

100 Decisive Battles from Ancient times to the Present by Paul K Davis

Battle of Hattin – July 4, 1187

I. Vocabulary: **1st:** Guess the word's meaning from context **2nd:** Look up each definition

Imposition	Transplanted	Desultory	Deputation	Forge
Bivouacked	Discretion	Annihilated	Ransom	

II. Forces engaged – who fought and who were the leaders

III. Historical Setting

1. What weakened the control of the Christian strip of land from Antioch to the Holy Land?
2. What disgusted the Europeans during the 2nd crusade that it forced them to go home?
3. What events led to Saladin declaring a holy war against Christians?
4. How and why was Saladin able to exert his claim to power?

IV. The Battle

1. Why did Raymond conspire with Saladin at first, then change his mind?
2. Why did Raymond want to wait before relieving the siege on Tiberius?
3. What did Muslim forces do during the night to disrupt the Crusaders?
4. Who were the only crusaders to escape and why were they able to escape?

V. The Result

1. What happened to Crusade leaders and knights after being captured by Saladin?
2. What did the capture of the true Cross signify?
3. What actions did Saladin and his brother do after the capture of Jerusalem?
4. What were some positive aspects of the crusades for Europe, countries, and people's spirits?