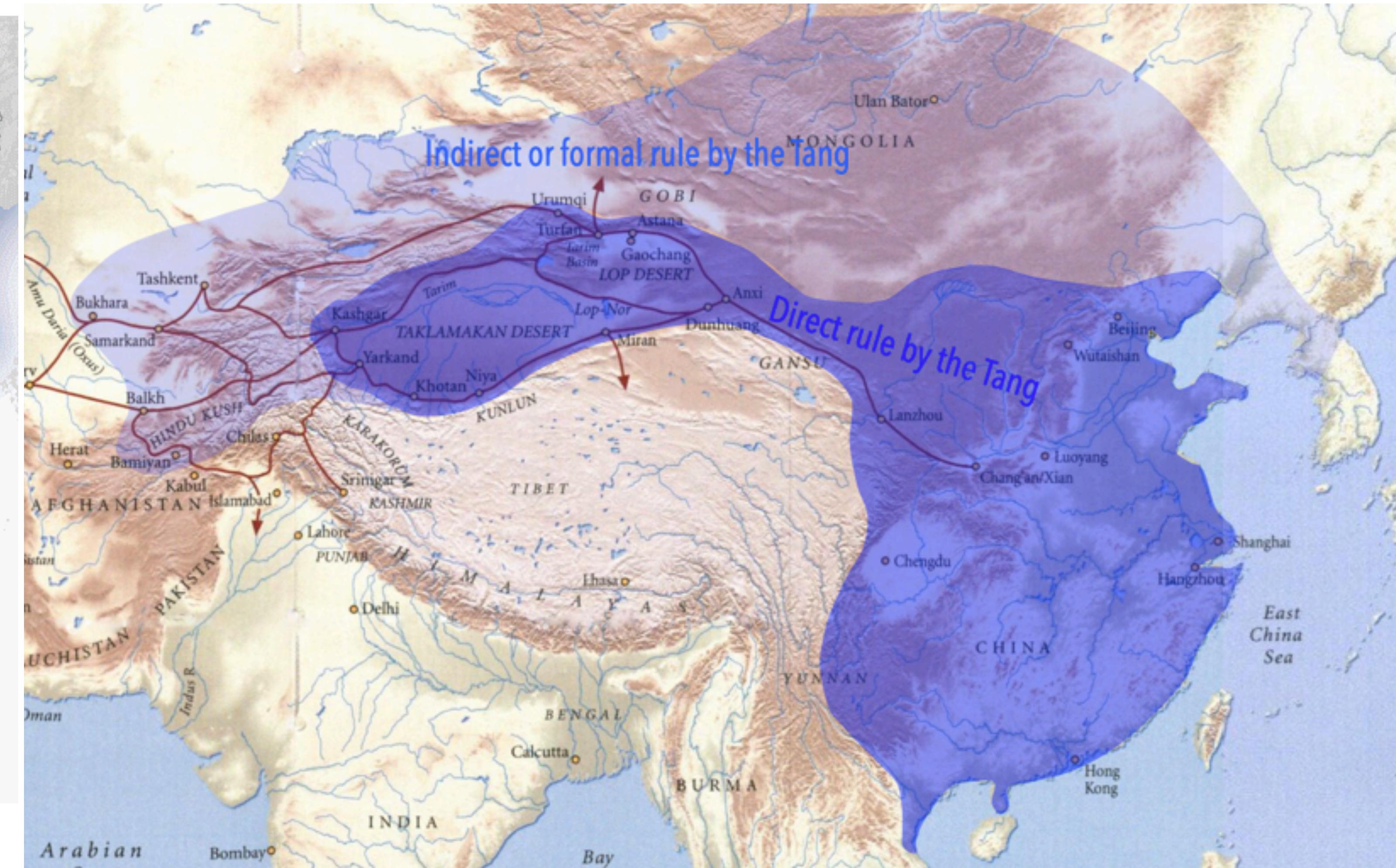
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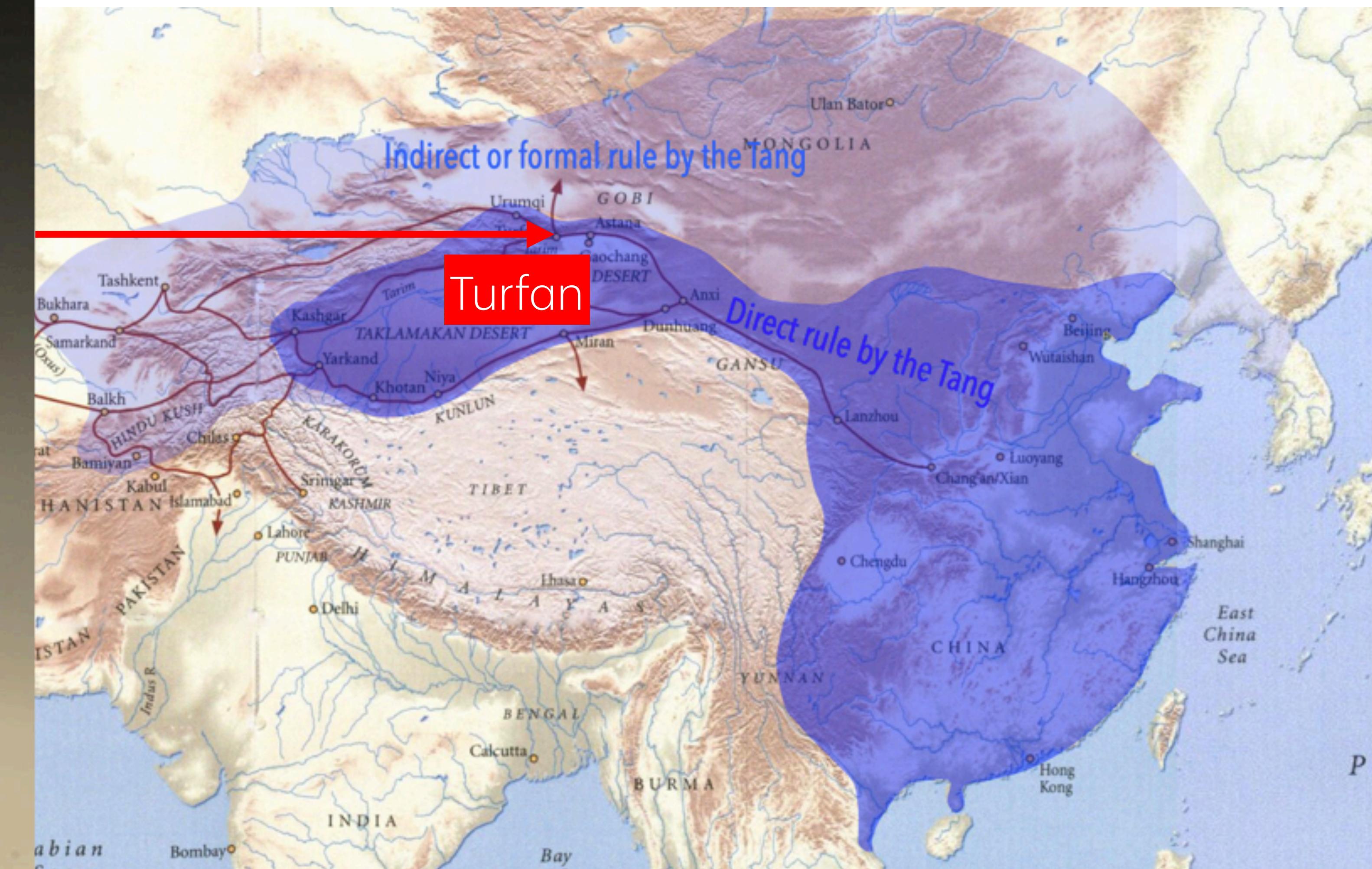
## **Female Figure**

Tang Dynasty (618-907)

Wood with pigments, paper, and silk

Excavated from the tomb of Zhang Xiong (d. 633) and his wife Lady Qu (d. 688) in Astana, Turfan, Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region

Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region Museum











## ***Child's Coat with Ducks in Pearl Medallions***

8th century; Uzbekistan

The Cleveland Museum of Art

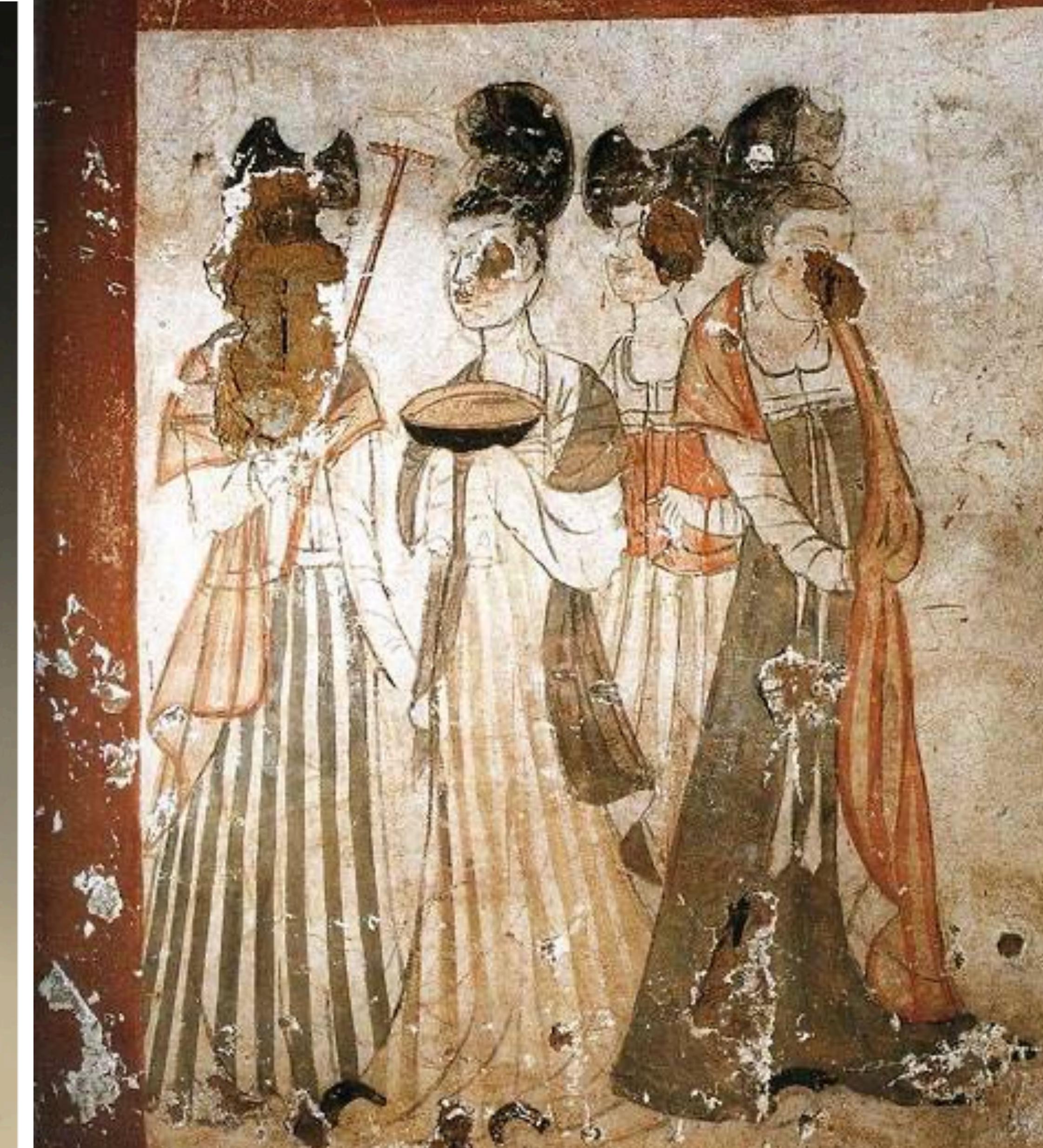


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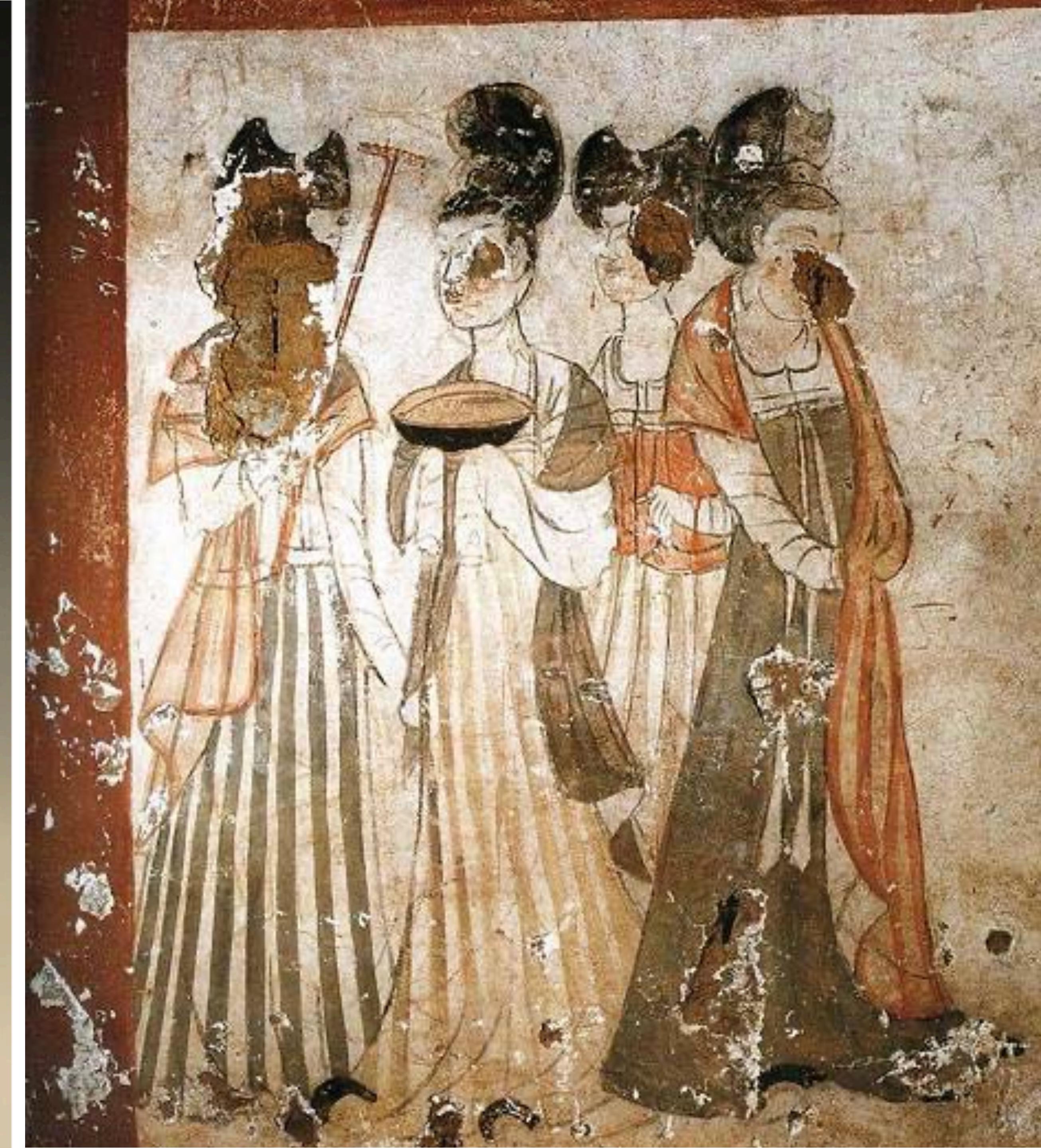


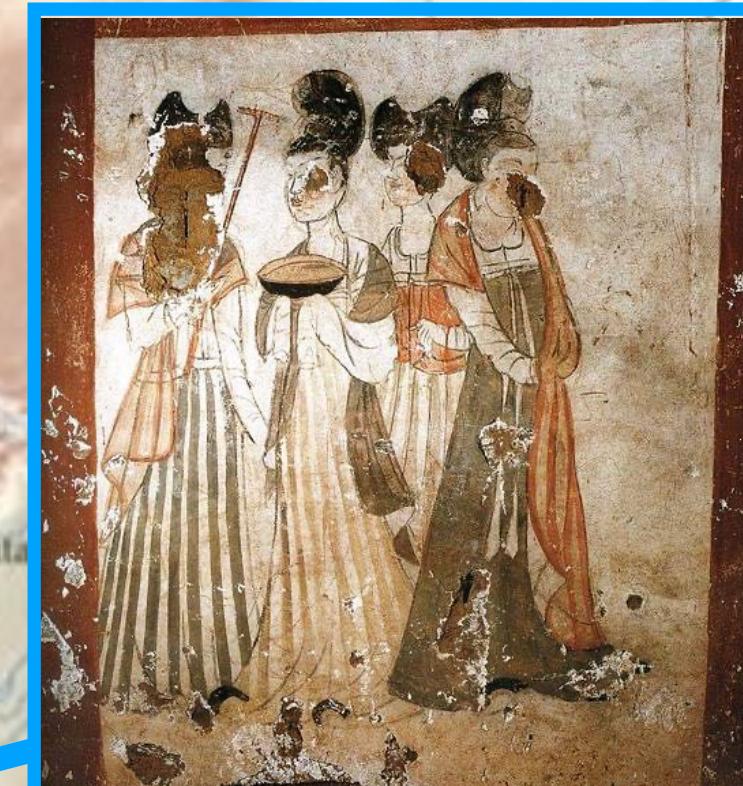




### ***Mural Painting*** (detail)

Tomb of Princess Jincheng; 663  
Xi'an, China







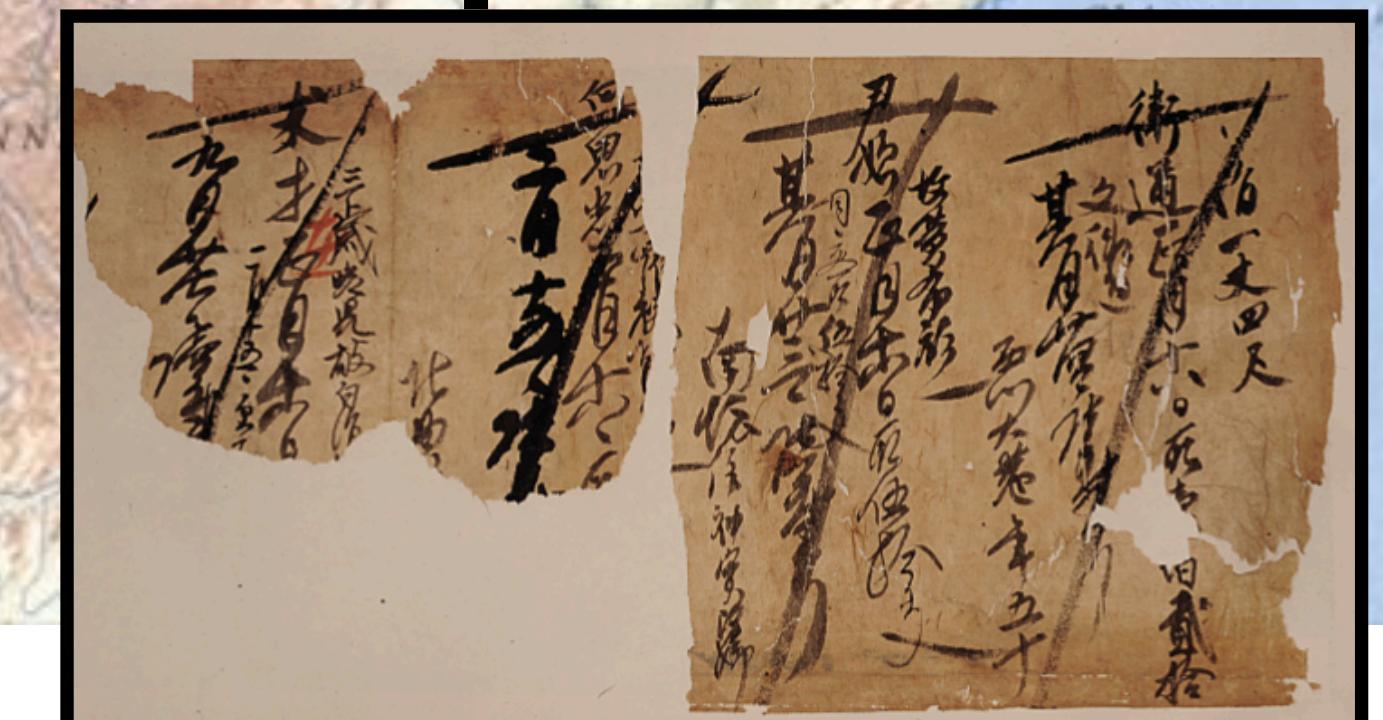




# Turfan



# Chang'an





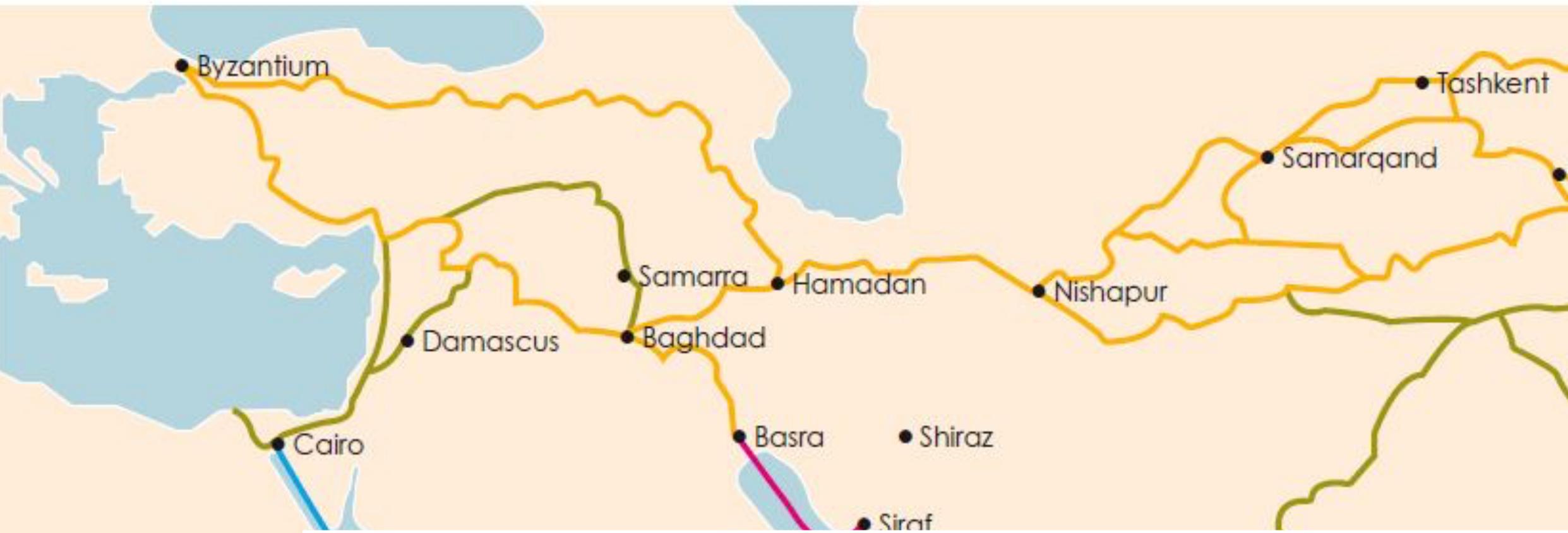
### ***Bowl with Inscription***

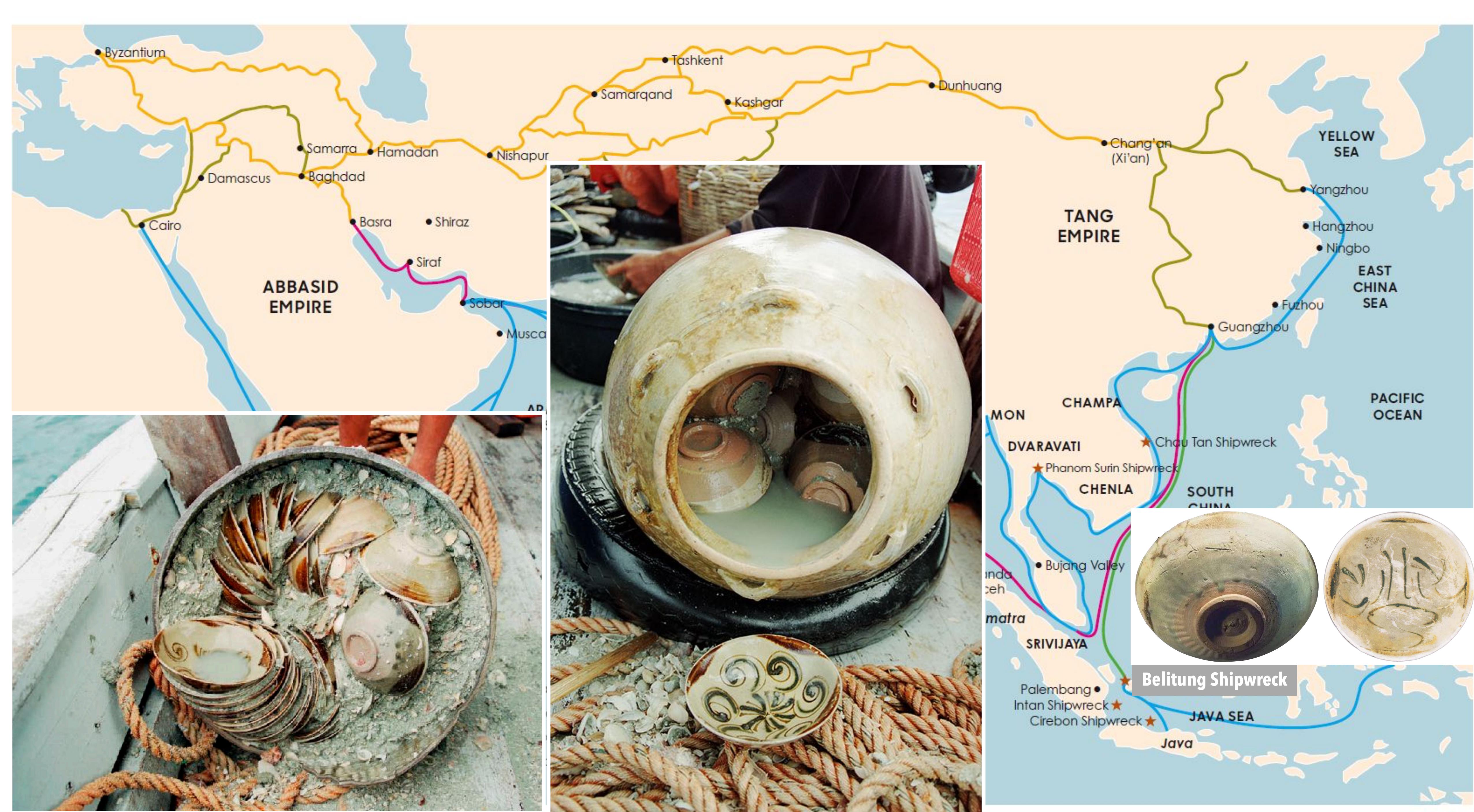
Tang Dynasty (618-907)

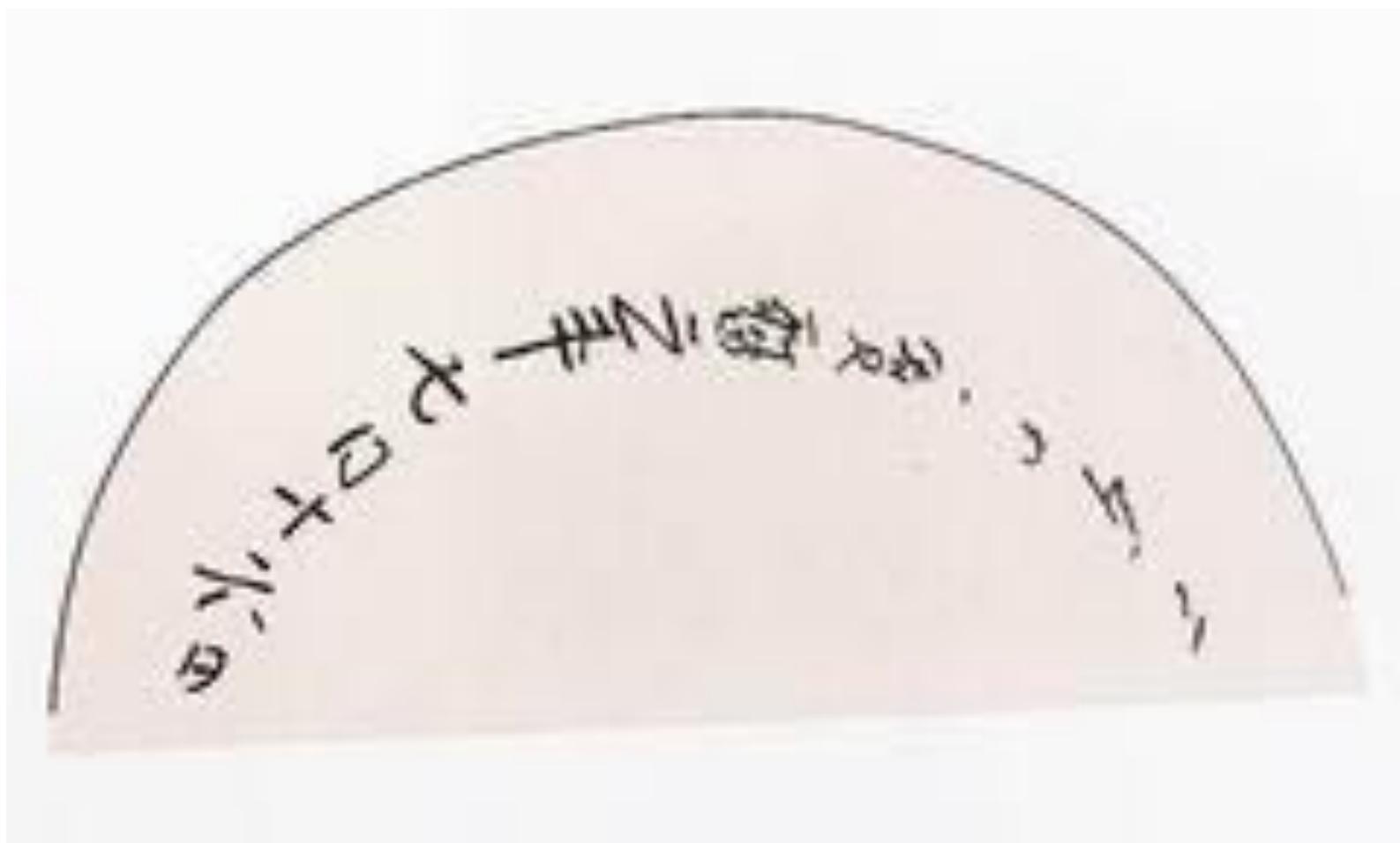
Changshan ware ceramics

Excavated from the Belitung Shipwreck

Asian Civilisation Museum, Singapore







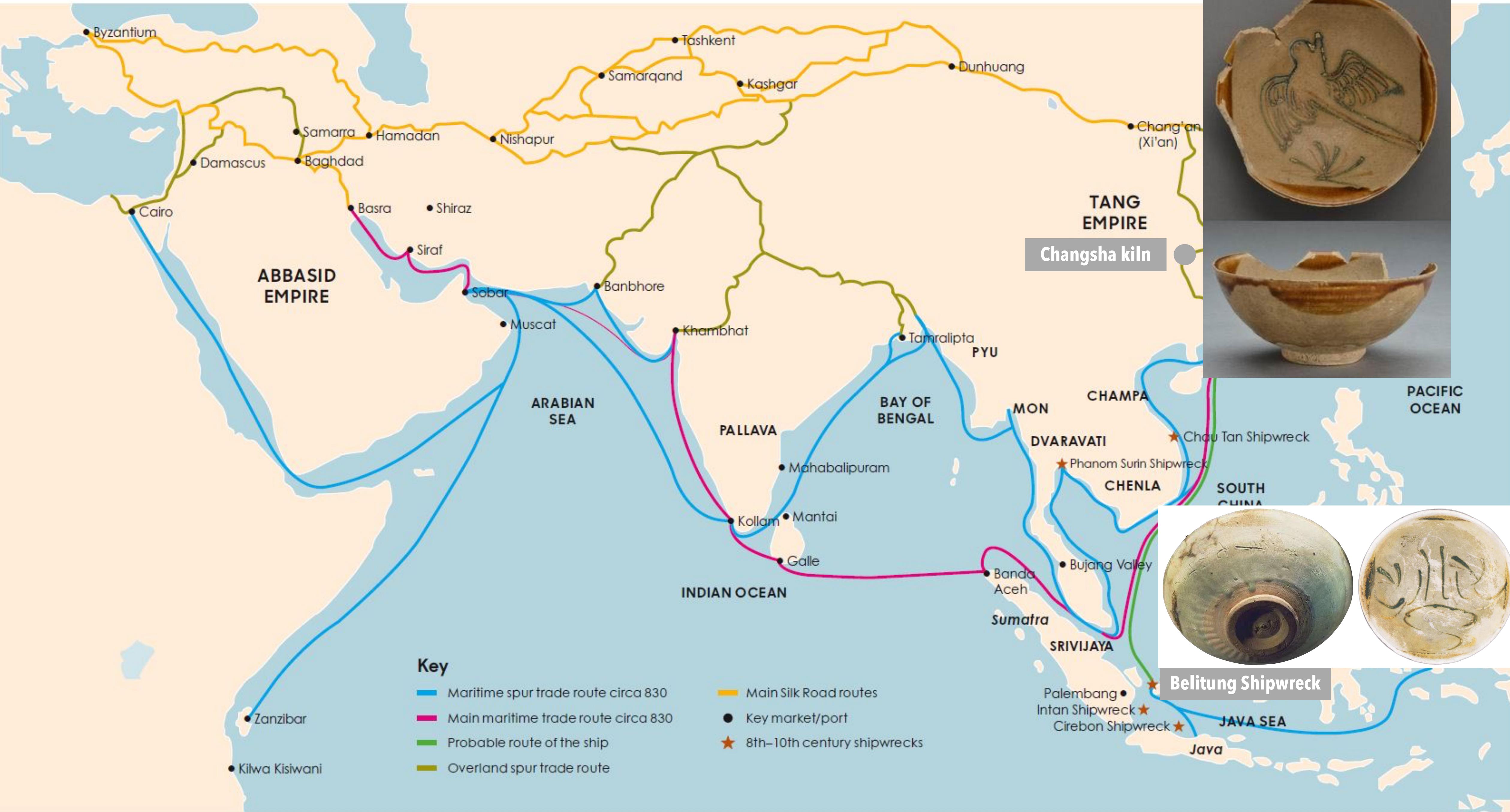
“The 16th day of the 7th month in the 2nd year of  
Baoli Era”

— August 22, 826 CE



## Bowl

Tang Dynasty (618-907)  
Changsha ware ceramics  
Excavated from the  
Changsha kiln site  
Hunan Provincial Institute of  
Archaeology



From Belitung Shipwreck  
(Indonesia)



From the kiln site  
(Changsha, China)



From Nishapur, Iran



### **Ceramic Shard**

9th century

Changshan ware ceramics

Excavated in Nishapur, Iran

The Metropolitan Museum of Art



