

History of the Crusades.
Episode 108.
Special Announcement.

Hello again. It's Sharyn Eastaugh here, with a podcasting update. You know how at the end of Episode 107 I said the podcast was at an end, and then I rode off into the podcasting sunset, waving you all a fond farewell? Well, I've had a few months off, and I'm kind of wanting to get back to podcasting again. But before I embark on any new projects, I first need to recoup all the costs I've incurred to date, and the costs of any books I'll need for my next round of podcasting. So here's the plan.

I've recorded an hour-long episode entitled "King Peter of Cyprus and The Last Crusade". This episode deals with the aftermath of the Fall of Acre and includes two more Crusades, including the important Crusade of King Peter of Cyprus in 1365, which was the last ever Crusade in which the object was the recapture of Jerusalem. This is different from all my previous podcast episodes in that this one is available to purchase. If you go to HistoryOfTheCrusades.bandcamp.com, that's "historyofthecrusades", all one word, dot band "B.A.N.D" camp "C.A.M.P.", all one word, dot "com", you can purchase the episode for the price of five dollars US, or you can pay more if you would like to. You can then stream or download the episode directly from the Bandcamp site.

Should I make enough money from the sale of this episode, I'll then start work on a new series of episodes under the "History of the Crusades Podcast" banner, and those series of episodes will be on the Crusade Against the Cathars, instigated by our old friend from the Fourth Crusade, Pope Innocent III.

The Crusade Against the Cathars takes place in southern France in the thirteenth century, against the allegedly heretical Cathar religious sect. Let me tell you that this Crusade rivals those in the Middle East for its ruthlessness, its epic battles and the forceful personalities involved. It promises to be a cracker.

After that, I might even start a whole new podcast series, detailing Western involvement in the Middle East in the first part of the twentieth century. So, if you would like to help me out, go to HistoryOfTheCrusades.bandcamp.com.

Now, if you're listening to this in the future, where hopefully heaps of lovely episodes on the Crusade Against the Cathars is showing up on your hovercraft hologram screen, don't panic. The special episode will still be available on the Bandcamp website even after the fundraising drive is over. Although I won't be fundraising anymore, think of it as shouting me a coffee and a pastry. You've listened to 107 episodes on the history of the Crusades and for the price of shouting me, a coffee and a pastry, you can listen to the special episode on King Peter of Cyprus and The Last Crusade on the Bandcamp website. You pay \$5, I get to drink coffee and eat a pastry while I'm working on more podcast episodes, and you get to listen to an hour long special episode. Everyone's a winner, so just go to HistoryOfTheCrusades.bandcamp.com if you would like to help me out.

If you're interested, I'll post updates as to how the fundraising drive is progressing, on the Twitter and Facebook feeds for the podcast. So search for "History of the Crusades Podcast" on Facebook, or follow "@HistoryCrusades" on Twitter, to get updates. Thank you all so much, and I hope that you'll be hearing from me with more podcasts at some time in the future. Until then, bye for now.

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