

This site in the eastern Lower Galilee, called in Arabic Qurun Hattin, is an extinct volcano, seen on the horizon at top center. From the ground the eroded rim of the crater resembles two horns. Recent archaeological research has disclosed a Roman village here near the modern village on the south slopes of the rim. On July 4, 1187, the Crusaders met defeat at the hands of Saladin at the Horns of Hattin.

In the neighborhood stands a Druze shrine to Jethro, the father-in-law of Moses (Exodus 3:1, 4:18, 18:1), who is called Shu'eib in Arabic. This shrine is holy to the Druze of Israel, Syria and Lebanon. They gather here in April on the birthday of Jethro to do him honor. Some Christian pilgrims identified the Horns of Hattin as the site of the Sermon on the Mount, or sometimes the Mount of the Beatitudes (Matthew 5-7).