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## SIBT IBN AL-JAUZI

The grandson (*sibt*) of an earlier chronicler, Ibn al-Jauzi, was a famous preacher who lived for most of his life in Damascus as a friend of the Ayyubid princes (Baghdād 582/1186–Damascus 654/1256). His enormous and prolix universal history (*Mir'āt az-zamān*, *The Mirror of the Times*), of which two versions have come down to us, is particularly important because of the period of the author's life and the course of Syrian history at that time. It is to this work, for example, that we owe the fascinating details of Frederick's visit to Jerusalem, as well as some illuminating details of the siege of Damascus by the Crusaders a century before.

Text: a partial edition by Jewett, Chicago, 1907 (covering the years of the *hijra* 495–654). For the siege of Damascus, see a note in Amedroz' edition of Ibn al-Qalānisi.