## Epoch Cimeline: THE FALL OF EMPIRES

Secrets of Fire 2

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Many great empires rose and fell throughout the Fourth Sun, but when Atlantis deteriorated it pulled nearly all of the civilized world into its death throes. Wherever power wanes, however, newcomers fill the vacuum, and the world of the mythic age was no different. Yet rebuild as they might, the civilizations that grew upon Atlantis's ashes could not avoid a despairing truth: that the fall of that great empire was a harbinger for the end of an entire age.

This timeline provides insights into the events referred to in the Fireborn Gamemaster's Guide as **The Reign of the Undying King** and the **Exile of the Summer Court**. It supplies GMs and players alike with a "big picture" view of this time and place in the mythic age. What happens between the lines, however, and the details of each event, are up to you.

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The following years take place in the Fourth Sun of the Mythic Age

- 4104 Great push of the Kurgans splits Elysium into Arcadia and Avalon; Queen Maeve seals off Avalon from the outside world
- 4207 Atlantis begins to colonize Tethys
- 4219 Tethyns ravage Atlantean colony
- 4305 Amazonian colony revolts
- 4327 Atlantean Senate is disbanded, military takes over
- 4472 Massive conquest effort of the newfound western continent, No Istok, begins
- 4550 All religions except Hesirus and Selera outlawed in Atlantean colonies; Keheb revolts
- 4551 First encounter between Atlantean fleets and Shen naval vessels ends in conflict
- 4553 Nebekhet I becomes first king of Keheb
- 4600 Atlanteans firmly embroiled in war against No Istok, Tethys, Shen
- 4612 Atlanteans smash Tethyn feudal society; nearly complete genocide
- 4643 Splinter groups of Kurgans are absorbed by Erebean sea-raiders to become Vansir
- 4690 Atlanteans establish priesthood in No Istok, begin "escorting" Istokans to Atlantis for "education"
- 4780 Summer Court calls for heroes to find it a new home
- 4814 Immortalizing properties of khemsek discovered in Keheb
- 4837 Atlantean campaign to retake Keheb begins; dragons revoke the ancient accord that protects the island of Atlantis
- 4841 Vansir raiders begin to assault Atlantis's shores; Tethys renew hostilities against Atlantean ships
- 4843 Kurgans sack Esrulim, Atlantean ally and port-town of southern Erebea

- 4855 Tahenkhemen begins construction of the Gold Road, inspiring greater trade with the nations of southern Ofir
- 4857 Midob traders begin sabotaging construction of Gold Road to retain their monopoly on trade route
- 4860 Accord reached between Midob and Keheb; Midobi given exclusive trading rights over all animal products
- 4869 Several Midobi clans take up piracy as an alternative to the controlled mercantile life
- 4891 Kurgans sack Atlantean colony of Trocea on the northeastern shores of the Inner Sea
- 4900 Fae of Arcadia begin their Exile to Avalon; Kurgans control nearly all of Erebea
- 4908 Atlantean senate regains control of Atlantis; Atlantis frees its remaining colonies
- 4913 Atlantis's new rulers pay Midobi pirates to act as guards of their merchant ships; Vansir split and head east and north in search of easier prey
- 4915 The Vansir that ventured north settle in the mountains near Jotunheim, paying homage to the Kurgan/titan mixed-blood descendants living at the foot of the mountains. They dub their new gods "the Ironborn"
- 4919 Ragged remnants of Vansir reach Xia; after being repelled by the Shen, they create a new aristocracy for themselves among an impressionable clan of the Hebbra
- 4922 Tahenkhemen begins extension of Gold Road to Xia
- 4928 Whispers of demon-worship and corruption in No Istok priesthood
- 4931 Gold Road begins to suffer attacks from nomadic bandits and exiled criminals, including many Hebbrans
- 4951 Dragons are formally denounced by Atlantean priests of Hesirus as demons
- 4969 Extension of Gold Road abandoned; Shen claims that the west has abandoned its gods, and cuts itself from further trade

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- 5004 Fae of Arcadia begin their Exile to Avalon; War of the Blessed Lands begins among Kurgan tribes who wish to claim ancestral fae territory
- 5060 War of the Blessed Land ends; Phythia and Milesia are founded as part of the resulting treaty
- 5121 The journey of King Oberyceum and Queen Tiana to Avalon begins; Arcadia is no more; A half-fae, half-human wizard that watches over Babylon, unable to watch his beloved city fall into ruin, destroys it in an attempt to trap it in time
- 5209 Tales of tyrannical, murderous, and even insane dragons begin to surface, starting in the west and working their way eastward
- 5224 King Oberyceum and Queen Tiana reach Avalon; Together, they and Queen Maeve work a mighty ritual to take Avalon over into the world of faerie
- 5265 Istokan religion of the gray mirror replaces the worship of Hesirus on Atlantis

- 5300 The titans of Jotunheim are driven forth from their home in a mad fury, laying waste to everything that they see; the cause of their rage is unknown; the races of man unite to fight them; most records, kept by titan scribes throughout the ages, disappear
- 5332 In the face of roving titan warbands and onslaughts from rogue dragons, Tahenkhemen rescinds his outlawing of magic. An alliance between the Istokan mage-priests of Atlantis, the Maat and alchemists of Keheb, and the shamans of the Kurgans is formed; their goal is to summon magics that will destroy titan and dragon alike
- 5335 The Ebony Kingdoms plead with the alliance of sorcerers to abandon their efforts; when their entreaties are ignored, they begin infiltrating the kingdoms of the north, causing sabotage and destruction where possible; most remaining records are destroyed

Mythic age ends in a cataclysm of fire and flood; cause is shrouded in the mysteries of time

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