

This thesis presents an inquiry into the issue of Christian captives in 17th century Morocco, while the main concern is given to all main aspects of the moroccan captivity. The thesis begins with the introduction to the historical background of the period, which is followed by chronological delineation of the act of being taken captive where the corsaires of Salé took their part, then the living conditions which the Christians had to face during their captivity in Morocco, to the possibilities of redemption which the situation offered.

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