

# Sultan Salahuddin Ayyubi - the Great

Sultan Salahuddin Ayyubi (1137 - 4 March 1193) was **Great Champion of Human Rights** and great warrior of Islaam. He was a Sunni Kurd (Tikrit, Iraq) and first sultan of Egypt and Syria and **founder of the Ayyubid dynasty**. Saladin led Muslim military campaign against **Crusader states** and **Fatimid caliph**. His sultanate spanned Egypt, Syria, Jazira (Upper Mesopotamia), Hejaz (western Arabia), Yemen, parts of western North Africa, and Nubia.

Under Saladin's command, the Ayyubid army defeated the Crusaders at the decisive Battle of Hattin in **1187**, and Fatimid caliph. Later he freed many captive slaves. Due to his act of generosity, thousands of Christians converted to Islaam. In the **12th** century this act was an unimaginable act. This act of kindness is well documented in the history books and is one of the many reasons to call Sultan Salahuddin as a **Champion of Human Rights**.

Sultan Salahuddin Ayyubi had **Special Respect for Women** and he allowed many of the noblewomen of the city to leave without paying any ransom, e.g. Byzantine queen, Sibylla queen of Jerusalem etc. with full respect and dignity. Provided protection to the People Leaving the City.

He also saved Churches of the Holy Sepulchre. Forbade to Arson or Looting of Properties. Jerusalem was a religious centre of all the 3 major religions of the world after its liberation by Hazrat Omar (RA). He also provided **Religious Freedoms to all**.

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