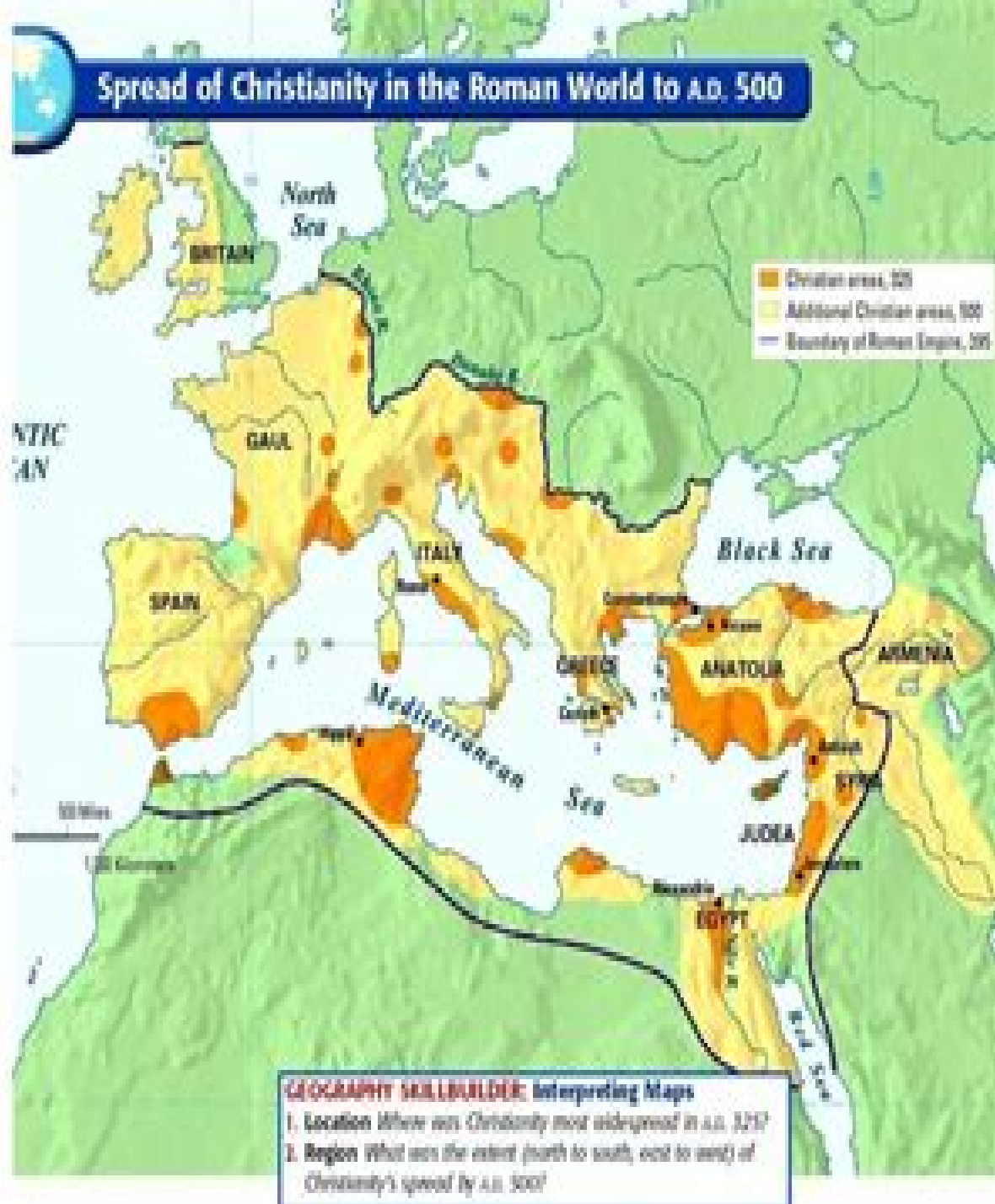


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- Early in Christianity's history, Christians were persecuted by the Romans
- Christians refused to worship Roman Gods and to recognize the emperor as a God
- Romans saw it as inciting rebellion and reducing the power of the Roman government
- Despite this persecution, by 4<sup>th</sup> century (300's) about 10 percent of the population in the Roman Empire were Christians



# Romans And Christians

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