

The First Crusade 1095–99

A Historical Association short course

As Christianity had spread across Europe, Islam had spread across the Middle East. At the end of the eleventh century the relationship between the Muslim leader of Jerusalem and the Christian communities and travellers to the city fractured. Along with other key relationships across Europe, the Middle East and around the Mediterranean region tensions rose leading to calls for a European Crusader force to retake Jerusalem for the Christian world. What ensues over the following years set the tone for relations across Christendom and amongst the Islamic worlds. Images, writings, and tales of the events feed into legend as well as history.

In this course, the Historical Association has brought together some of the UK's leading experts on this subject. They will provide their expert insight into the period, detail the reality of what occurred, and discuss the legacy of the First Crusade, both at the time and in the following centuries. They will also explain its symbolic importance today.

The course will include eight live lectures, with discussion – two in July and then the remaining six will

be in September and October. There will also be two interactive workshops in August. Supporting the course and available throughout the life of the course will be a specially selected bank of resources to support a participant's learning and understanding of the period. Those who sign up for the course can dip in and out as they wish, attend the live lectures, or catch up on the recordings afterwards. There are no requirements for participants to produce any output for the course just to take part and enjoy the opportunity to learn about a fascinating period from leading academics in the field. Each lecture will be led by one of the four academics on this course but will be supported by the others taking part.

Registration is open to anyone. There is a small cost for this course and concessions are available.

The course outline (subject to confirmation) includes:

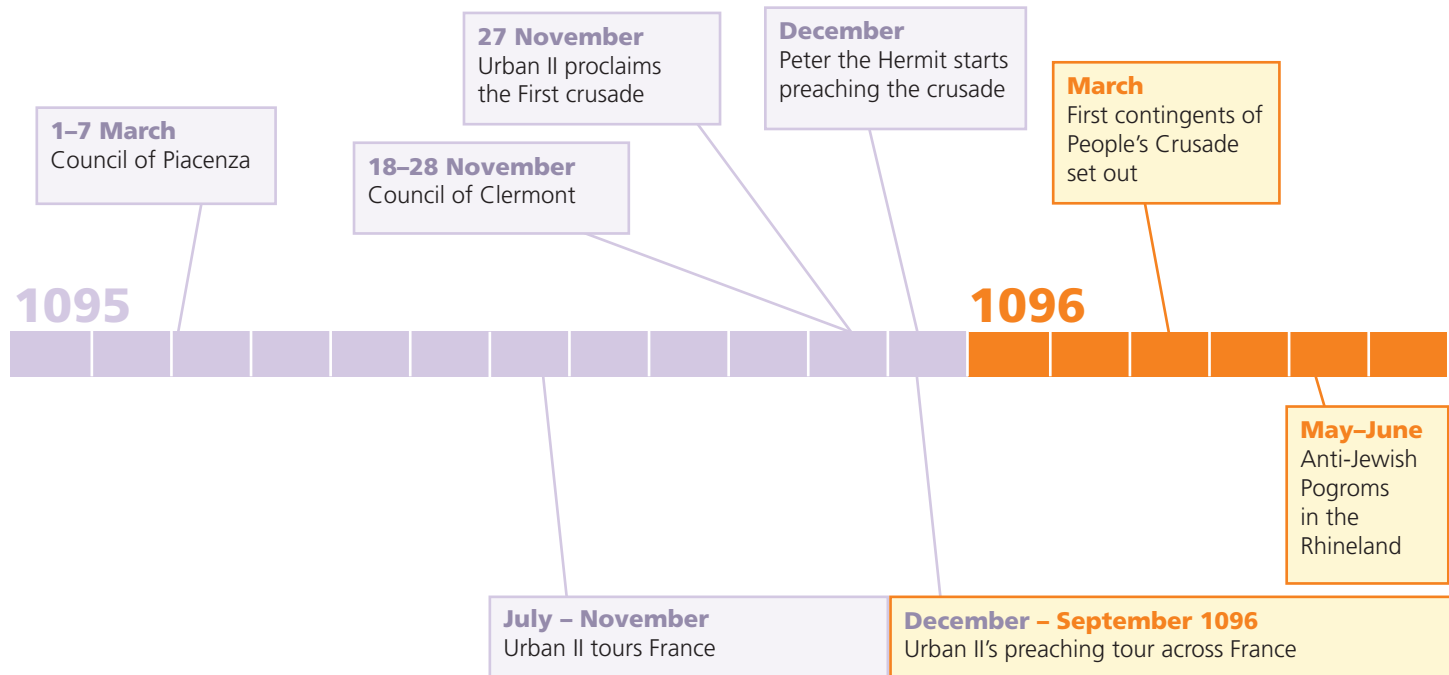
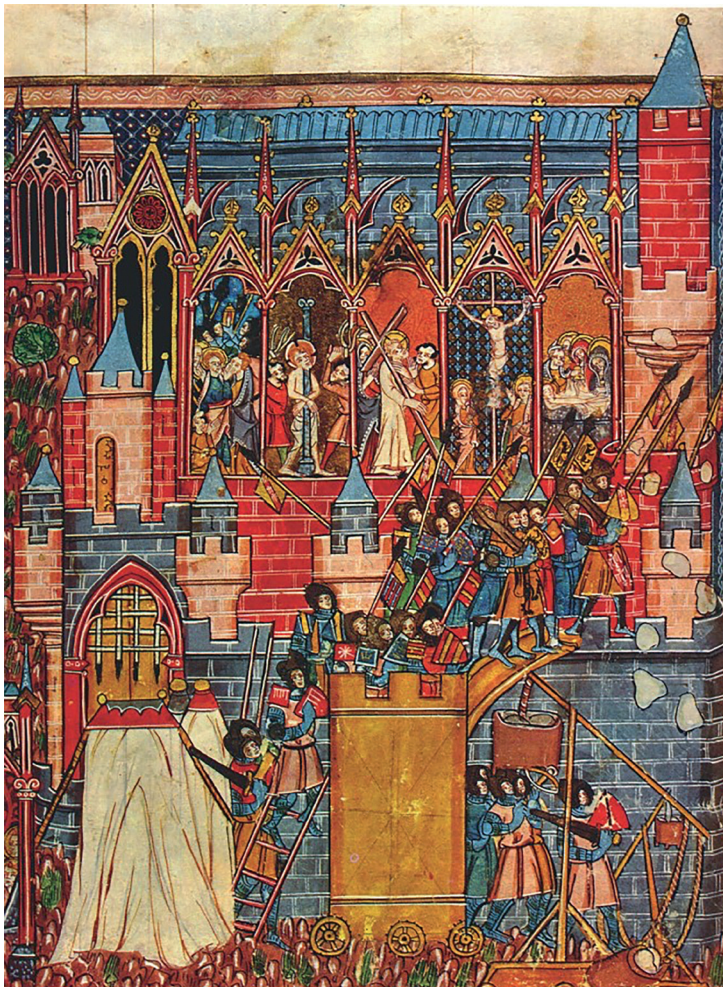
1. Setting the scene: the background to events, across the West, Byzantium – Professor Jonathan Phillips
2. Call for the Crusade and response including the role of Albert of Aachen – Dr Natasha Hodgson
3. The impact of the Crusade on the Muslim world – Professor Jonathan Phillips
4. The Siege of Antioch – Dr Andrew Buck
5. Eastern Christians and events post Antioch – Dr Natasha Hodgson
6. Siege of Jerusalem and the setting up of the Latin East – Dr Simon John
7. The legacy of the First Crusade in the Medieval period – Dr Andrew Buck
8. The legacy of the First Crusade in the Modern world – Dr Simon John



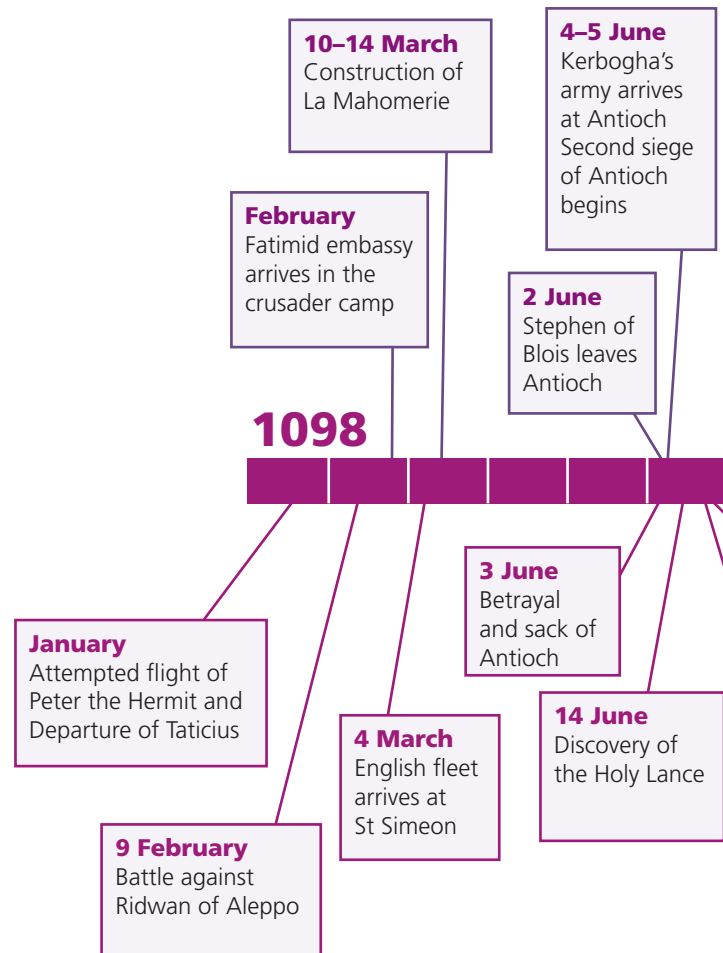
Look out for further details and
registration opening in May

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FirstCrusade157](http://www.history.org.uk/go/FirstCrusade157)**

Timeline of the First



Thirteenth-century miniature depicting the Capture of Jerusalem, 1099



1st Crusade, 1095–99

