

## The Crusades

The first thought that came to mind about the Crusades that took place throughout the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries is this, how could a so call Christian justify organizing such a bloody and harsh invasion.

The messages that were convey about the Crusaders is that the Pope and the church were powerful. The Christians were ambitious about fighting over land and defending and reuniting their Christian brotherhood especially if they were being mistreated. Also, the church was strongly supported by the emperors and the kings. Christians took the pledge to join the crusades out of greed. They used the name of Christ and their bible to manipulate people and used religion to justify their agenda for the crusade.

The frame values which lie around the messages is that there was no separation between church and state during this period. The nobles were married to high-ranking members of the church. The commoners clearly did not have as much wealth and possessions as nobles and not to mention other prestigious families, so joining the crusades were one way they thought they would gain some valuable assets. They told the Christians that Christ wanted them to fight for their brotherhood and for land.

Images of contracts and contractual relationships that can be highlighted are the corruptions that were taking place in the governing body of the church such as the moral issues with the clergies' adultery and other sexual sins and conflicts with the emperors and kings about their sins. Other Christians, manly poor commoners rejected the call to join the crusades. They refused to follow the pope and used the bible to support their belief against the movement. While the crusades

were being led by bishops, popes and other nobilities, there was a preacher who spoke against the crusades. He had a lot of followers who subscribe to his way of thinking. He was called Peter the hermit. While the crusade was strong and had heavy supporters, there were people who were against the movement.

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