



Great King of East Georgia - Erekle II

Pressed by Ottomans from the west and Iran from the east Georgia waged daily battles to preserve its identity and Christianity. If it were not for King Erekle II's insight and strong military strategic thinking, which was accompanied by great military successes, no one knows whether Georgia would exist on the map today. Moreover, the successes of Erekle II, the leader of the Christian state of the Caucasus, against the Muslim rulers became a special stimulus and hope for the oppressed states on the European continent, as evidenced by the British press, "London Evening Post", "London Chronicle", "Whitehall Post". , "Daily Advertiser", "Morning Chronicle", "Old England Journal"... more than 200 articles in which we read that a savior appeared at the outermost wall of Europe, who attacked the powerful rulers ... *"I am in Europe and Heraclius II in Asia, the King of the ancient Georgia"* -The words of Frederick the Great (*A modern History of Georgia. By D.M.Lang. Weidenfeld and Nicolson, London, 1962. p.583*). Shortly before signing the treaty with the Russian Empire, Erekle II was very actively trying to establish a political and military alliance with the European states and their leaders. The alliance with the Russian Empire was opposed by many in the King's palace. The discussion on this issue continues to this day. However, King Erekle II believed that an alliance with the Russian Empire was the only possible window to Europe, which the Ottoman Empire had closed to Georgia after the fall of Byzantium. Built in 1970s monument to Heraclius II is a symbol of the city of Telavi. It is impossible to visit a place without seeing this cultural heritage monument.

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