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1. GREGORY THE GREAT: TEXTS & TRANSLATIONS

Some have called Gregory (d.604) the greatest pope. He stands at the cusp between late antiquity and the early Middle Ages. Gregory was an able local administrator who repaired Rome’s aqueducts and fended off barbarian invaders. He also saw the papacy in a world-wide perspective, offering sage pastoral guidance to Christians in North Africa and initiating the great Christian mission to England. He also lived in a world that was falling apart: an empire collapsing around him, an Italy devastated by the Black Plague. He saw himself as pope for the endtimes—and spoke movingly of the meaning of suffering in his magisterial sermons on the Book of Job.

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**Translations: Gregory the Great**


2. GREGORY THE GREAT & THE EARLY PAPACY: STUDIES


R.A. Markus, *Gregory the Great and His World*, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1997). This is a superb biography setting Gregory in the context of his world. The place to start


George E. Demacopoulos, *The Invention of Peter: Apostolic Discourse and Papal Authority in Late Antiquity*, Divinations: Rereading Late Ancient Religion (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2013) hardcover, $70. NEW.


Joan M. Petersen, *The Dialogues of Gregory the Great in Their Late Antique Cultural Background*, Studies and Texts 69 (Toronto: Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, 1984).


3. GREGORY VII & THE MEDIEVAL PAPACY: TEXTS & TRANSLATIONS


4. GREGORY VII & THE MEDIEVAL PAPACY: STUDIES


Gerd Tellenbach, *The Church in Western Europe from the Tenth to the Early Twelfth Century*, Cambridge Medieval Textbooks (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1993). Tellenbach, one of the deans of medieval studies, offers a nuanced study of the period that marks the rise of the papacy. He skillfully debunks easy-going generalizations about papal power and about church-state relations.


C.H. Lawrence, ed., *The English Church & the Papacy in the Middle Ages* (Sutton, 1999).


**5. THE CRUSADES: TEXTS & STUDIES**

**Texts & Translations**


**Studies**

Jonathan Riley-Smith, ed., *The Oxford Illustrated History of the Crusades* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1995). When Pope Urban II called the first crusade in 1096, he set Western Christendom off on a path that would last for centuries: the idea of an
armed pilgrimage. It is a complex many-sided affair which Riley-Smith and his contributors trace out with great skill. This is a good place to start.


6. **THE BYZANTINE EMPIRE & THE GREAT SCHISM**


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