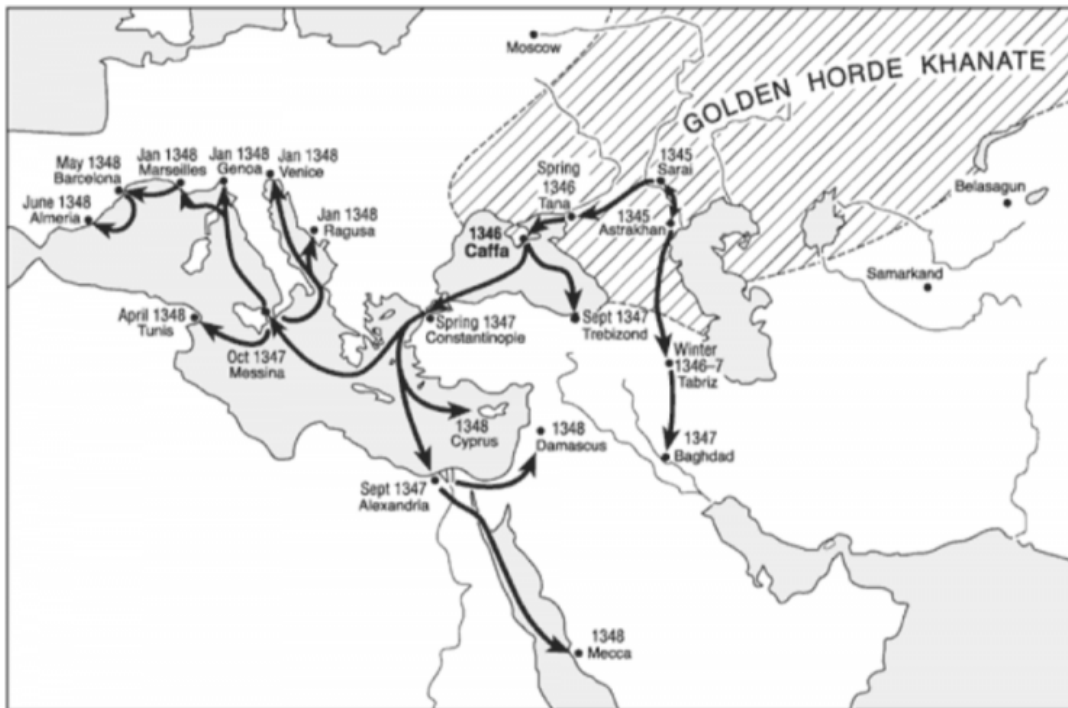


Inspector Rex's History Snippet #28

Caffa – 1346 -> 1347 -> 1348

Where is Caffa – can you tell from the map?

What happened at Caffa in 1346 with its consequences?



To find out more go to:

<https://www.warhistoryonline.com/instant-articles/mongol-siege-caffa-black-plague.html>

What is the origin of the word “quarantine”?

The word *quarantine* comes from *quarantena*, meaning "forty days", used in the [Venetian](#) language in the 14th and 15th centuries. The word is designated in the period during which all ships were required to be isolated before passengers and crew could go ashore during the [Black Death](#) plague. It was extended from 30 days.

But there was much prior usage of forty days from Biblical references.

Moses spent 40 days and 40 nights on Mount Sinai

Jesus

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for **forty days** and forty nights and afterwards was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread.

Christian observation of Lent