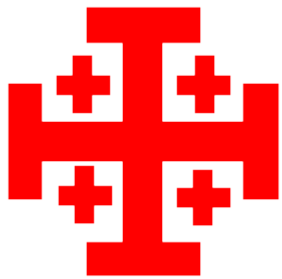


Reading 3.

The Crusades XI – XV centuries AD



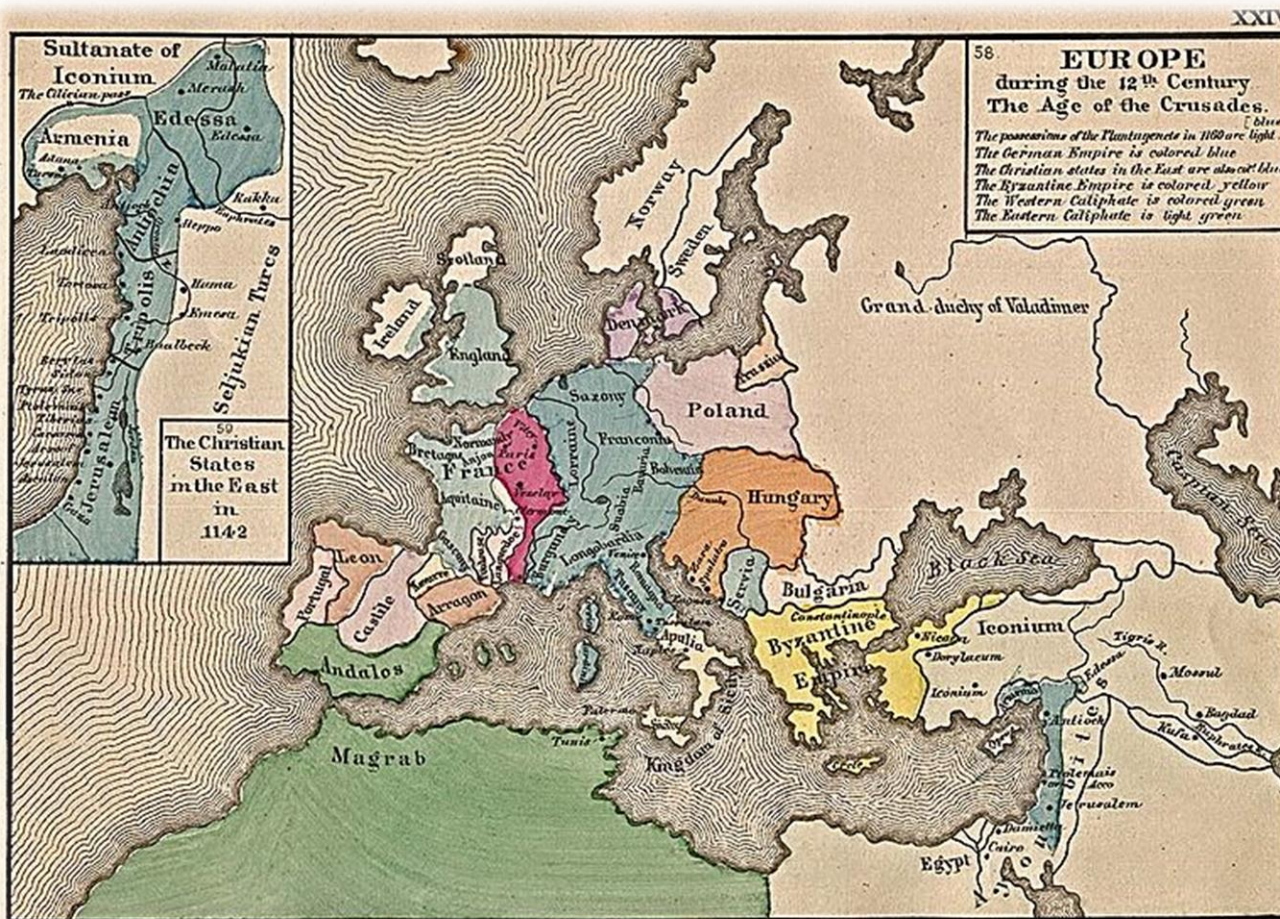
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First Crusade 1095–1099 A.D.

The story of the first crusade recounts the struggles of the first wave of crusaders to reach Byzantium, Islamic Syria, and then Jerusalem; of the terrible slaughters of Jewish populations committed by a second wave as it marched through the Rhineland; of finding food and facing starvation; of the "miracle" of the alleged finding of the Holy Lance in Antioch; of the competition between European princes for leadership; and of the eventual taking of Jerusalem itself. It was an achievement to coordinate crusaders with sharply different languages, styles of leadership, and modes of fighting. That such a band even made it to Jerusalem is remarkable, and was possible, first, because of divisions within the realm of Islam, and second, because Muslims in the various provinces misinterpreted the presence of the crusading army. They seem

to have regarded the Christian forces as renegades, escapees from the poverty and oppression of the "territory of war." This interpretation led to a low estimate of the threat posed to Muslim security by an army that, despite weaknesses, was motivated by a profound religious fervor (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crusades>).



The First (1095-1099), called by Pope Urban II and led by Peter the Hermit, Walter the Penniless, etc. Pope Urban's words ***Deus vult!*** (God wills it) became the battle cry of the Crusaders.

The second (1147-49) led by King Louis VII of France

The third (1188-92), proclaimed by Pope Gregory VIII, was led by Emperor Frederick Barbarossa, King Philip Augustus of France and King Richard the Lion Heart "Coeur-de-Lion" of England;

The fourth (1202-1204), during which Constantinople was sacked;

The fifth (1217-1221), which included the conquest of Damietta;

The sixth (1228-29) in which Frederick II took part; also Thibaud de Champagne and Richard of Cornwall (1239);

The seventh (1248-50) led by St. Louis (Louis IX of France



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