

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

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| 1054 July | Schism precipitated by patriarch Cerularius and cardinal Humbert |
| 1055 December | The Selchükid Tughrul-Beg enters Baghdad |
| 1064-1065 | Great German pilgrimage to Jerusalem |
| 1071 April 16 | The Normans take Bari |
| 1071 August 26 | The Selchükid Turks under Alp Arslan defeat the Byzantines at Manzikert |
| 1071 | The Turkoman Atsız occupies Jerusalem |
| 1074-1077 | Badr al-Jamāli pacifies Egypt for the Fāṭimid caliph al-Mustaṣṣir; shift of power to the military |
| 1078 | The Selchükid Tutush, brother of Malik-Shāh, granted Syria and Palestine |
| 1079 October | Atsız surrenders Damascus to Tutush; Artuk his lieutenant at Jerusalem |
| 1081 April | Accession of emperor Alexius I Comnenus |
| 1081 May | Robert Guiscard invades Byzantine Albania |
| 1085 May 25 | Alfonso VI of Castile and Leon conquers Toledo |
| 1085 July 17 | Death of Robert Guiscard; the Normans abandon invasion of Albania |
| 1086 October 23 | The Murābiṭs defeat the Spanish at Zallaca |
| 1087 August 6 | The Italians sack Mahdia in Tunisia |
| 1087-1090 or 1091 | Pilgrimage of count Robert I of Flanders |
| 1088 March 12 | Odo of Lagery elected pope Urban II |
| 1089 | The Fāṭimids acquire Acre, Tyre, and other ports |
| 1090 | The Assassins established at Alamut |
| 1091 | The Normans complete the conquest of Sicily |
| 1091 April 29 | The Pechenegs annihilated by the Byzantines and Kumans |
| 1092 November | Death of Malik-Shāh; Kılıj Arslan I dominates west central Anatolia |
| 1095 February 26 | Tutush killed; succeeded by his sons: Rıdvan at Aleppo, Dukak at Damascus |
| 1095 March | The Council of Piacenza opens |
| 1095 November 27 | Urban II preaches the crusade at the Council of Clermont |
| 1096 July-August | Peter the Hermit, Walter Sans-Avoir, and the people's crusade arrive at Constantinople |
| 1096 October 21 | The people's crusade annihilated near Nicaea by the Turks |
| 1096 November-December | The First Crusade: Hugh of Vermandois, Godfrey of Bouillon, and the first armies arrive at Constantinople |
| 1097 May | Robert of Normandy, Stephen of Blois, and the last armies of the First Crusade leave Constantinople |
| 1097 June 19 | Nicaea surrendered by the Turks to the Byzantines |
| 1097 July 1 | The crusaders defeat Kılıj Arslan I at Dorylaeum |
| 1097 September | Tarsus taken by Tancred, surrendered to Baldwin of Boulogne |
| 1097 October 21 | Crusaders commence siege of Antioch |
| 1098 March 10 | Baldwin of Boulogne assumes rule of Edessa, with the title of count |
| 1098 June 3 | The crusaders capture Antioch; Bohemond of Taranto claims the city, assumes the title of prince |
| 1098 June 28 | Kerbogha of Mosul defeated by the crusaders at Antioch |
| 1098 August 26 | The vizir al-Afḍal takes Jerusalem from the Artukids for the Fāṭimids |
| 1099 July 15 | The crusaders conquer Jerusalem from the Fāṭimid governor İftikhār-ad-Daulah |
| 1099 July 22 | Godfrey of Bouillon elected Advocate of the Holy Sepulcher |

- 1099 July 29 Death of Urban II; Rainerius of Blera elected pope Paschal II August 14
- 1099 August 12 The crusaders defeat the Fātimid army near Ascalon
- 1100 July 18 Death of Godfrey of Bouillon
- 1100 August Bohemond captured by Dānishmendīd Turkomans
- 1100 October 2 Baldwin of Boulogne departs for Jerusalem, leaving Baldwin of Le Bourg as count of Edessa
- 1100 December 25 Baldwin I crowned king at Bethlehem
- 1101 March Tancred regent of Antioch for Bohemond
- 1101 March Crusade of 1101: the first armies arrive at Constantinople, cross to Nicomedia April 21
- 1101 August Lombard crusaders defeated by Turks near Mersivan
- 1101 August Nivernais crusaders defeated near Heraclea
- 1101 September Crusaders from Aquitaine and Germany defeated near Heraclea
- 1103 May Bohemond freed, resumes rule of Antioch
- 1104 May 7 Baldwin of Edessa and Joscelin of Courtenay captured at Harran
- 1104 The Byzantines regain Cilicia
- 1104 June 14 Tughtigin independent ruler at Damascus
- 1104 autumn Bohemond leaves for Europe; Tancred regent of Antioch; Richard of Salerno governor at Edessa
- 1105 February 28 Raymond of St. Gilles dies while besieging Tripoli; William Jordan takes his place
- 1105-1107 Bohemond, with papal authorization, organizes a "crusade" against Byzantium
- 1107 June 3 Kilij Arslan I killed at the Khabur by the Selchūkids of Iraq
- 1107 autumn Bohemond's army captures Avlona, besieges Dyrrachium (Durazzo)
- 1107-1110 Crusade of Norwegians under king Sigurd
- 1108 Baldwin of Le Bourg and Joscelin released; Baldwin recovers Edessa from Tancred and Richard September 18
- 1108 September Collapse of Bohemond's expedition; treaty affirms Byzantine suzerainty over Antioch
- 1109 March Bertram, son of Raymond of St. Gilles, arrives to claim the area around Tripoli
- 1109 July 12 Tripoli falls to the crusaders; Bertram assumes the title of count
- 1112 January Bertram dies; his son Pons count of Tripoli
- or February
- 1112 December Tancred dies; succeeded by Roger of Salerno
- 1113 October 2 Maudūd of Mosul killed by Assassins at Damascus
- 1113 November Rīdvan dies; Aleppo under his son and the regent Lu'lu' (dies 1117)
- 1115 September 14 Roger of Antioch defeats Bursuk at Dānith
- 1115 Baldwin I builds the castle of Krak de Montréal (ash-Shaubak) south of the Dead Sea
- 1118 April 2 Death of Baldwin I; Baldwin of Le Bourg, count of Edessa, consecrated king April 14
- 1118 August 15 Death of Alexius I Comnenus; his son John emperor
- 1119 June 28 Roger of Antioch defeated and killed by ʾĪl-Ghāzī near Darb Sarmadā (the *ager sanguinis*); Baldwin II later becomes regent of Antioch for Bohemond II
- 1119 August Baldwin II installs Joscelin of Courtenay as count of Edessa
- or September
- 1122 September 13 Joscelin captured by Belek at Sarūj
- 1123 April 18 Baldwin II captured by Belek at Shenchrig
- 1123 Joscelin escapes, fails to rescue king Baldwin
- 1124 July 7 Tyre falls to Franks and Venetian fleet
- 1124 August 29 Baldwin II freed by Timurtash
- 1126 October Bohemond II arrives to be prince at Antioch
- or November
- 1126 November 26 Aksungur al-Bursukī killed by Assassins at Mosul
- 1127 September Zengi appointed governor at Mosul
- 1128 June 18 Zengi enters Aleppo
- 1130 February Bohemond II of Antioch killed in Cilicia
- 1131 August 21 Death of Baldwin II; his son-in-law, Fulk of Anjou, king September 14

- 1131 autumn Joscelin I dies; his son Joscelin II count of Edessa
 1132 or 1133 The Assassins purchase al-Qadmūs, begin settlement in the Nuṣairi mountains (Jabal Anṣāriyah)
- 1136 Raymond of Poitiers marries Constance, becomes prince of Antioch
 1137 March 25 Pons killed; his son Raymond II count of Tripoli
 1137 Emperor John Comnenus invades Cilicia, besieges Antioch August 20
 1138 April–May Franco-Byzantine alliance fails at Shaizar, John Comnenus enters Antioch, but withdraws
- 1140 winter Unur (Önör) of Damascus and king Fulk ally to thwart Zengi
 1142 Fortress of Kerak (Krak des Moabites) built in the Transjordan
 1142 autumn John Comnenus again appears before Antioch, withdraws, to Cilicia
 1143 April 8 John dies; succeeded by son Manuel Comnenus
 1143 November 10 Death of king Fulk; Melisend and son Baldwin III crowned together December 25
- 1144 December 24–26 First capture of Edessa by Zengi
 1145 December 1 Second Crusade: pope Eugenius III issues the bull for a new crusade
 1146 March 31 St. Bernard preaches the crusade at Vézelay
 1146 September 14 Zengi killed; succeeded by his sons: Saif-ad-Dīn Ghāzī at Mosul, Nūr-ad-Dīn at Aleppo
- 1146 November 3 Final capture and sack of Edessa by Nūr-ad-Dīn
 1147 July–September The German expeditions against the Wends
 1147 September Second Crusade: Conrad III and the German crusaders arrive at Constantinople
- 1147 October 4 Louis VII and the French crusaders arrive at Constantinople
 1147 October 17 Almeria taken by the Spanish
 1147 October 24 Lisbon falls to the Portuguese and English
 1147 October Conrad III and the Germans defeated near Dorylaeum
 1148 January Louis VII and the French defeated near Cadmus
 1148 July 24–28 Failure of the Second Crusade before Damascus
 1149 June 29 Army of Antioch defeated by Nūr-ad-Dīn near Inab; Raymond killed
 1149 September 6 Saif-ad-Dīn Ghāzī of Mosul dies; succeeded by brother Quṭb-ad-Dīn Maudūd
- 1150 May 4 Joscelin II captured (dies in captivity 1159)
 1150 summer Tell Bashir and other Edessan fortresses sold to Manuel Comnenus
 1151 July 12 Nūr-ad-Dīn takes Tell Bashir, last remnant of the county of Edessa, from the Byzantines
- 1151 (or 1152) spring Baldwin III breaks with queen Melisend, assumes full royal authority
 1152 Raymond II of Tripoli is killed by Assassins; his son Raymond III becomes count under the regency of his mother Hodierna
- 1153 spring Reginald of Châtillon marries Constance of Antioch and becomes prince
 1153 August 22 Ascalon surrenders to king Baldwin III
 1154 April 25 Damascus submits to Nūr-ad-Dīn
 1158 September Marriage of Baldwin III to Theodora, niece of emperor Manuel
 1158 autumn The Byzantine army enters Cilicia
 1159 April 12 Emperor Manuel enters Antioch as suzerain; Franco-Byzantine expedition ended by truce between Manuel and Nūr-ad-Dīn
- 1160 (or 1161) Reginald of Antioch captured; Baldwin III regent
 November
- 1163 February 10 Death of Baldwin III; his brother Amalric I crowned February 18
 1163 Bohemond III becomes prince of Antioch
 1163 September Amalric's first Egyptian expedition
 1164 May Shirkūh, for Nūr-ad-Dīn, restores the vizir Shavar in Cairo
 1164 August–October Amalric's second Egyptian expedition
 1164 August 10 Nūr-ad-Dīn captures Bohemond III and Raymond III, takes Ḥārim August 12; Amalric later assumes regency of Tripoli
- 1165 summer Bohemond III released, visits Constantinople, returns to Antioch with Greek patriarch (to 1170)
- 1167 January–August Amalric fails to intercept Shirkūh on the way to Egypt, leads third Egyptian expedition
- 1167 August 29 Amalric marries Maria Comnena
 1168 October Amalric's fourth Egyptian expedition (to January 1169)
 1169 January 18 Shirkūh, assisted by his nephew Saladin, replaces Shavar as vizir of Egypt

- 1169 March 23 Shirkūh dies; Saladin succeeds, granted diploma of investiture by Nūr-ad-Din March 26, soon masters Egypt
- 1169 October–December Amalric's fifth Egyptian expedition, with Byzantine alliance
- 1171 January 22 Mosul recognizes suzerainty of Nūr-ad-Din
- 1171 March–July Amalric visits Constantinople; temporary renewal of Franco-Byzantine alliance
- 1171 September 10 At order of Nūr-ad-Din, Saladin proclaims the 'Abbāsīd caliphate in Egypt
- 1171 September 13 The last Fāṭimid caliph, al-Āḍid, dies
- 1173 or 1174 Raymond III of Tripoli released
- 1174 May 15 Death of Nūr-ad-Din
- 1174 July 11 Death of Amalric; his leper son Baldwin IV crowned July 15
- 1174 autumn First regency of Raymond III at Jerusalem (to 1176)
- 1174 October 28 Saladin occupies Damascus
- 1174 December or 1175 January First Assassin attempt on the life of Saladin
- 1175 May The caliph formally invests Saladin with the governments of Egypt and Syria
- 1176 May 22 Second Assassin attempt on the life of Saladin
- 1176 September 17 The Selchūkids defeat the Byzantines at Myriokephalon
- 1177 November 25 Baldwin IV routs Saladin's army at Mont Gisard
- 1179 August 25–30 Saladin captures and destroys the fortress at Jacob's Ford
- 1179 A reorganized Egyptian fleet raids Frankish ports, takes Ruad in 1180
- 1180 March or April Marriage of Sibyl and Guy of Lusignan
- 1180 May Truce between Saladin and Baldwin IV
- 1180 September 24 Death of Manuel Comnenus; succeeded by son Alexius II
- 1181 summer Reginald of Kerak breaks the truce by attacking a caravan to Mecca
- 1182 spring Raymond III of Tripoli denied entrance to the kingdom
- 1182 August Saladin's land-sea attack on Beirut fails
- 1182–1183 February Reginald of Kerak raids Red Sea ports
- 1183 early Illness of Baldwin IV; regency of Guy of Lusignan
- 1183 June 11 Aleppo submits to Saladin
- 1183 October Large Frankish army faces Saladin near Şaffūriyah; Saladin withdraws
- 1183 November 20 Guy deposed from regency; the king's child nephew, Baldwin V, crowned
- 1183 December or 1184 January Second regency of Raymond III begins; provisions regarding the succession to the throne
- 1185 March Death of Baldwin IV
- 1185 early Truce between Saladin and kingdom of Jerusalem
- 1186 March 3 Saladin recognized as suzerain of Mosul
- 1186 late summer Death of Baldwin V; coronation of his mother Sibyl and Guy of Lusignan
- 1187 early Reginald of Kerak breaks the truce by attacking a caravan from Cairo to Damascus
- 1187 May 1 Templars under Gerard of Ridefort routed near Nazareth
- 1187 July 4 Saladin defeats the army of Jerusalem decisively at Hattin, captures Guy, executes Reginald
- 1187 July 14 Arrival of Conrad of Montferrat at Tyre
- 1187 October 2 Jerusalem surrenders to Saladin
- 1187 November–December Saladin's unsuccessful siege of Tyre
- 1187–1189 Saladin conquers almost all the Latin states
- 1189 August 27 Guy of Lusignan besieges Acre; preliminary to the Third Crusade