

History

Why did the people in Medieval times joined the crusades?

Reason #1 (for money): The people who joined the crusades mainly for money as the Pope promised heavenly riches to those who joined the crusade.

Reason #2 (for religion): In the Medieval times, religion played an important role in the people's lives. The Pope promised those who joined the crusade that if they died fighting with the Muslims, they will go straight to Heaven.

Reason #3 (to escape tax): The people in Medieval times dreaded the tax as many couldn't afford to pay them. The king promised that as long as they went on a crusade, they wouldn't need to pay the tax until they came back.

Reason #4 (for religion): The people treated the crusades as holy pilgrimages to visit Jesus's tomb, so they would of course go willingly.

Reason #5 (to not excommunicate the Pope) : The people were obeying the Pope, who is the most powerful man of religion at that time. That wouldn't dare to disobey his orders so they joined the crusades.

The crusades were usually formed by men. But one day, a 12 years old shepherd boy named Stephen led his own army to form a crusade to the Holy Land. Sadly, most of them were either kidnapped or died along the way. They never reached the Holy Land.

The crusaders wore armour, carried banners and weapons. They wear a white or black tunic with a red cross sewn on them. They were mostly extremely aggressive knights who were encouraged to go on crusades by the kings who wish to get rid of them.

The knights wore chain mails and carried swords, bows, maces, daggers, axes and shields.

