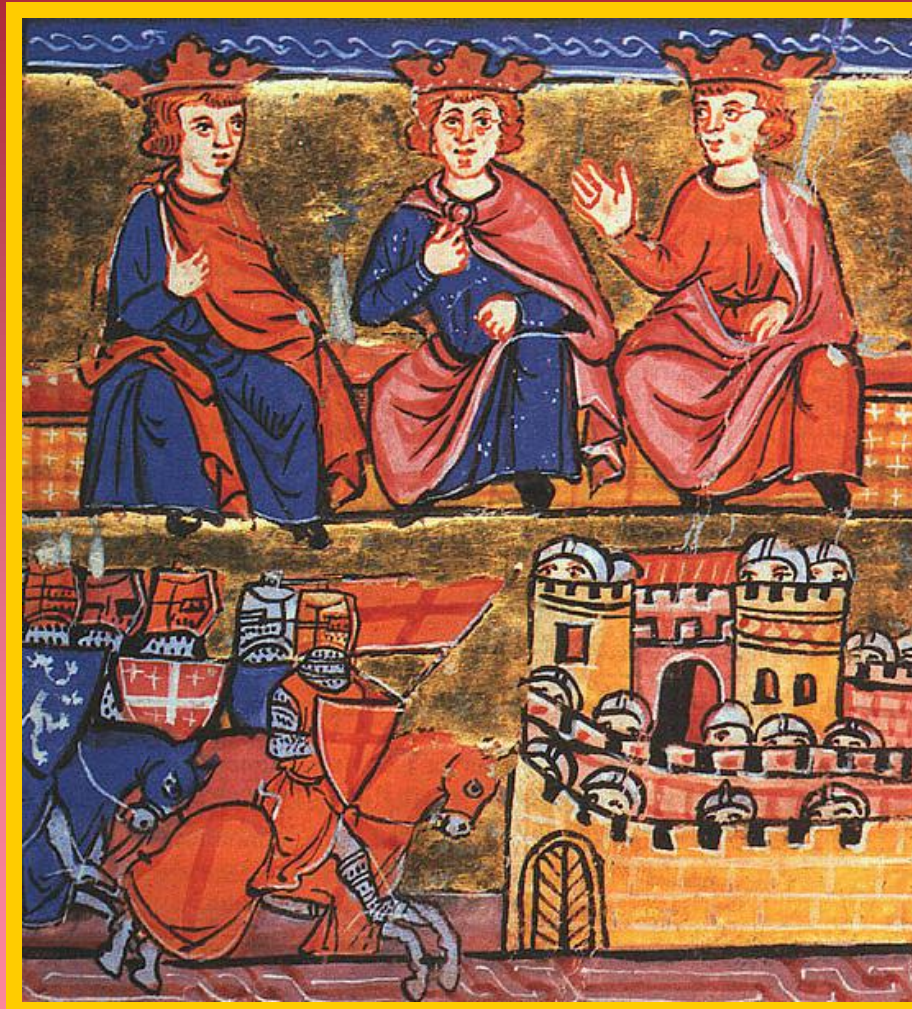


The Crusades



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What is a Crusade?

- War fought for a cause
- Holy war
- Led by one or many
- The Crusades were a series of holy wars led by European Christians who wanted to recapture the Holy Land (Israel) from Muslim control

Long Range Causes of the Crusades

- Seljuk Turks controlled Holy Land
- Increase in feudal warfare in Western Europe
- Seljuk Turks threatened Byzantine Empire



Immediate Causes of the Crusades

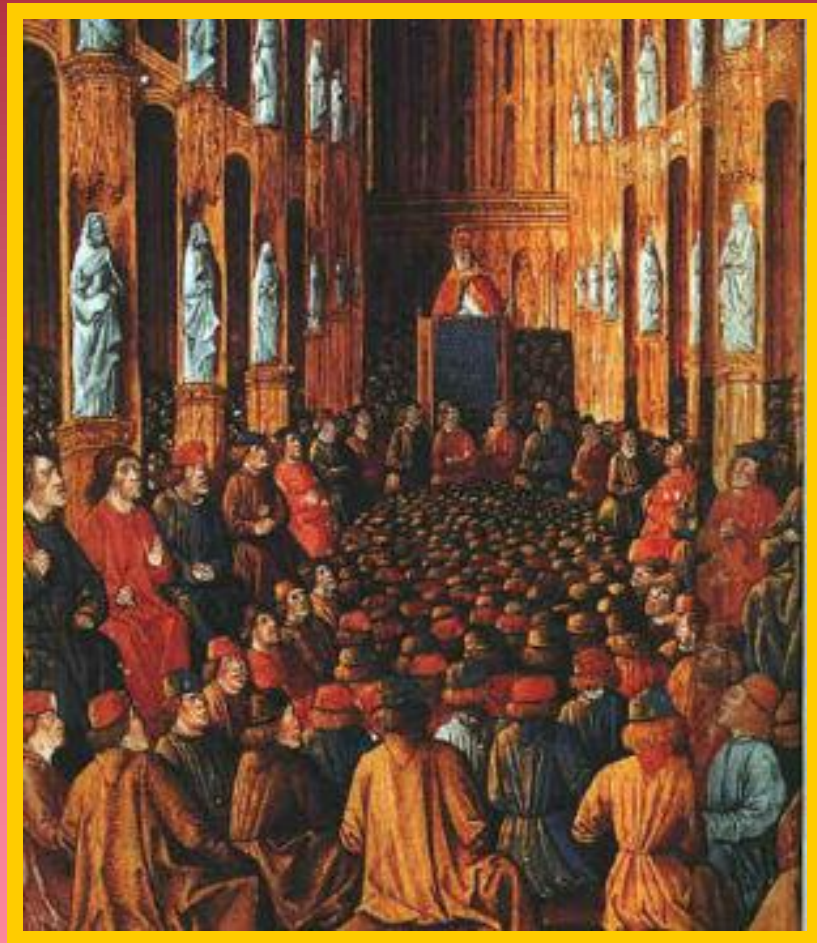
- Byzantine Emperor requested help from Pope Urban II (1091)
- Desire to reunite two branches of Christianity
- Desire to reduce feudal warfare
- Desire to fight for the glory of God

Pope Urban's Speech

- 1091 – Byzantine leader requests military support to protect empire and pilgrims
- 1095 – Clermont, France – Pope Urban II gives a speech outlining his desire for a crusade
 - Wants to reunite Church
 - Liberate Holy Land from “infidels” in name of Christianity
 - Thousands responded to his call

Motivation to Participate

1. Religious
2. Economic
3. Other
4. The Pope



Crusade Routes



The Second Crusade

1147-1149

- Quarrels among Crusader States
- Muslims reclaim the Holy Land



The Third Crusade

1189-1192

- The Crusade of Kings
 - England: Richard the Lionhearted
 - France: Philip Augustus
 - Holy Roman Empire: Frederick Barbarossa
- Muslim Leader Saladin
- Attempts for Jerusalem
- Saladin's Treaty & Safe Passage
- Significance



The Fourth Crusade

1202-1204

- Venetian Interference and Motivations
- Looting of Constantinople
- Greed & Power Struggle



Results of the Crusades

- Failure of original purpose
- Heightened tensions among various religions
- Tarnished image of the Church
- Increased trade, return of money economy
- Europe's introduction to more advanced cultures
- Decline of feudalism



The End

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