

# Milk & HONEY & BLOOD

## Crusade & Jihad & Inheritance

### God Wills It

1 Samuel 14

Pope Urban II called for crusade with these words: “I say it to those who are present. I command that it be said to those who are absent. Christ commands it. All who go thither and lose their lives, be it on the road or on the sea, or in the fight against the pagans, will be granted immediate forgiveness for their sins. This I grant to all who will march, by virtue of the great gift which God has given to me.” The crowds sewed crosses to their chests and cried out, “God wills it.”

### NOT THE SAME

	<i>Inheritance</i>	<i>Jihad</i>	<b>CRUSADE</b>
Practiced	c.1200-1000 BC, begun by Joshua, completed by King David	7th century AD through to present day	1095-1291 AD, by the medieval Western church
Scope	Limited to the borders of the Promised Land, against only the nations the Lord specifically cited	Universal, excepting against other Muslims	Began at the invitation of the Byzantine emperor to defend against Muslim aggression; expanded to defend a Christian Kingdom of Jerusalem, eventually turning against Constantinople
Warrant	Moses commanded, written in Scripture	Quran commanded, Muslim jurists expanded	Pope commanded, never universal acclaim among Christian teachers, no support in Scripture except insofar as some actions could be fashioned as defensive just war
Aims	Judge the nations, restore Abraham’s inheritance to his children	Spread Islam	Defend the Byzantine Empire against Muslim attack, reunite Western and Eastern Christians, reconquer the Holy Land, attain penance for combatants