Space, Place, and Story in the Siege of Antioch Project

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Place Profiles: Babylon

Babylon

In crusading texts, “Babylon” generally does not refer to the famous ancient city on the Euphrates. More often, the texts use Babylon as a synonym for Cairo, Egypt, or the Fatimid Empire. This practice began because of the similarity between the names Babylon and Bāb-al-yūn, an Egyptian town that Cairo eventually absorbed. By the eleventh century, classicizing Latin authors began to conceive of Babylon as a kingdom that corresponded to the Arab Fatimid Empire, and to identify the Turkic Seljuk Empire with “Persia.” There was frequently, however, symbolic conflation between the Egyptian Babylon and the Babylon of antiquity. In the Bible, Babylon oppresses the Israelites and appears in apocalyptic prophecies in association with the Antichrist. Latin Christian authors could, therefore, use the name Babylon to signal that their Muslim opponents in Outremer were aligned with Satan and that crusaders and Christian settlers in the East were instruments of God’s plan for mankind. In later medieval literature, Babylon appears virtually unmoored from any political or historical reality as the legendary homeland of all Saracens.

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Bibliography:


Map 2: Characters

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Map 3: Narrative Action

- Siege d'Antioche Labels
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Conclusions

• Structure to easily divide responsibilities
• Pair visuals and prose
• Suggest approaches to researchers that go beyond the scope of the project
• Use simple building blocks
• Plan for team transitions
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