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The Mongol Empire, especially under Genghis Khan, was the most powerful and the biggest empire in the world’s history. Two most important factors that contributed to the successful conquest of the Mongol Empire were the warrior and Genghis Khan. The Mogol warriors were trained under the severe condition of their homeland to survive in all types of the environment using anything available, therefore, they became the mightiest army at that time. Genghis Khan was not only a strong warrior but also a great leader and tactician. He created so many awesome fighting techniques such as the use of speed and surprise as well as the perfecting siege warfare which were all new in his time so that their enemies didn’t know how to counterattack.

Another greatest success was the formation of the largest free-trade zone. This zone was both diplomatic and commercial connections between all the civilizations under the Mongol Empire, which institute the new world order. Also, the commerce expanded to other countries that were not conquered by the Mongol Empire by welcoming the foreign merchants and sending their people to the new countries. Thanks to these international relationships, the Mongol map was the most extensive throughout history.

All conquered tribes and countries were united and risen strongly under only the Mongol Empire. Genghis Khan always tried to minimize the damage to a country to the lowest level. Therefore, he could still get advantages and also develop from their natural resource and human resource. As paying tax for the Mongol Empire, countries would receive help in everything such as protection from enemies, education, and the free-trade zone. After the destruction of a country in the Mongol invasion, that country would be recovered and grown even better than before in all aspects.

The way Genghis Khan ruled his empire was the most important factor in the prosperous development of the Mongol Empire. He broke the old system based on wealth and create a new system based on individual merit, loyalty, and achievement. His system encouraged everyone to try their best to change their life regardless of their original condition. However, he put the loyalty above every other value because he needed the one who could stay by his sides forever rather than the genius one who could betray him one day. Genghis Khan still kept the authorities of the conquered countries and created the international law for the Mongol Empire, in which rulers and civilians were in equal positions. All these evidences showed that Genghis Khan was not a dictator and why all countries under his rule were peaceful and developing.

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In part 3, how Bohemund’s words were comforting to his people and how he called them pilgrims of God were outlined ("Seignors, … take more than be needs to eat."). The reason that he was using this type of tone towards his people was to remind them not to take too many things or take advantages of the land away from others who were also Christians like them since the Crusades were a period of time where the Christians fought in the name of their God more or less. However, there was a contrast between how Christians should be fair and courteous to what the Christians owned and Christians in general and how they treat other people who were not in the same religion, heretics, much more violently (We remained there for several days … everything that we found; we set it on fire … the congregation of heretics.).

In part 4, the comparison language was used again. It highlights how the Christians were doing great things in the name of their God and would not hurt their fellow Christians for believing the correct faith. On the other hand, it also emphasizes how anyone else was viewed as a “heretic” and should be dealt with properly which means using violence.

In conclusion, the main purpose of the language is to put the Christians in a good light to justify their violent actions towards the people they called “heretics” who were going to against their faith. Moreover, it is like a record for future generations to look back on and show how powerful the Christian army was to be able to destroy through all the heretics.