

#2116 The Yom Kippur War and the Abomination of Desolation – The post-World War II U.S. waxing great toward the South and toward the East as a *second* Syria/Antiochus IV Epiphanes, part 375, **The History of the Pale of Settlement, (ii), The Crusades stimulated the persecution of Jews in Europe**

**Key Understanding:** *The Crusades stimulated the persecution of Jews in Europe. Persecution of the Jews in Europe increased with the onset of the First Crusade. Many Jews resettled in Poland.*

**Pope Urbanus II and the First Crusade.** During the first 700 years of Christendom, Jewish communities in Europe were rarely placed in direct physical danger. But the situation changed when, in 1095, Pope Urbanus II called for a crusade to liberate Jerusalem from the hands of the Muslims.

On their way to Jerusalem, the crusaders would leave behind a trail of death and destruction in the Jewish communities along the Rhine and the Danube. “Because” they exclaimed, “why should we attack the unbelievers in the Holy Land, and leave the infidels in our midst undisturbed?”

In May 1096, about 800 Jews were murdered in Worms,

Germany, while many others chose suicide. In Regensburg, Jews were thrown into the Danube to be “baptized.” In Mainz, Cologne, Prague, and many other cities, thousands of Jews were killed and their possessions plundered. During the following hundred years, the subsequent crusades were accompanied by massacres and pillages among the Jewish population. With the crusades, the status of the Jews as second class citizens became entrenched in Church dogma and state laws throughout Christian Europe. A period of oppression and insecurity followed for the Jews.

The first extensive Jewish emigration from Western Europe to Poland occurred at the time of the First Crusade in 1098. Jews were being killed in Germany by Crusaders (shown on the *right* in this 13<sup>th</sup> century image), but they were encouraged by the tolerant regime of Boleslaus III (1102-1139) to settle throughout Poland, including over the border into Lithuanian territory as far as Kiev.



Here is #2116–Doc 1, a map illustrating the multitude of Jewish communities subject to attack at the beginning of the First Crusade.

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*Revelation 6:7-8 (KJV) And when he had opened **THE FOURTH SEAL**, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.  
8 **And I looked, and behold A PALE HORSE: and his name that sat on him was DEATH, AND HELL followed with him.** And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.*

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