

Fortified Harbor Scenario Nr 1

The Fall Of Acre

Background

18 May, 1291 : Acre is about to fall in the hands of Sultan Malek Al-Ashraf. Muslims have already breached the walls and are storming the city, killing everybody they find. The last defending Templars try and protect the escape of the inhabitants towards the harbor where the last nef is about to leave.

Map Layout And Starting Positions



Just use both south maps of the Medieval Town, joined to the Fortified Harbor. The nef is docked as shown. A gangplank let people board and unboard.














Muslims enter from the North of the Medieval Town. Fleeing Christian civilians are deployed in the town, at least 8 hexes away from the Montferrat gate. Templars can be placed anywhere, except in the castle.

For this scenario, no character can be placed or move into the castle hexes.

Muslims play first.

The Counters

All characters are taken from OUTREMER/CROISADES

Templars		Civilians		Muslims			
 Holy Knights	Sir Roger Sir Balian Sir Raoul Sir Gerard	 Peasants	David Gawain Ivor Morris Dylan Jasper	 Light Seljuk Cavalry	Arghun Ruzzik Bar Yesugai	 Horse Archers	Rashid Qutuz Fakr Imad Mongka Ayub Usamah
 Turcoples	Kamal Merton Mosul Tamara	 Civilians	Baldric Dai Blodwin Jones	 Light Mamluks	Baha Rashid Vezelay Fa'iz Taki Yaghi	 Heavy Syrian Cavalry	Ashok Moonga Nassin Kukburi Mohammed Suejac
 Short Bows	Ansel Robert Hugh Simon	 Monks	Geoffrey Claude Ernest Engueram	 Fatimid Pikemen	Mehmet Magid Ahmed Mohsen Hashmi Jamil	 Syrian Infantry	Tossaun Mesuf Baysan Ali Husseyin Abdul
 Crossbows	Jordan George Bernard Adam						

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Victory Conditions

The nef is the only hope of Christian civilians. The game ends as soon as all civilians are either dead, or on board the nef. Victory for the Christian player depends on the number of civilians on board the nef:

- > Over 12 civilians (or equal): Brilliant Christian victory
- > Over 10 civilians: Nice Christian victory
- > Over 8 civilians: Limited Christian victory
- > Over 6 civilians: Limited Muslim victory
- > Over 4 civilians: Nice Muslim victory
- > Less than 3 civilians: Brilliant Muslim victory

Epilogue

The fall Acre turned to be a massacre: Guillaume de Beaujeu, Temple Master, was killed while defending Saint Antony gate. 10,000 people found a shelter into the Temple, where Marshal Pierre de Sévry managed to let flee most of them by ships, including Henri de Lusignan, King of Cyprus, as the fortress layed against the sea. The temple siege lasted 10 days. Pierre de Sévry tried to negociate but got beheaded with his party although Al-Ashraf promised they would be safe. On the tenth day, while muslims had finally succeeded to enter the temple, the mined high tower collapsed on the last defenders.

Sources

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