

## THE EAGLE AND THE LILY. 1266: THE BATTLE OF BENEVENTO

The Battle of Benevento is known as a bad joke of destiny to the detriment of Manfredi, son of the emperor Federico II, defeated from Carlo D'angiò (Charles of Anjou) who took possession of the Kingdom of Sicily. The "Guelph" narrative of events, which explains the resounding as unexpected victory of Charles with the sacredness of his mission, ordered by the pope and blessed by God, replied a "Ghibelline" version, supported by Dante who saw in corruption and the betrayal of the nobles the reason for the defeat of Manfredi. Indeed it's a distort image that this book want to correct, reinstating all the complexity to this event, irreducible at a clerical or anticlerical interpretation.

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