



Year 4- Unit D Christianity in Three Empires

Key vocabulary

Christians	after Jesus' death, his followers became known as Christians
persecution/persecuted	to be mocked, laughed at, teased, imprisoned or tortured because of your beliefs
memorial	a building, picture or object designed to remember someone who has died
vision	a strange experience, a bit like a dream, in which you learn something about the future
rivals	people who are competing for power
culture	a word we can use to sum up the ways of life for a group of people
exporting	sending goods from one country to another
sacred	another word for holy; a sacred object or place is something very important to believers
preserve	to preserve something is to make something last
Pope	in the Roman Catholic Church, the leader has always been the Pope, based in Rome
priests	care for the local communities of Christian, led prayers and carried out baptisms
bishops	bishops are in charge of priests
epiphany	when Christians celebrate the visit of the three wise men to Jesus

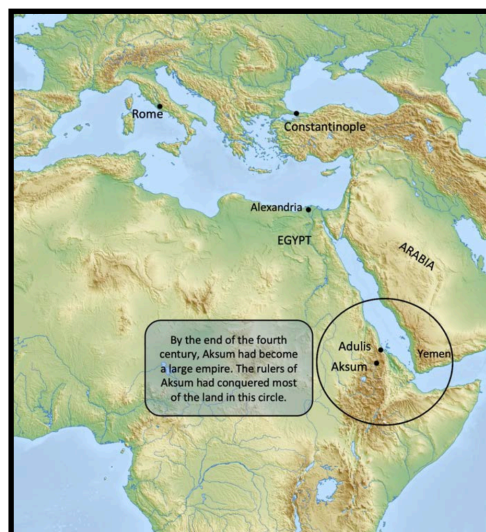
Three Empires into Three Churches

The church that began in the Roman Empire is now called the Roman Catholic Church	The church that began in the Byzantine Empire is now called the Greek Orthodox Church	The church that began in the Aksumite Empire is now called the Ethiopian Orthodox Church
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Christian stories about Jesus spread out of Judea and through the lands of the Roman Empire; along Roman roads and trade routes.



The Emperor Constantine divided his empire into two halves so he could be closer to the eastern provinces of the empire. He chose an ancient Greek town called Byzantium. The Eastern half of the Roman Empire was later called the Byzantine Empire.



The state of Aksum was the first Christian state in the world. The people of Aksum had their own Christian customs and traditions. Some of the Christian buildings, art and traditions begun by the first Christians are preserved today.