

The Battle of Beth Zechariah 162BC

Scenario 6 for Conquerors and Kings ancient battle rules.

Setting the scene

This battle is part of the Jewish rebellion against the Seleucid overlords,

Usually the Jews ambushed and beat the Selucids.. Maccabeus was a capable and inspirational general. The Seleucid army was the larger of the two.

At this moment the Jews had a small garrison of Seleucids isolated and under siege in Jerusalem.. This battle takes place about 7miles from Jerusalem.

The Seleucids under the very capable generalship of Lysias had come to relieve the siege and crush the Jewish rebellion.

Lysias had quickly suppressed the Jewish fortified town in his path. Maccabeus needed to stop the Seleucids getting to Jerusalem He was desperate and his army a poor match for the Seleucids. The game starts with the Jewish army holding the pass.

ADVICE

Do not read up on this battle. Enjoy playing it and then look up the details.

Deployment

- ◆ Skirmishers can be deployed in any zones wished by the players. Subject to the normal zone capacity and army deployment area.
- ◆ Where units have extra qualities such as armour, veteran etc the player can **choose** which particular units these are applied to.
- ◆ Generals do not roll for gifts but use those listed in the army make up.
- ◆ No scenario generator is applied to this battle.
- ◆ Lates and losses are not applied.
- ◆ No piggy chase
- ◆ Normal victory conditions apply.
- ◆ The given battle tactics can be applied by the player as he sees fit.
- ◆ Assume all units are trained and have shield unless specified otherwise.

Special scenario rule

- If Eleazar is alive and in a facing zone to one containing an elephant in his own turn (at any instant) . Jewish player **may** choose to raise the army spirits by killing an elephant,. Only 1 attempt allowed.
Method
Elephant rolls 8D6. Eleazar rolls 7D6.
If Eleazar achieves more scores of 6 the elephant dies and **any** 3 auxiliary Jewish units become veteran.
If the elephant achieves more scores of 6 Eleazar is crushed and put off table as a new general. He is dead. **If there is a draw then no outcome is applied.**

Seleucid army

5 x Close order PIKE (2x Veteran)
 2 x Close order spear
 2 x auxiliary spear (1 x levy)
 2x mounted skirmishers
 2 x armoured cavalry (1 xVeteran)
 5x Foot skirmishers
 2 Elephants
 1x Artillery

General1= Lysias **Gifts =** Valiant, Fight

General 2= Battle Captain **Gifts =** Fight

Battle tactics= Fury x2, Erratic x2, Keep order x1

Selucid army (Attacker) Start positions					
Close order spear x2	Auxiliary x1	Close order pike x2 Auxiliary x1 Elephant	Close order pike x3 Elephant	Cavalry x2 Artillery x1	
	Rough hill				Rough hill
	Gentle hill				Gentle hill
Buildings		Gentle hill Close order x2 General 1	Gentle hill Auxiliary x3	Gentle hill Auxiliary x3 General 2	Gentle hill
		Auxiliary x3			Rough hill
Jewish army (Defending)			Start positions		

This layout is for the normal CK battle table.

Jewish army

2 x Close order armoured (2x Veteran)
 2x mounted skirmishers
 9 x auxiliary (3 x levy)
 6x Foot skirmishers

General 1= Judas Maccabeus **Gifts =** Morale, fight

General 2= Eleazar Maccabeus (or some other brother) **Gifts =** Morale, fight

Battle tactics= 2 x Hold fast, 1x Brace shields, 2 x join the line

What really happened at the battle of Beth Zechariah

This is written in Portuguese so that you are less tempted to read the result and try to emulate it.

After the game ends put this text into a translator program and see what happened. Also you can read up on this battle through Wikipedia or similar.

Portuguese

O exército judeu parou em colinas baixas num vale, bloqueando o caminho para Jerusalém.

O exército selêucida atacou-o e derrotou-o.

Os judeus se dispersaram e se reformaram no outro lado de Jerusalém.

Lísias (selêucida) teve problemas para preparar cerveja em sua capital e, portanto, obteve uma rápida vitória negociada e voltou para casa.

A regra dos elefantes cobre a tentativa de Eleazar de convencer o exército judeu de que os temíveis elefantes não eram tão temíveis. Ele matou um elefante (ao passar por baixo dele) e este caiu sobre ele e o esmagou.

Esta batalha é muito difícil para o exército judeu vencer. Desculpe.

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