

The Battle of Yarmouk

Key

Muslims	Byzantines	
○		Muslim Mobile Guard
●		Byzantine Infantry
◇	◆	Cavalry
□		Muslim Camp
—		First Attack
- - -		Second Attack
←		Retreat

General Vahan was confident. The loss of territory to the newly united Arabs had been an **unbearable** humiliation for the Byzantine Empire. He was proud that Emperor Heraclius had given him, his greatest general, 80,000 troops to crush the new Muslim army.

In the past few weeks, he had swept through Syria, and the Muslims had retreated before him. Now was his chance to end their expansion. Twenty-five thousand Muslim troops were gathered before him on the Yarmouk plains. Deep ravines with rushing waters surrounded them—there were few ways to escape.