

HIS4B05 HISTORY OF MEDIEVAL WORLD
MODULE-4 TRANSFORMATION OF MEDIEVAL
WORLD

TOPIC : CRUSADES AND ITS EFFECTS

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CRUSADES: CAUSES AND RESULTS

- ✘ Historians – AD 1500 as age of transition from medieval to modern
- ✘ Crusades- marked this transition
- ✘ Holy war between Christians & Muslims for the control of Jerusalem
- ✘ Jerusalem- holy land for Jews, Christians & Muslims

CLAIM TO JERUSALEM

Christians

- Place where Jesus was born, crucified & ascended to heaven

Jews

- Abraham was given this land by God

Muslims

- Place where Muhammad ascended to heaven

CRUSADES

- ✘ A series of war fought against Muslims by Christians
- ✘ Between 1096- 1270 CE
- ✘ Term Crusade- Latin word – ‘Crux’ means cross

BACKGROUND/CAUSES

- ✘ 600 CE-Muslims conquered Jerusalem
- ✘ Allowed Christians & Jews for worship
- ✘ In 1070 CE – Seljuk Turks captured Jerusalem
- ✘ Checked the entry of Christians and Jews to Jerusalem
- ✘ Byzantine Emperor Alexius I asked Pope Urban II to help to regain Jerusalem
- ✘ As a result Pope Called for first crusade

TIMELINE

- ✘ FIRST CRUSADE- 1095-1099
 - Victory for European armies
 - drove out Turks
 - Europeans took control of Jerusalem

✘ SECOND CRUSADE-1147-1149

- started in response to the fall of county of Edessa, a crusader state formed after first crusade in to the hands of Turks

- announced by Pope Eugene III

- led by Louis VII of France & Conrad III of Germany

- both armies were defeated & Turks become victorious

✘ THIRD CRUSADE-1187-1192

- in 1187-Saladin, ruler of Egypt recaptured the city of Jerusalem from Christians
- Third crusade begins
- led by Emperor Barbarossa of Germany, King Philip Augustus of France, King Richard of England
- King Richard and Saladin fought for several years
- Saladin became victorious
- but gave permission for Christians to visit Jerusalem for worship

✘ FOURTH CRUSADE-1202-1204

- by Pope Innocent III to regain Jerusalem
- but crusaders get sidetracked and conquered and plundered Constantinople

✘ CHILDENS CRUSADE-1212

- started by French kid named Stephen of Cloyes and German kid named Nicholas
- Thousands of children gathered and marched to holy land
- but they never reached holy land- many of them were sold into slavery

✘ CRUSADES FIVE TO NINE- 1217-1272

- None of them successful in gaining control of holy land

EFFECTS ON COMMERCE

- ✘ Stimulated trade
- ✘ new products introduced
- ✘ Cities & towns grew
- ✘ Encouraged ship building
- ✘ Products from eastern countries flowed to west

EFFECTS ON FEUDALISM

- ✘ weakened feudalism
- ✘ nobles & knights left or sold their land for participating in Crusades
- ✘ Number of feudal lords began to decline
- ✘ Most of the lands of feudal lords went in to the hands of crown
- ✘ serfs got freedom

POLITICAL EFFECTS

- ✘ Decline in power of feudal aristocracy
- ✘ Kings of Europe became more powerful
- ✘ Feudal lords went to crusades never returned & their lands went in to the hands of King

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- ✘ It opened a new world
 - ✘ Knowledge of science & learning of East stimulated Western knowledge system
 - ✘ Arts, manufactures and knowledge unknown to Europe were introduced from Asia