

From the Fall of Han to the Tang Dynasty

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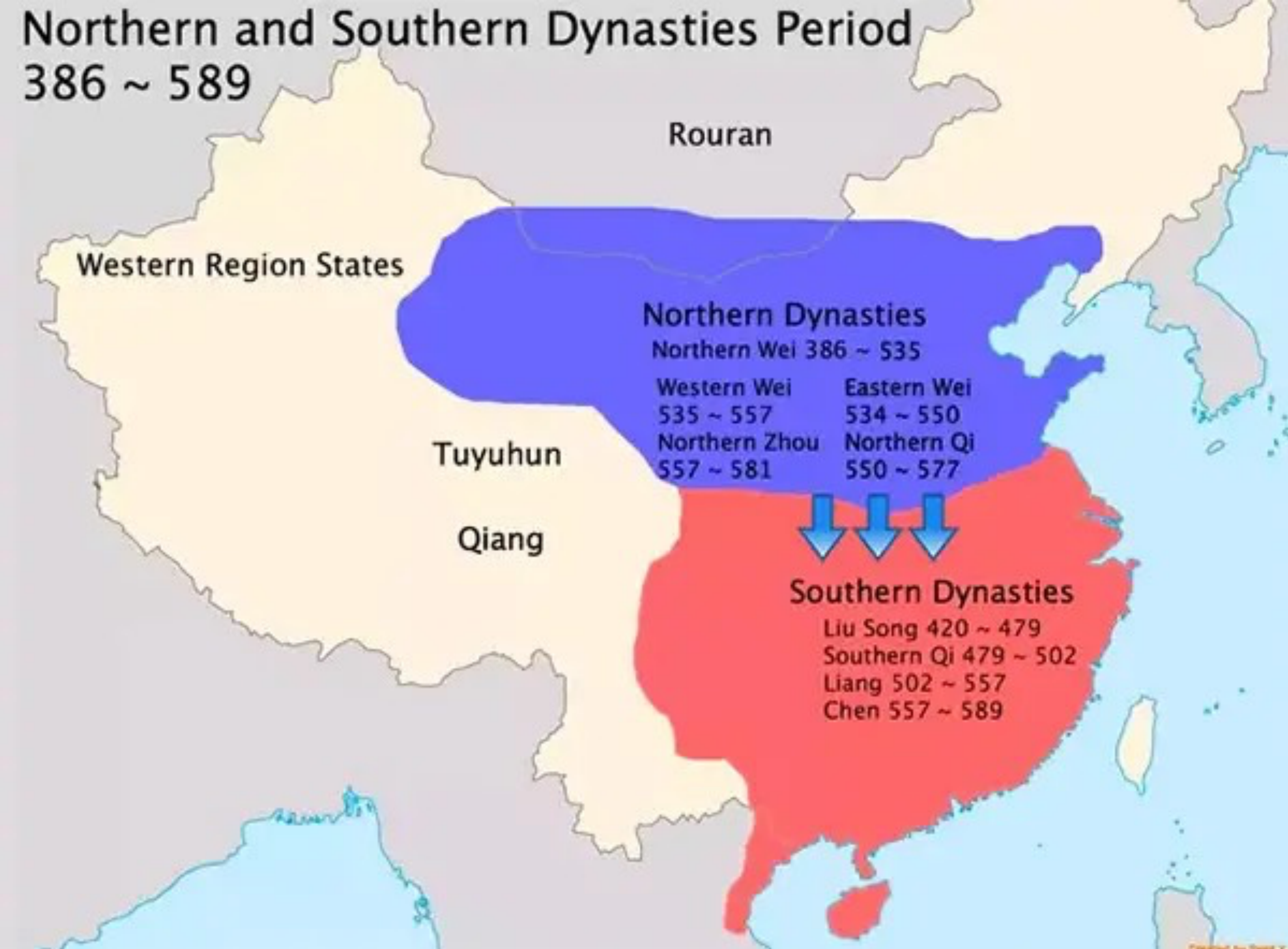
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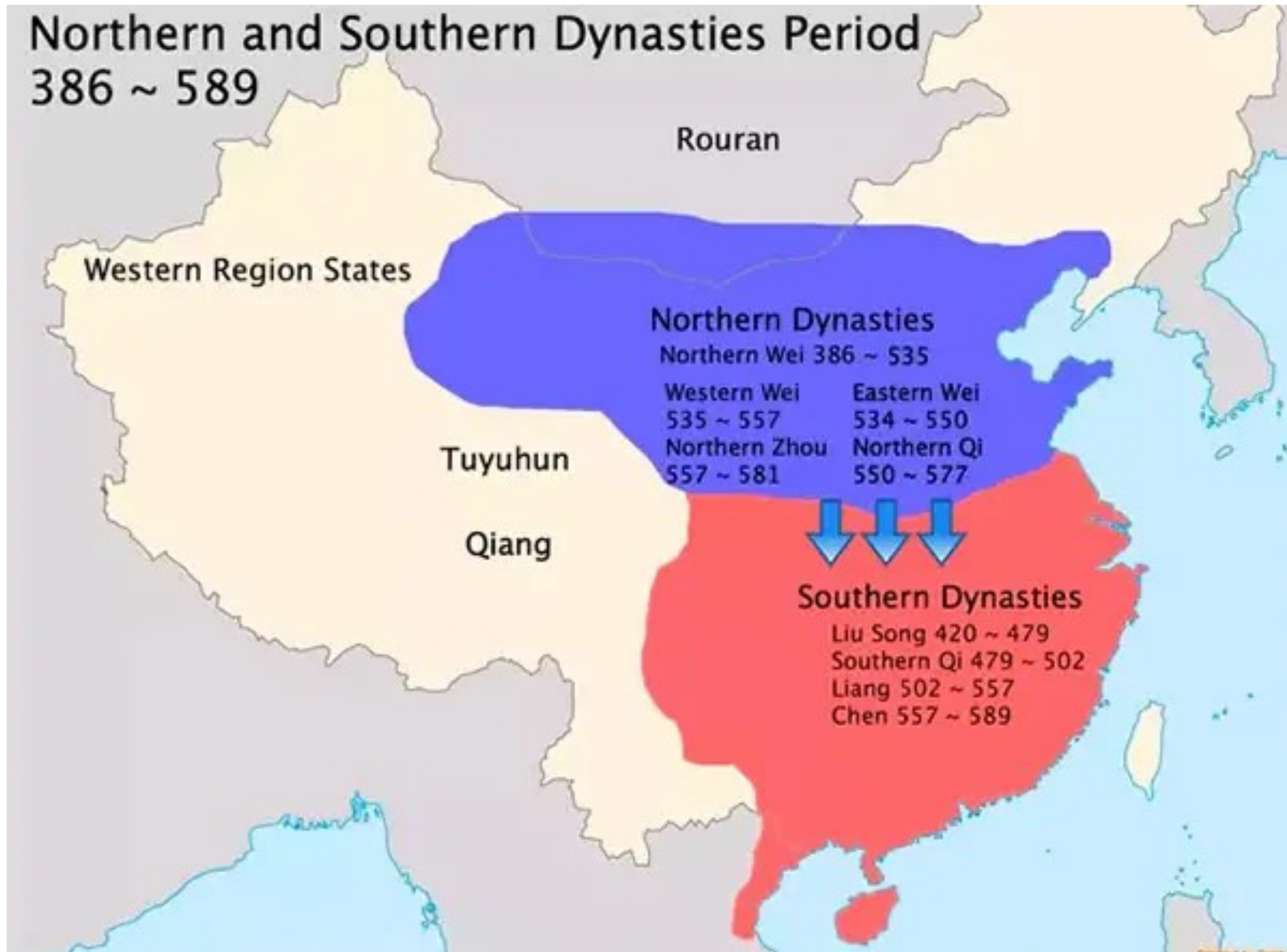
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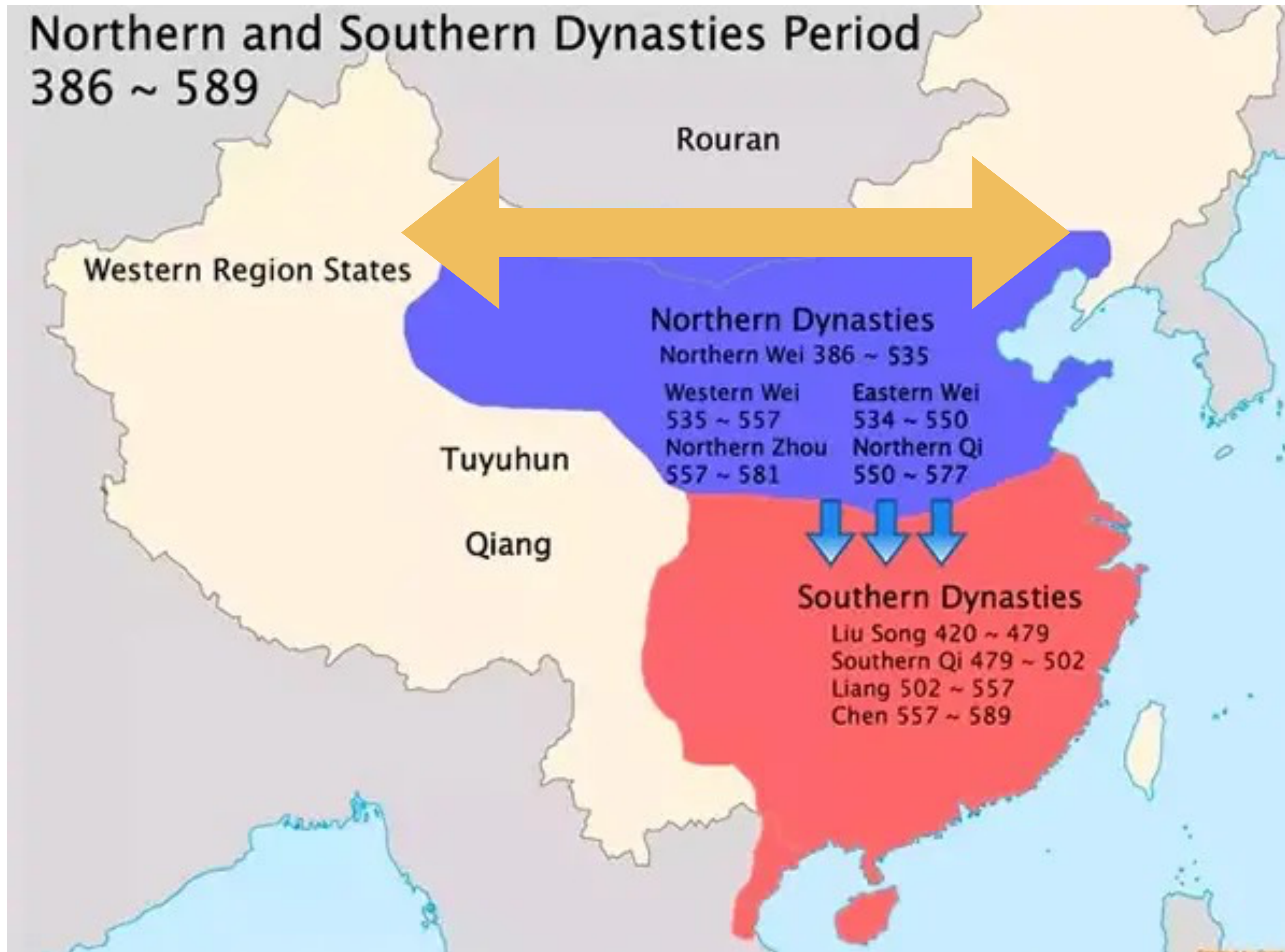
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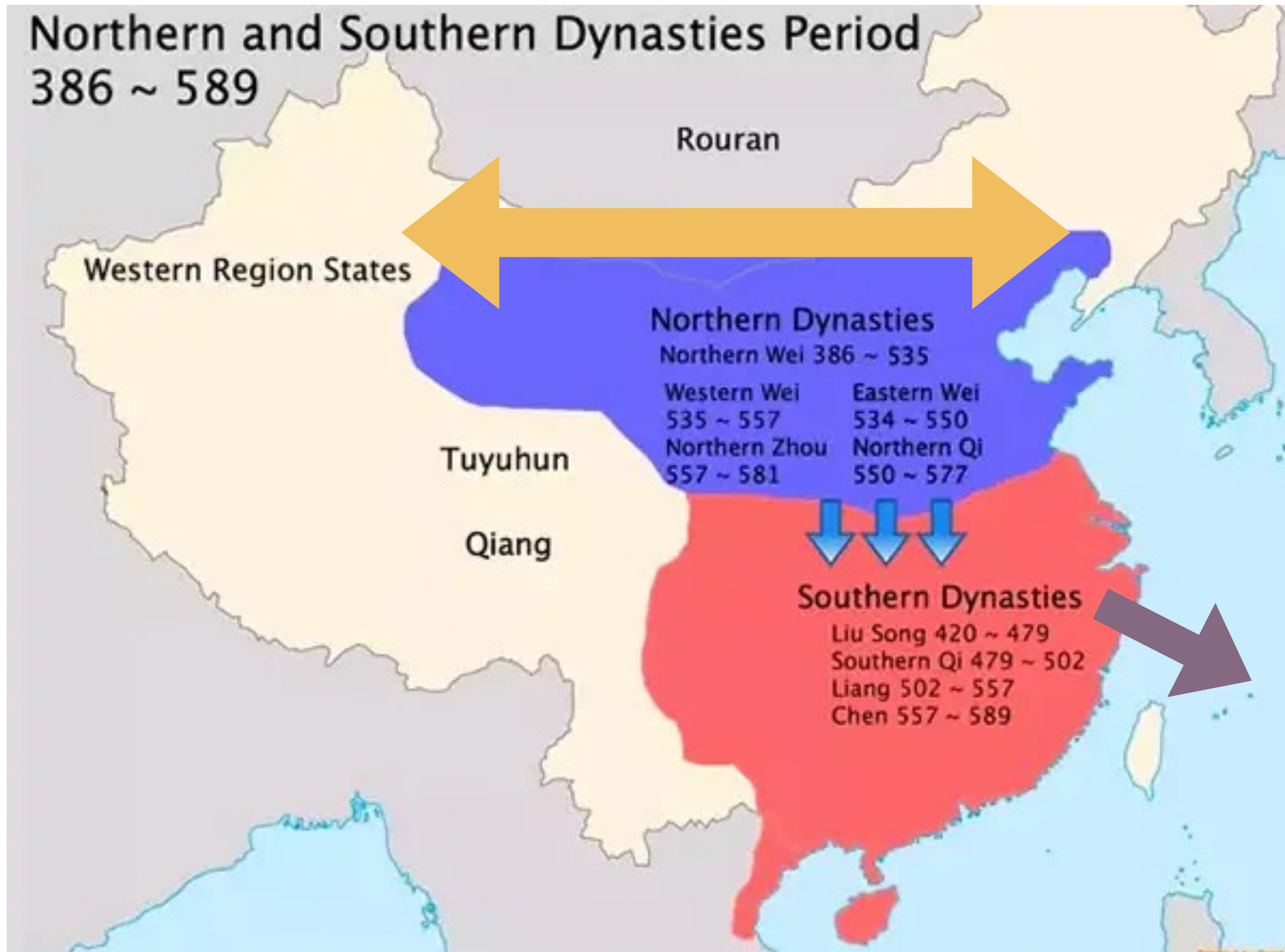




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Late 3rd — early 4th century

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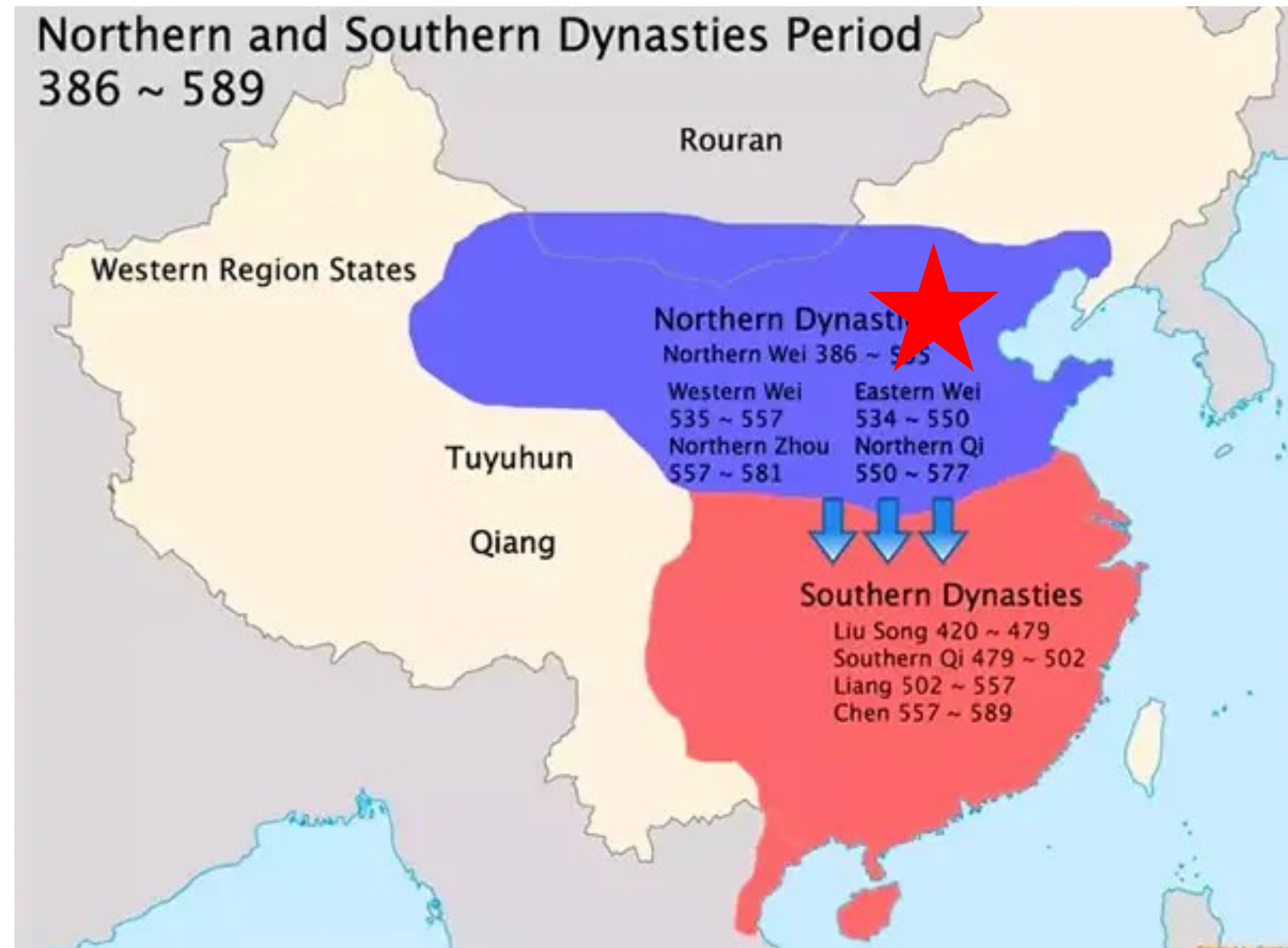












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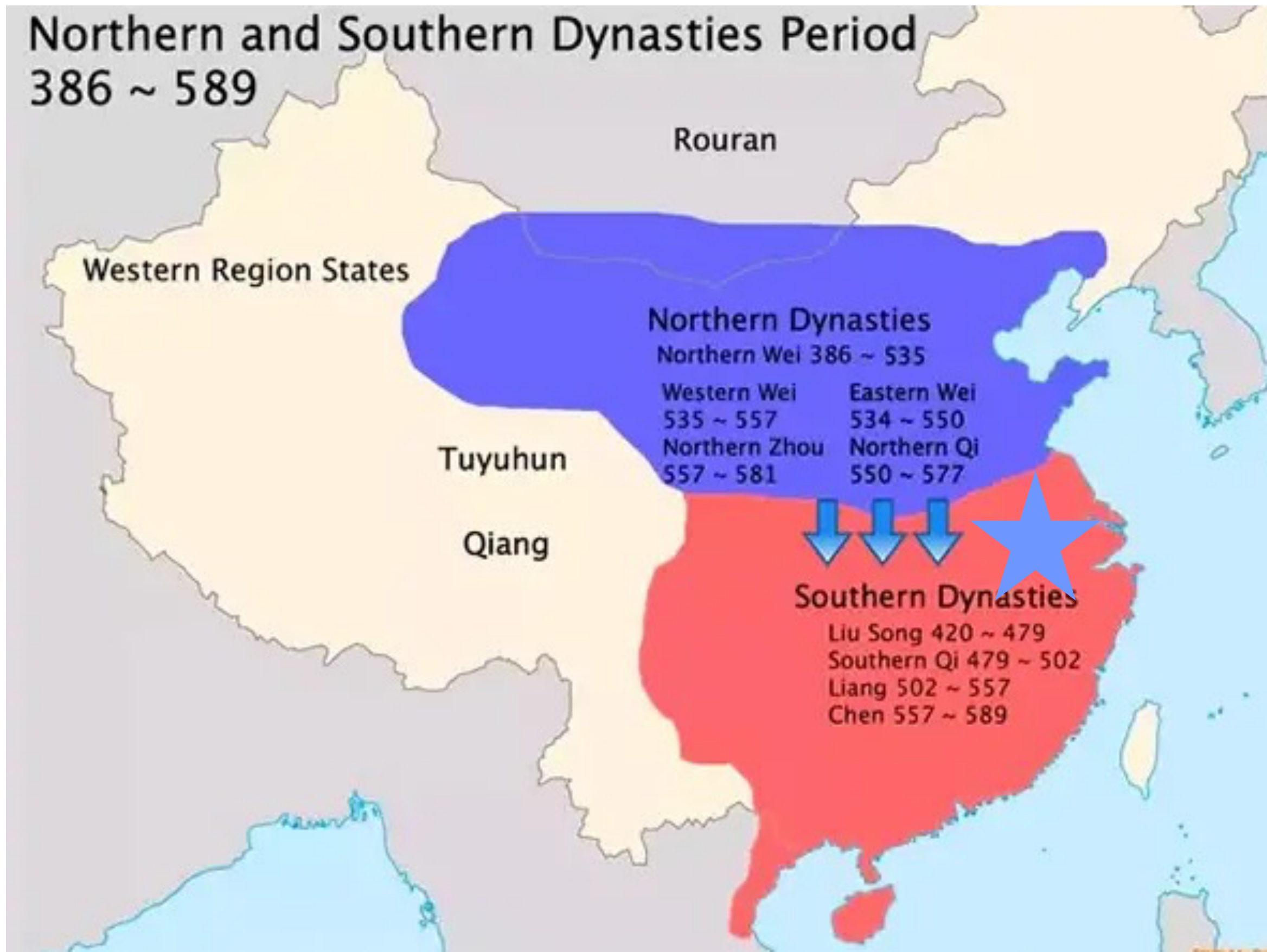
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Drinking Cup

Lacquered wood; c. 317-420
Nanchang Municipal Museum



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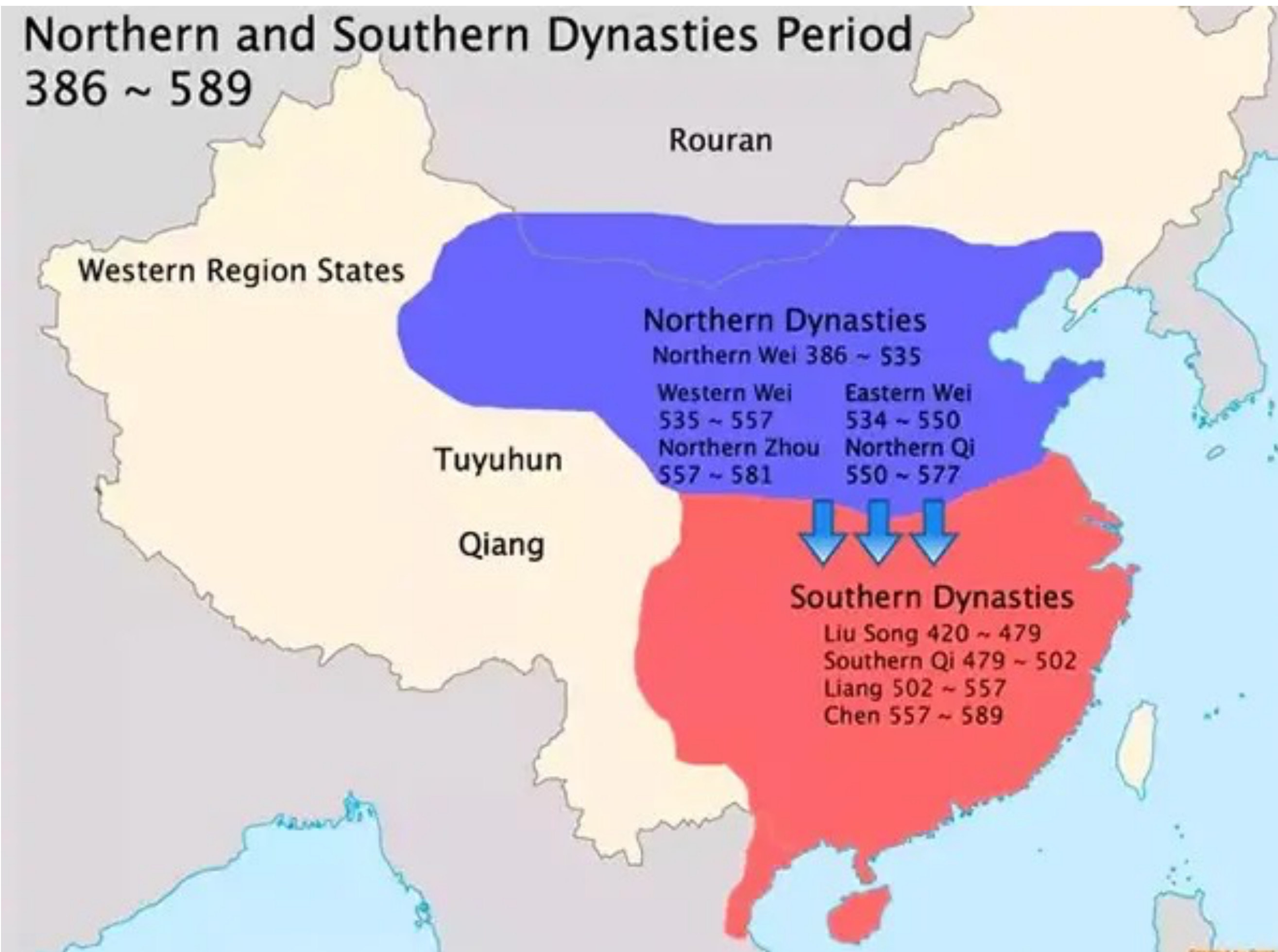
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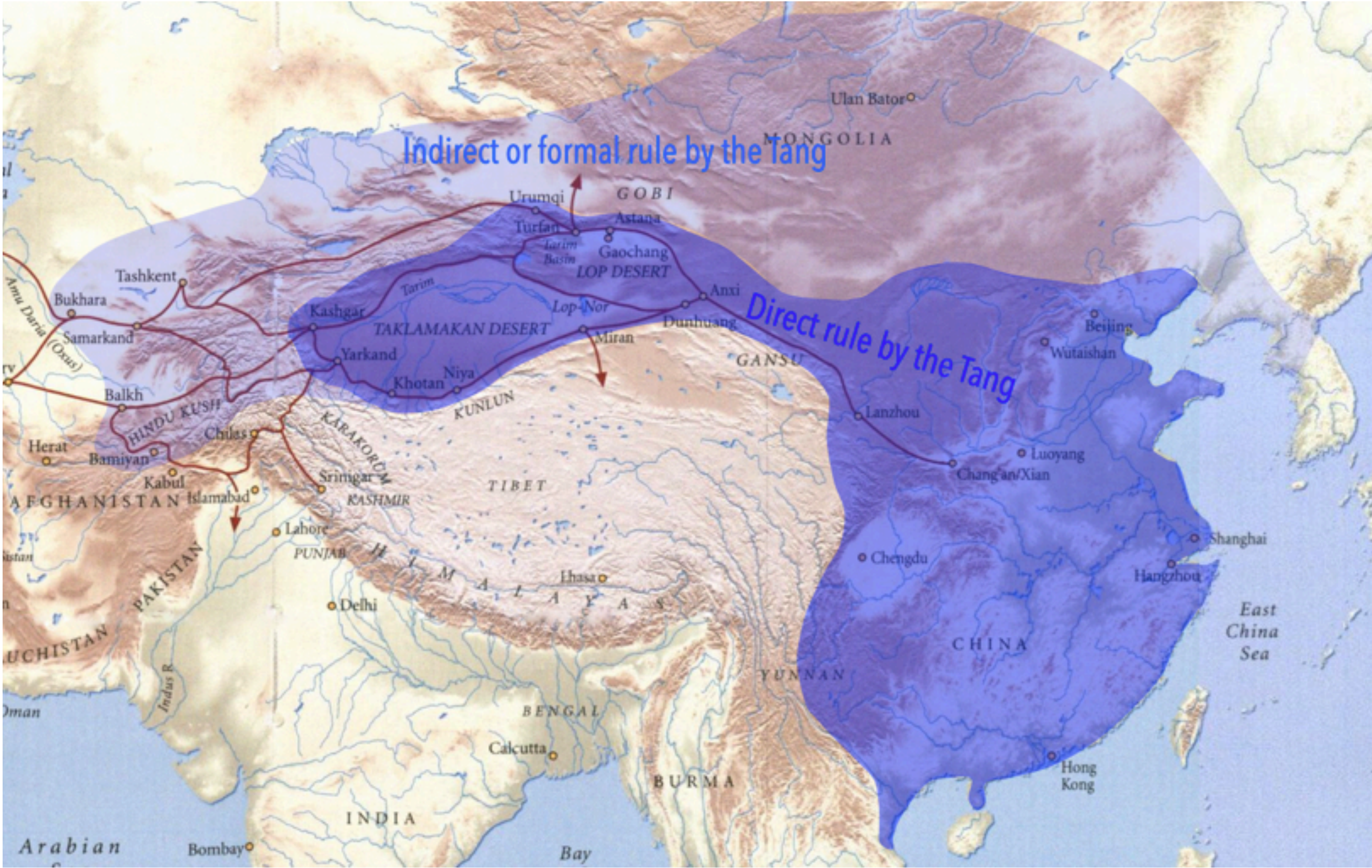
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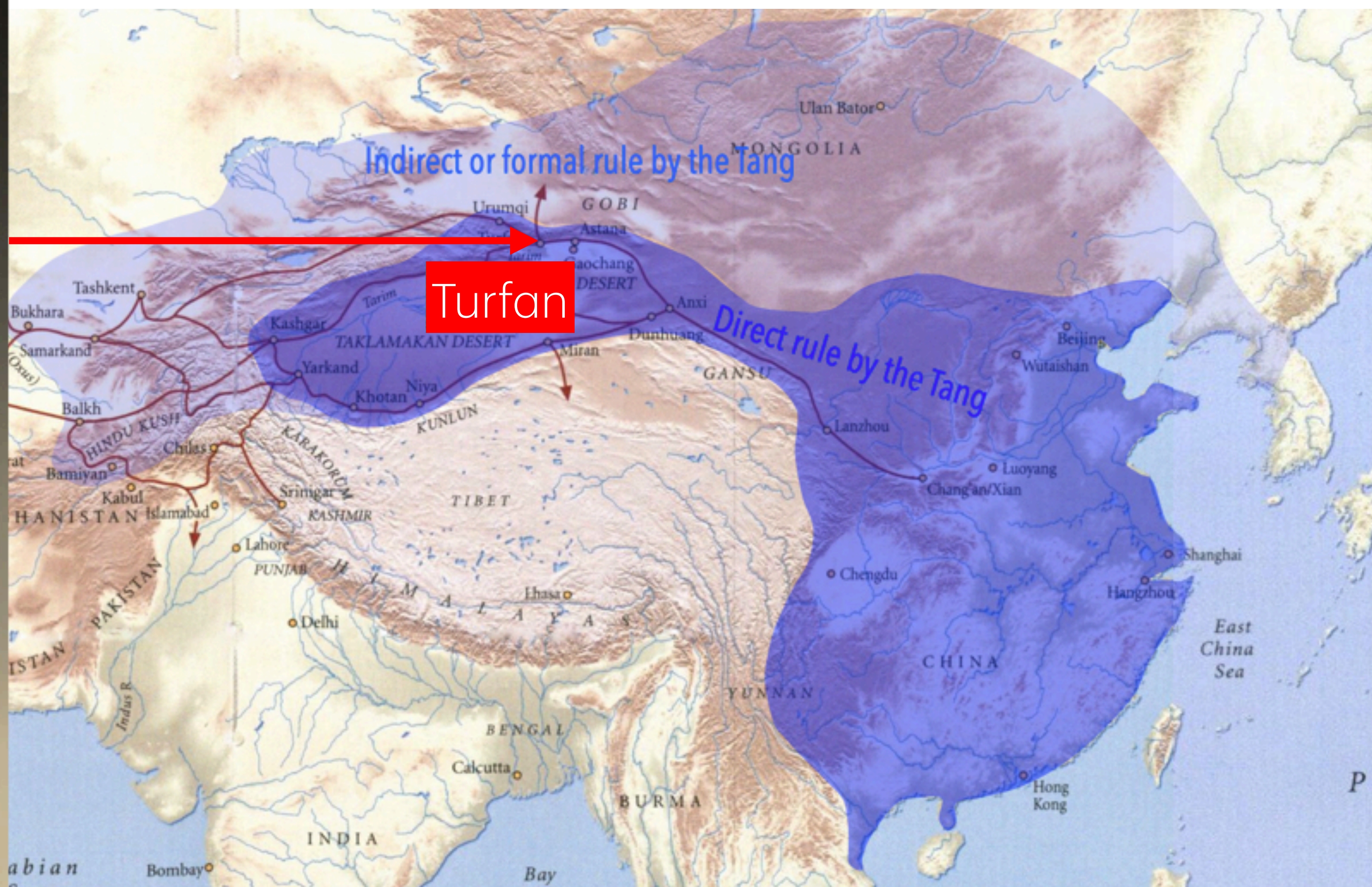
Female Figure

Tang Dynasty (618-907)

Wood with pigments, paper, and silk

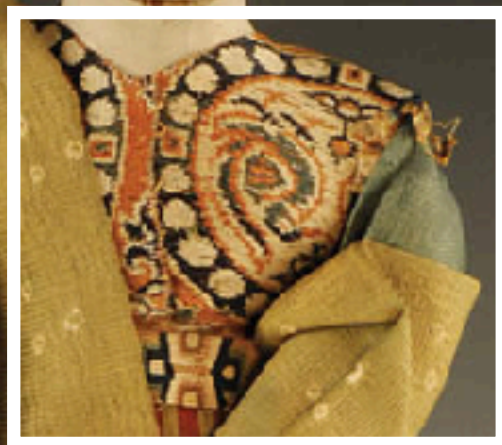
Excavated from the tomb of Zhang Xiong (d. 633) and his wife Lady Qu (d. 688) in Astana, Turfan, Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region

Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region Museum











Child's Coat with Ducks in Pearl Medallions

8th century; Uzbekistan
The Cleveland Museum of Art

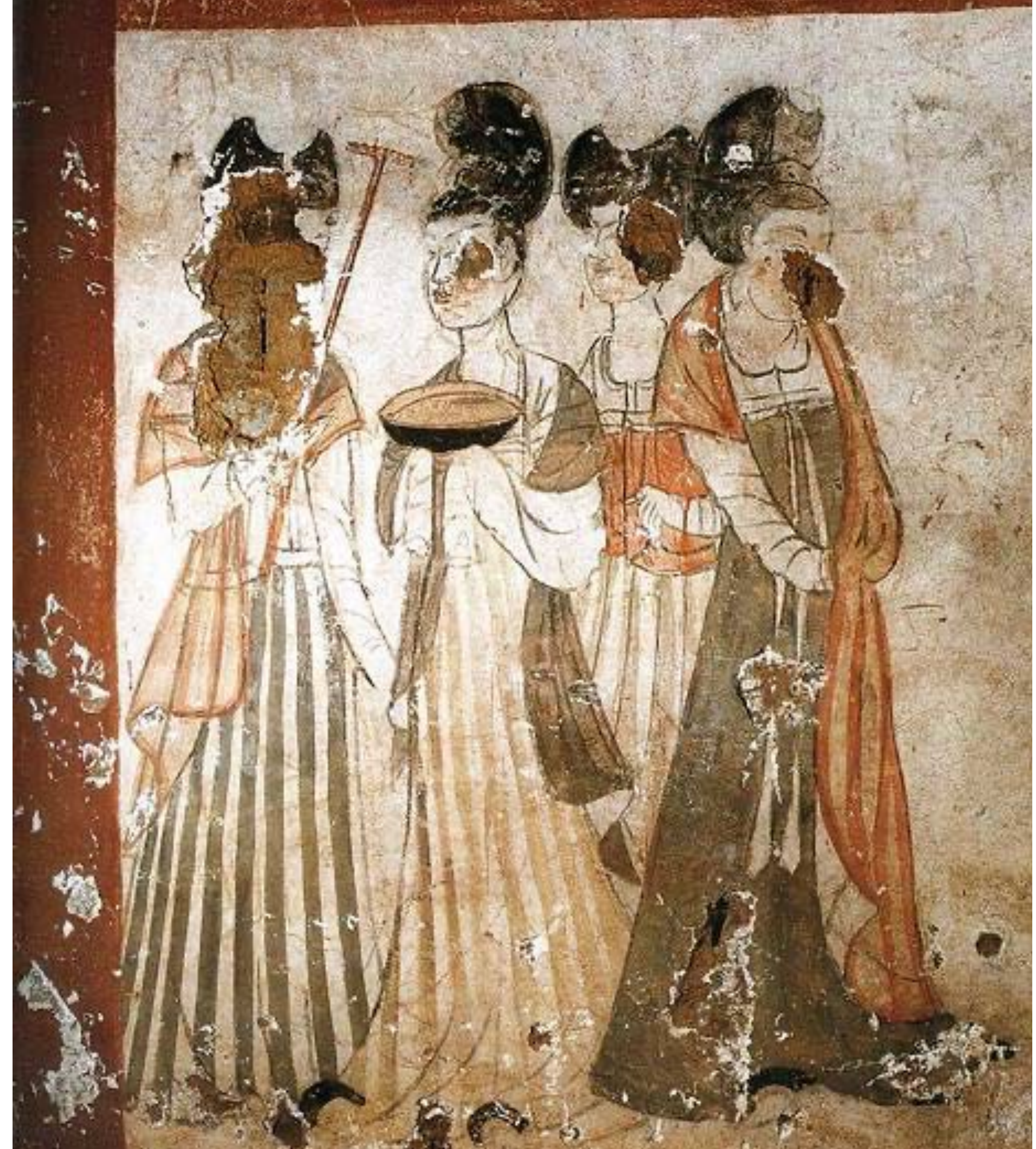


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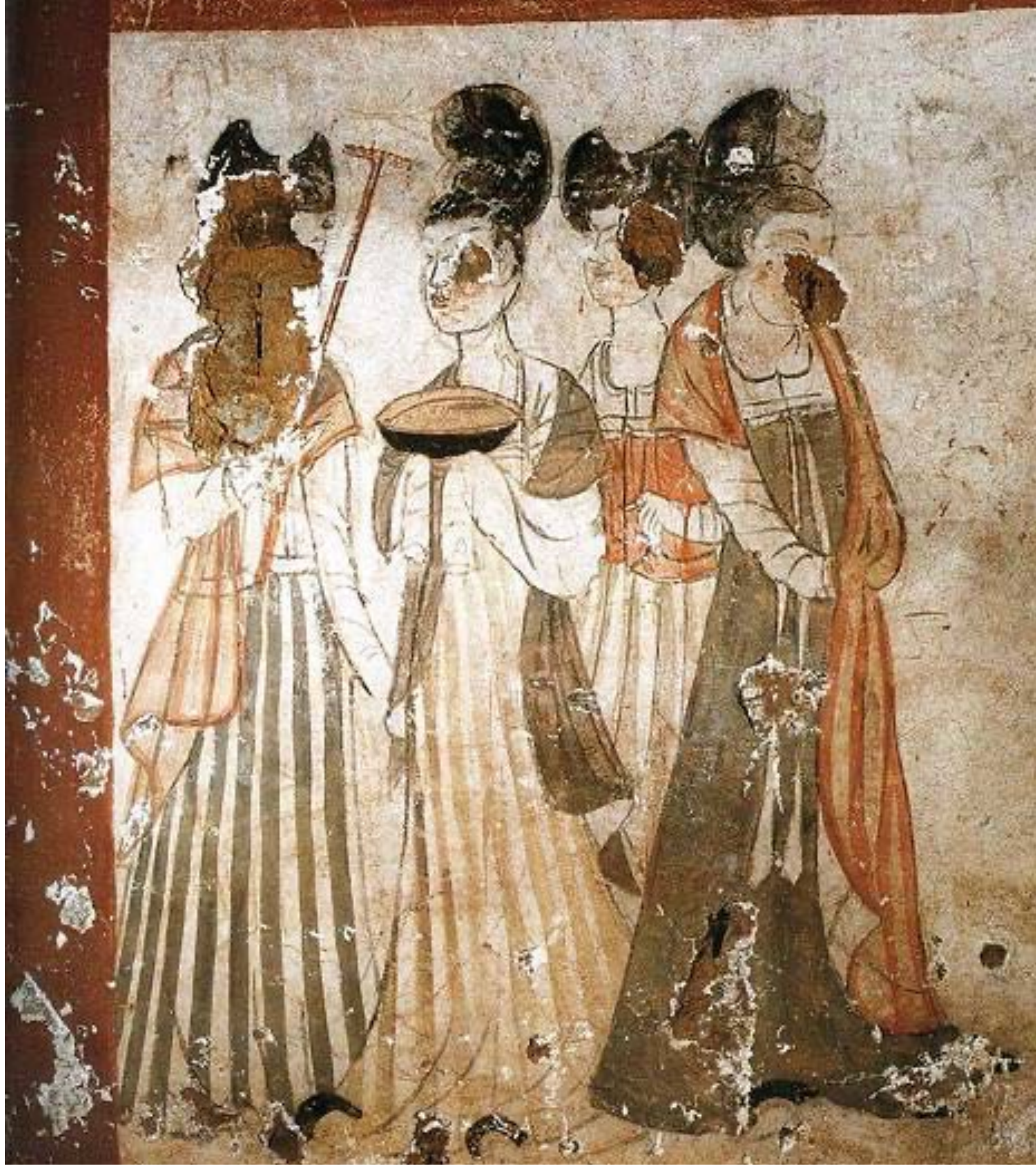




Mural Painting (detail)

Tomb of Princess Jincheng; 663

Xi'an, China

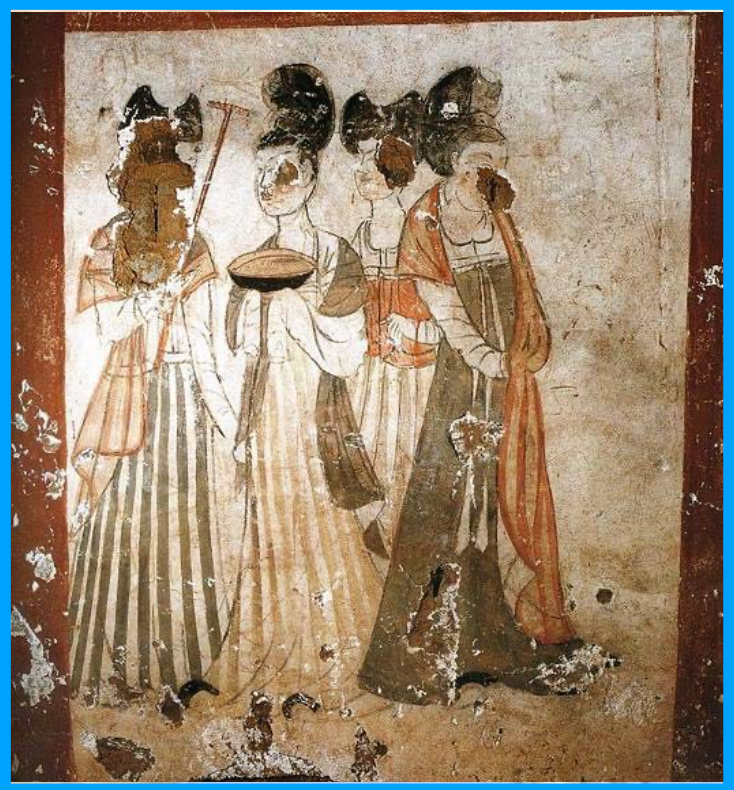




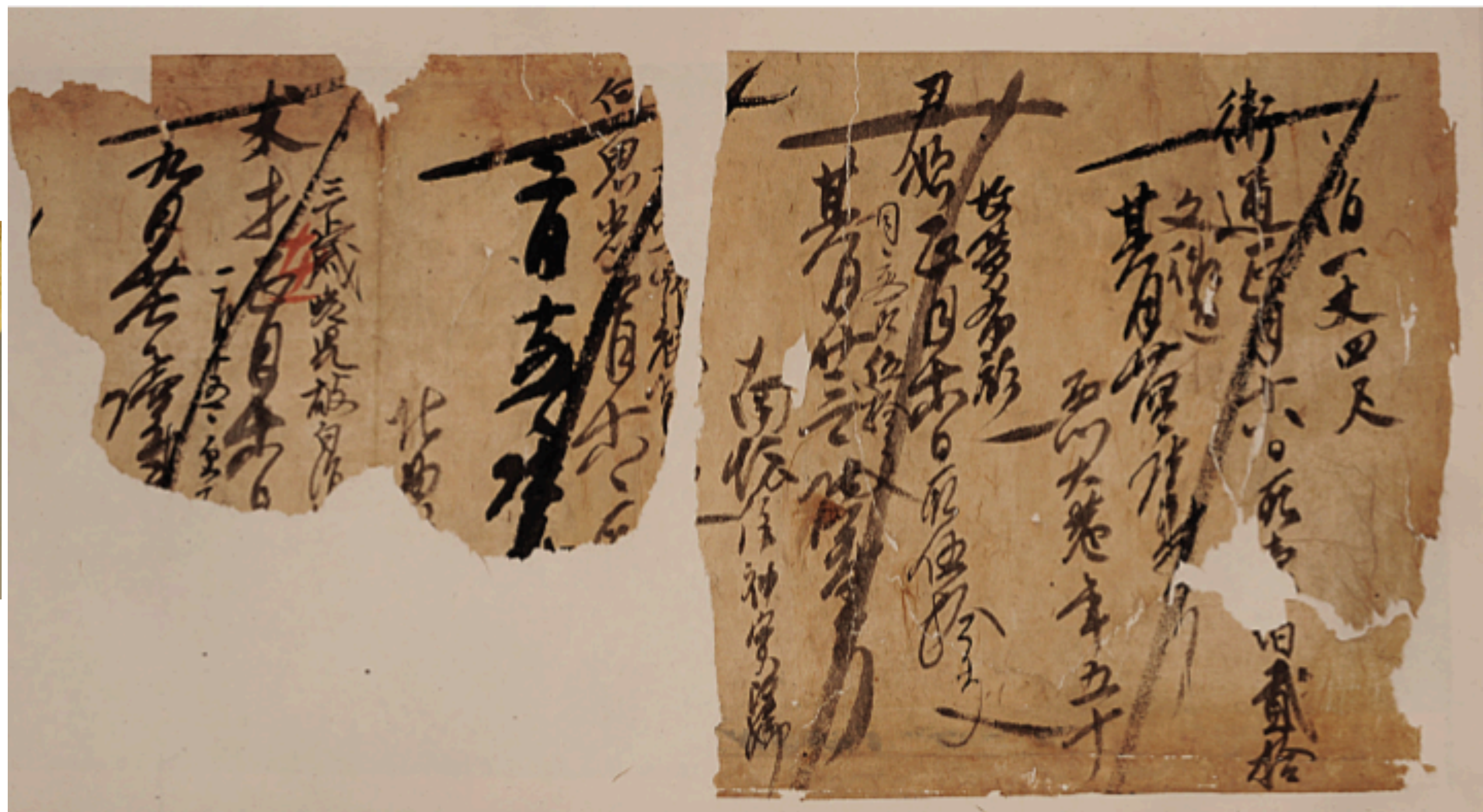
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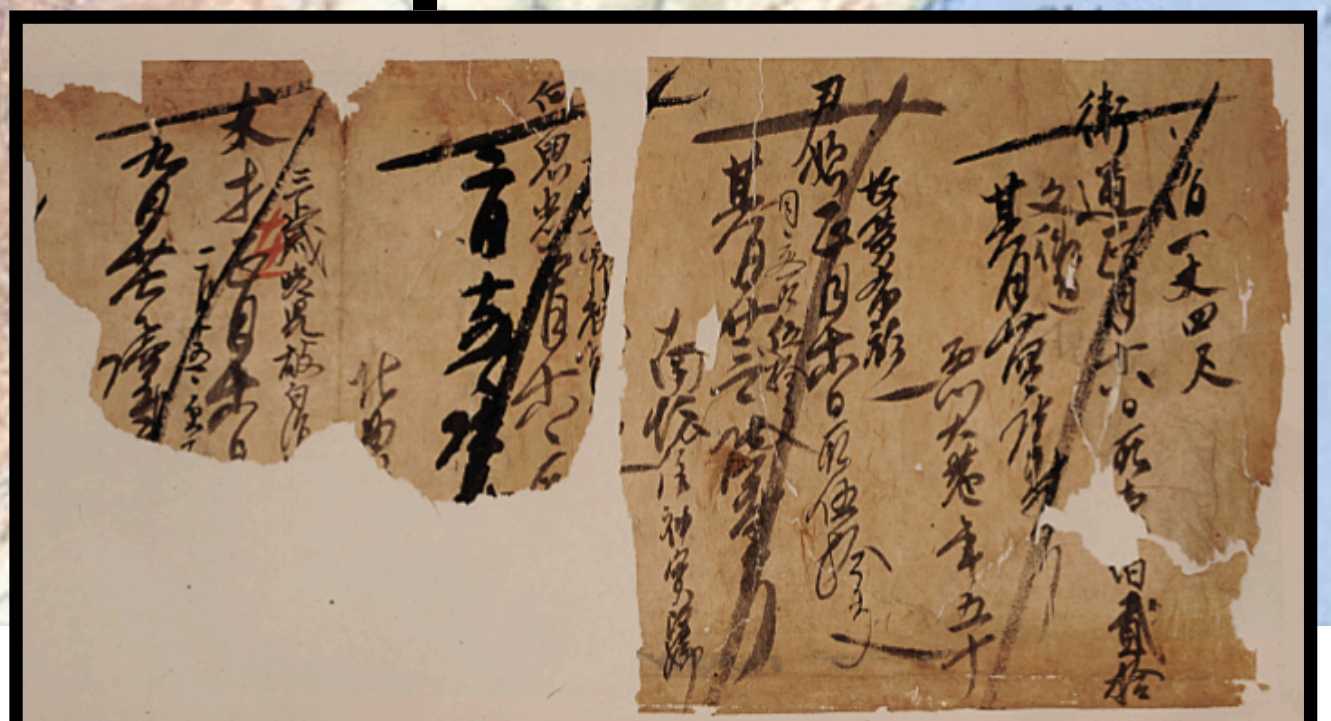
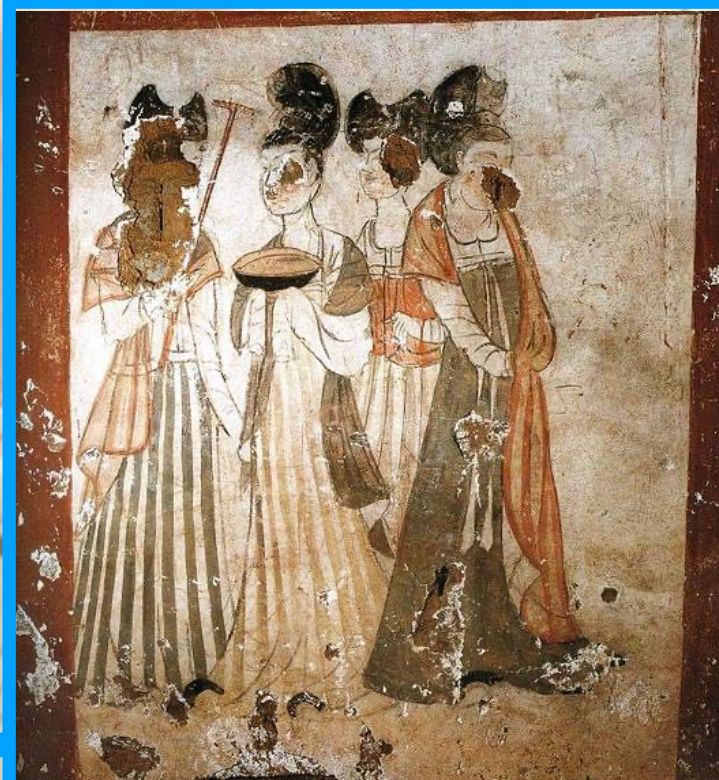




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Bowl with Inscription

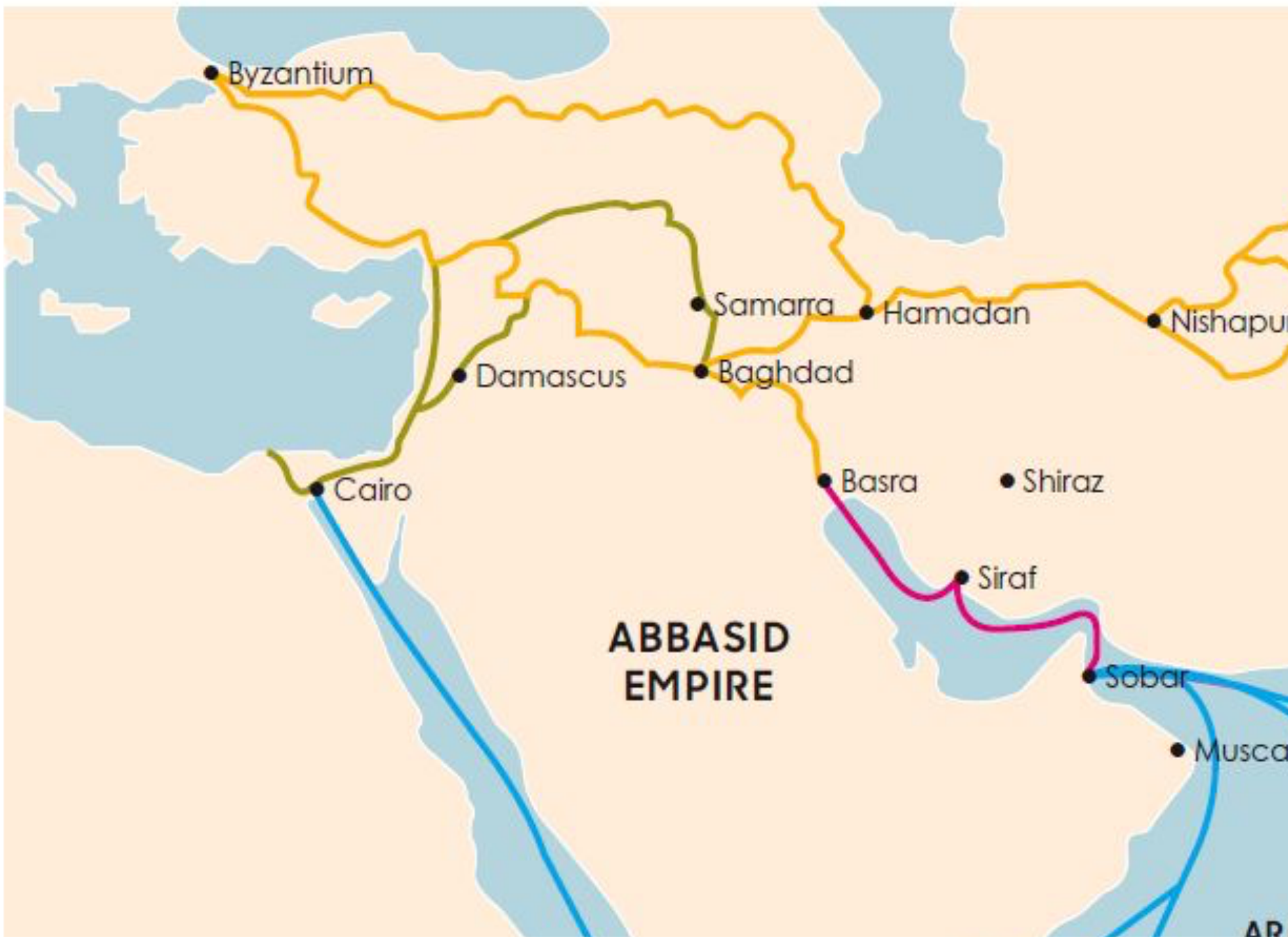
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Changshan ware ceramics

Excavated from the Belitung Shipwreck

Asian Civilisation Museum, Singapore







"The 16th day of the 7th month in the 2nd year of
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— August 22, 826 CE



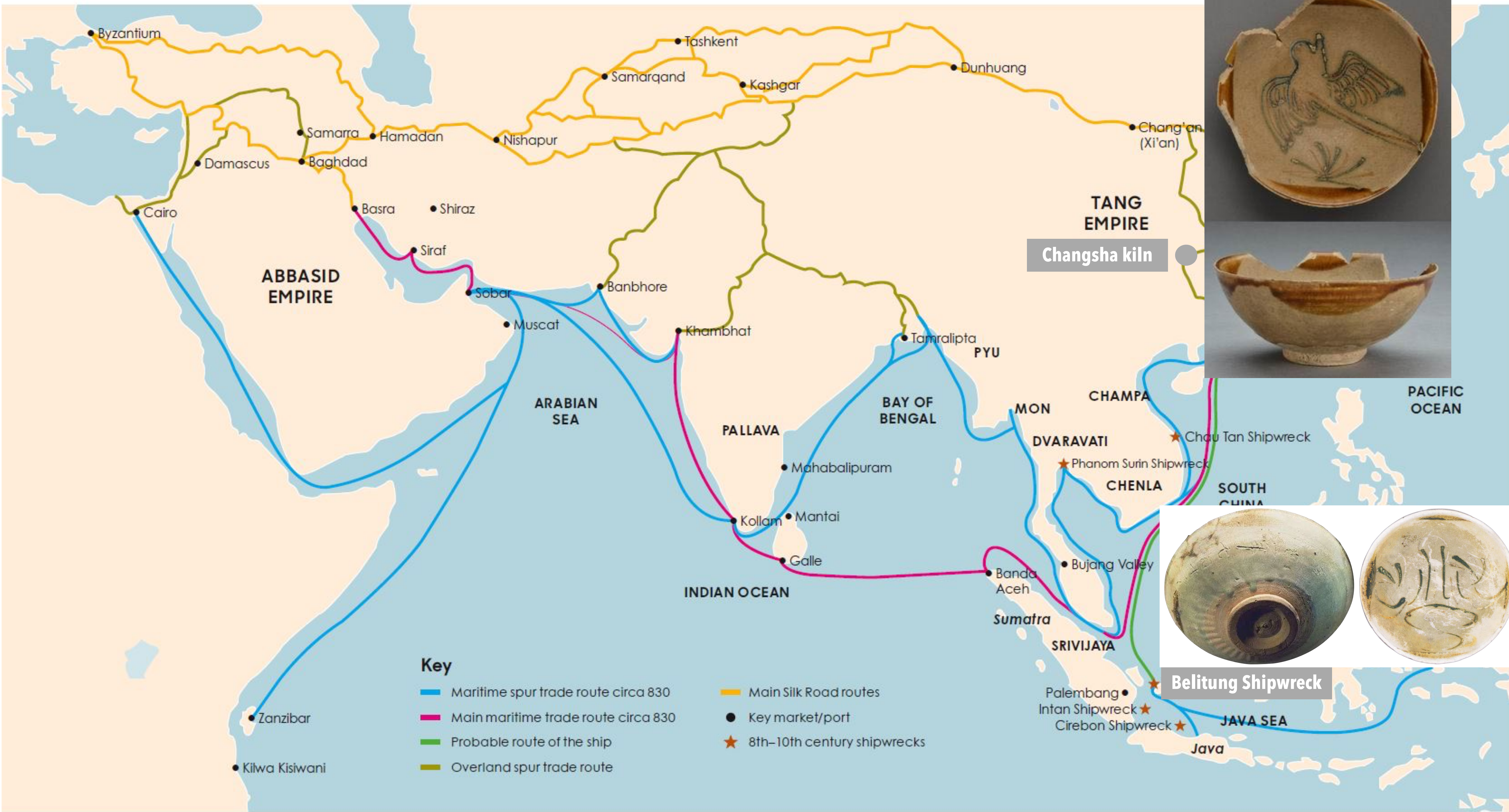
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Excavated from the
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Hunan Provincial Institute of
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Changsha kiln



Belitung Shipwreck

From Belitung Shipwreck
(Indonesia)



From the kiln site
(Changsha, China)



From Nishapur, Iran



Ceramic Shard

9th century

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Excavated in Nishapur, Iran

The Metropolitan Museum of Art





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