



**Map 9.3** *The Crusader States, c. 1100–1300* The First Crusade established four “Latin” states in the Middle East that were ruled by crusaders from Western Europe and their descendants. As this map shows, these four states formed a small sliver of Catholic-controlled territory that faced the Mediterranean on one side and various Muslim states on most other sides. These fragile crusader states eventually crumbled, but for much of the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, they were outposts of Western culture in the East.