

### **The Thubursicu Numidarum earthquake of 355 ?**

*Epigraphic inscriptions* ILAlg, 1, 1229 evokes a transfer, to the forum novum, of a statue taken from a place in ruins by the Legate Theodotus (see Lepelley 1981).

The inscriptions (ILAlg 1247 and ILAlg 1276) inform us about the removal of imperial statues (of Trajan and Constantin) from their initial location, which was ruined, and their transfer to the *forum novum* of the city (see Lepelley 1984). The inscription (ILAlg 1276) suggests considerable work in the new city's forum and moving columns and statues from the old place (*platea vetus*). This archaeological documentation which insists on the transfer of vestiges from a ruined place towards another one is an indication that allows the supposition of a natural disaster (an earthquake?) even if the available epigraphic sources do not clearly mention it.

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