

Al-Franj: the Crusaders in the Levant | Two Mamluk Sultans against the Franks

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The two Mamluk sultans that led the greatest number of victorious campaigns against the Crusader States were al-Zahir Baybars (658–76 / 1260–77) and al-Mansur Sayf al-Din Qalawun (678–89 / 1279–90). Following their successes, the Mamluk sultan al-Ashraf Khalil (r. 689–93 / 1290–93) led the victorious campaign at Acre in 690 / 1291, signalling the end of the Crusades.



Name:
Memorial Panel

Dynasty:
Hegira 664 / AD 1265 Mamluk

Details:
National Museum of Damascus
Damascus, Syria

Justification:
A wooden panel documenting Baybars' victory against the Mongols in 663 / 1265 at Sis (Kozan) in Turkey.



Name:
Candlestick of Qalawun

Dynasty:
Hegira 693–741 / AD 1294–1340 Mamluk

Details:
Islamic Museum, al-Aqsa Mosque / al-Haram al-Sharif
Jerusalem

Justification:
A candlestick from Hebron that is inscribed with the name of the sultan Qalawun;
A similar candlestick (also in the Islamic Museum) is inscribed with the name of his son, al-Nasir Muhammad. Both inscriptions are executed in majestic thuluth script.



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Candlestick of al-Nasir Muhammad bin Qalawun

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