

1147-1149 The 2nd Crusade

- * First crusade won because enemy was disorganized
 - * 1146 city of Edessa taken by turks
 - * shocked western civilization
 - * entire pop. of Eddessa slaughtered
 - * Holy land held by infidels
 - * Bishop Hugh of Jerusalem wanted another crusade
 - * Job of recruiting delegated to Bernard of Clairvaux
 - o 56 years old
 - o powerful and popular leader of the crusades
 - * two monarchs
 - o King Louis VII of France
 - o Conrad III of Germany
 - * took up cross of the crusades
 - o it took time for Bernard to convince Conrad but finally he joined
 - * the second crusade had a favorable beginning
 - * had an unhappy ending
 - * only a few 1000 escaped
- * Louis VII., king of France, was led to undertake the crusade through remorse for an act of great cruelty that he had perpetrated upon some of his revolted subjects. <http://www.middle-ages.org.uk/the-second-crusade.htm>
- * The strength of both the French and the German division of the expedition was wasted in Asia Minor, and the crusade accomplished nothing.
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