Later Crusades

The Crusader state after the 1\textsuperscript{st} crusade

\textbf{Outremer} – “The land beyond the sea”

- Four tiny crusading feudal kingdoms in the Holy Land
- There is a king with little power. Have to try to survive in a Muslim sea.

After the crusade most of the knights went home. Manpower, soldiers and knights is a constant problem. The partial solution to the problem? Warrior-monks.

\textbf{Knights Templar and Hospitaler} – warrior monks who live in poverty and never marry. They devote their lives to God and defending His land against the Muslims.

Outremer had survived because Islam was so divided. Couldn’t unite against the Christian invaders. That changes with one man…

\textbf{Saladin}: Muslim ruler of Egypt who eventually unites all of Islam and calls for jihad against the Christian invader.

Invades Outremer with a massive force of over 80,000? Crusaders grab every last man they can.
Crusaders are defeated at **Battle of Hattin in 1187** and Saladin quickly conquers Jerusalem and the rest of Outremer except for a few coastal cities.

Byzantines immediately send congratulations to Saladin and form an alliance with him.

Surviving crusaders led by King Guy de Lusignan besiege the city of Acre already taken by the Muslims. Saladin races to relieve the city but the crusaders are too dug in and he can’t get rid of them. Acre becomes the focus of the Third Crusade.

**Third Crusade**: 1187-1193  Crusade of Kings. Richard the Lionhearted of England, Phillip Augustus of France, and Frederick Barbarossa of the Holy Roman Empire all lead massive forces to Acre to retake the Holy Land.

Barbarossa is so insulted by his treatment by the Byzantines that he almost decides to conquer Constantinople. Barbarossa dies in Turkey of heart failure while bathing in a stream. Most of his men return home.

Richard and Phillip arrive in Acre and immediately fall ill. Perhaps half of all the crusaders die here from disease. Skin falling off disease that robs the sight.

Phillip returns home leaving his army with Richard. Richard never takes Jerusalem. How can we hold it as long as Saladin is around? Instead signs a treaty with him and returns home. Crusaders keep a thin strip of land along the coast.

**Fourth Crusade**: 1204-1206 “Unholy Crusade” Preached by Pope Innocent III they contracted with the Italian merchant city-state of Venice to provide transportation.

Crusaders arrive in Venice but they don’t have enough money to pay the agreed amount for the hundreds of ships the Venetians have for them.
Venetians say that’s Ok just conquer the city of Zara for us and we’ll transport you. Only problem…Zara is a Christian city. City is owned by the King of Hungary a sworn crusader. Pope forbids them to do it. Crusaders decide the crusade must go on and they must have transportation so they conquer the city.

After conquering the city, the Venetians introduce an heir to the Byzantine throne whose family was overthrown. It’s another fellow named Alexius. He tells them that if they help him regain his throne he’ll give them

10,000 men

200,0000 marks = 16,000,000 million dollars

Byzantines will recognize the Pope

Crusaders agree and besiege the city. The current Byzantine emperor flees and the crusaders have their man on the throne. Only problem? He doesn’t have the money or men for the crusaders. Months pass and pass and pass. Then this emperor is murdered and replaced by a new one who orders the crusaders out of the city. The crusaders don’t have the money, food, or will to leave so they attack, sack, raid, and pillage the city and conquer the Byzantine Empire. Walls of Constantinople were only breached twice and this was one of them. Pope and world is horrified.

Crusaders rule the Byzantine Empire for fifty years before being tossed out. The Byzantine Empire survives another 200 years but never recovers from the 4th Crusade.

**Children’s Crusade:** 1212 A.D. Young boy named Stephen hears the call of God and, along with adults and preachers, preaches the Children’s Crusade. The innocent will free Jerusalem. Wander around France coming to the port city of Marseille. Estimates are there were about 30,000 children waiting for the seas to part. Never happened.
Outremer survives for over 150 years. New doors of knowledge open or are reopened in Europe.

- Crusaders realize Muslims aren’t evil and have a lot to offer.
  - New products flow into Europe from China – silks, spices – NEW WEALTH.
  - Learn alchemy, al-jbr, and medicine from Muslims – NEW KNOWLEDGE.
  - Works of ancient Greeks – Aristotle, Plato, Socrates, reintroduced back into Europe…NEW IDEAS