

JALAL AD-DIN MENGUBERDI AND MONGOLS

Jalal ad-Din was a hero of his time. He was a hero, an adventurer, a knight and fighter. His role in Middle East politics but remains very complicated.

In my essay I'm working with few of medieval chronicles of different muslim writers of 13th century. My deal is to point out a complex picture of this important person and explain his contribution to umma and medieval society. If there was any.

I'm asking how was he seen by muslim intellectuals and by a society? Was he a savior or a threat? Was he really „the wall against Mongol invasion“?

He was indeed a really complex person and I want to find his real face among different opinions.

I divided my essay into five chapters. First of them is describing first year of Jalal ad-Din rule in Khwarezm, which was short and full of fights. Second chapter is describing evolution of relations between Mongols and khwarezmshah during twelve years of his rule. Third chapter is focused on relations with khaliphate in Bagdad and from same point of view, next chapter is describing relations of Jalal ad-Din and Ayyoubids and Seljuq empire of Rum. Last chapter is containing necrologs and evolution of Jalal ad-Din's legend in Near East.

I'm working with 8 chronicles which every brings a different picture and was written under different circumstances, which is crucial for my work. Thanks to this range I'm able to present Jalal ad-Din's character and personage.