



Timeline of Imperial History

“If the Empire were simply a machine for making war against barbarians it would fail... it would ultimately prove a hollow achievement unable to stand the test of time. Only by taking joy in its achievements and its citizens, can it hope to survive more than a few centuries, weather the inevitable crises that will come, and emerge as something greater than the sum of its parts.” - **Empress Richilde**

TIME OF MYTH AND LEGEND

	The distant past orcs rule, humans suffer
Travellers from across the sea subjugate the lands south of the Lasambrian hills	400 BE? Iron Confederacy established
Ancient magicians create the Vallorn. Navarr and Thorn create the Trods	Before 300 BE Cerunael's rise and fall
	'Centuries ago' Urizen ruins colonised by humans

AFTER Highborn Landfall

Atuman & Atun the Highborn sail across the southern seas to land at the bay of Catazar	300 BE (approx.) Pharos founded by the Highborn
Credited with raising the Castle of Thorns from animate thorn bushes	'Pre-imperial times' Queen Igraine raises Castle of Thorns
Weaves great thicket of magically-strengthened roses.	'Pre-imperial times' Queen Jessamy enchants Castle of Thorns
Three Sisters lead the three tribes to found the Brass Coast; make landfall at Atalaya, Madruga	After 300 BE Exodus of the three tribes from Pharos
Faraden families migrate from the South to the now-Faraden lands, warring with orcs as they do so.	200 BE (approx.) faraden Migration
Navarri introduce the Highborn to Vinum; Scions of Atun refine it into liao	??? BE Liao first refined

Missionaries form the nascent Way and bring the Sumaah to the faith.

At least 100 BE 'Before the Empire'
Sumaah people brought to the Way

AFTER 300 BE — THE REVELATION

War between the Patrician Council and the Assembly of the Virtuous: time of Exemplar Permion and Paragon Lepidus

??? BE Highguard civil war

Iron Confederacy attempts naval landings south of Necropolis and invasion of Sarvos

??? BE Iron Confederacy attacks Necropolis, Sarvos

Paragon of Vigilance, enemy of 'Exemplar of Anarchy', Mikkal

34 BE Paragon of Vigilance Vardas recognised by Highborn

25 BE — 22 YE DAWN OF THE EMPIRE

Bandits and tomb-robbers loot the Sarcophan Delves

25 BE Sarcophan Delves founded

Grendel harrow Lightsea, threaten to burn Siroc

Shortly before 0 YE Grendel attack Madruga

Good Walder recognised as a Paragon of Prosperity during this time

0-22 YE REIGN OF THE FIRST EMPRESS

from Brass Coast, Dawn, Highguard, the League, the Marches, Navarr, Varushka, Wintermark

0 YE first Empress forms The Empire

Weds Rodric the Lame, the 'last king of Dawn'

0 YE (approx.) first Empress becomes Queen of Dawn

0 YE Hvigliana di Sarvos born

Confidant to the First Empress, wearer of the Crown of Three Tears

0-22 YE Hnolf Bearnig is King of Wintermark

0-22 YE Long Tom Goodfellow aids the first Empress

1-5 YE Internal conflicts, civil wars

Tyrannical Boyar of Varushka, defeated by nascent Empire with help from Urizen

1-5 VE Defeat of Hlderei the fair

Confirms Tian, Vardas. The Sentinel as Paragons.

1 VE first meeting of the Synod Assembly

Commeemorates waypoint of First Empress: built by Navarr striding

1 VE Myfanwy's Rest built in fishguard, Necropolis

Song of Navarr, author unknown

3-17 VE 'Through the dark places' written

Last-minute decision by Senate shifts site to Anvil

3 VE Bastion in Highguard nearly becomes Imperial Capital

'Reduced' to status of Exemplar in 23 YE, when Aldones di Sarvos is recognised as a Paragon

3 VE Htun recognised as a Paragon of Wisdom

3 VE Htuman recognised as a Paragon of Ambition

Old Asavean relegated. Imperial adopted as a matter of Pride

6 VE The Senate, the Synod and the Military Council formed

6 VE 'Imperial' tongue adopted

Begins his journey to understand True Liao visions in the context of dreams and visions

9 VE Richilde Cassilon born in Hstolat (later Empress)

Drained at great expense by the people of Holberg

17 VE Hbraxus gains his citizenship

18 - 20 VE Rebeshof marsh in Holberg drained

Old monarchy collapses into a civil war that rages for over a century

20 VE (approx.) 'Commonwealth Monarchy' collapses

Horses are not seen again after the death of the First Empress

22 VE Death of the first Empress

22-69 YE - CONSOLIDATION

Assists Emperor Giovanni to create the imperial currency	22 YE Hvigliana di Sarvos moves to Cassato
Urizen persuaded to join the Empire. Conclave created. Bourse founded	22-34 YE REIGN OF EMPEROR GIOVANNI ^L THE PEACEMAKER
Senate building constructed. Anvil declared Imperial territory	22 YE Emperor Giovanni institutes seasonal Anvil summits
Following controversial past-life vision as having been the Navigator Atuman	23 YE Hldones di Sarvos recognised as Paragon of Ambition
Navarri forces destroy Miaren Vallorn with military might & <i>Wither the Seed</i> . Ruins of Seren reclaimed	27 YE Miaren reclaimed
Kala lived and died some 200 years before the founding of the Empire	28 YE Kala declared an Exemplar of Wisdom
In honour of Archmage who gave her life to help defeat the vallorn of Miaren	30 YE Sanctuary falls in Miaren is renamed to Rhonwben's fall
	32 YE Birth of Exemplar of Ambition Adelmar the Lion
Bards, arts. Richilde is a Paragon of Pride and charismatic leader; Karsk, Semmerholm, Redoubt, Reikos gained	36-69 YE REIGN OF EMPRESS RICHELDE ^D THE SUN QUEEN
Order founded by Empress Richilde	39 YE Imperial bards instituted
Marcher folk hero, proponent of Pride, instrumental in the draining of Oddmire in Mitwold	45 YE (approx) Odd of Odd's End born
Lost to the Thule, now in the possession of a Thule dragon	45 YE Jessam Wheelwright's melancholic staff lost
into the forests of Varushka	46 YE Long Tom Goodfellow vanishes
Wintermark & Dawn support Varushkan conquest	46 YE Karsk captured

Jezebel of the Seven Stars Chapter of Highguard	49 Ÿ Hbraxus marries Jezebel
Adelmar the Lion leads the assault on Arnet Keep	52 Ÿ Semmerholm gained
A notorious figure arose claiming to be Mikkal reincarnated	53 Ÿ 'Sovereign of the Empire' arises
Added to Urizen	54 Ÿ Redoubt scoured of orcs
Intercession by Empress Richilde spares his life: Abraxus goes into exile in foreign lands	54 Ÿ Hbraxus arrested, tried
	56 Ÿ Reikos gained
Exemplar of Prosperity	56 Ÿ Long Tom Goodfellow recognised
Falls unconscious and does not awaken, although is rumoured to speak	67 Ÿ Hbraxus' final vision
Successful broker & negotiator	68 Ÿ Celeri elected Senator
Recognised as Exemplar	69 Ÿ Death of Empress Richilde

70- 198 YE - STABILITY

Influential Synod, gatekeeper positions created. Enmity declared against Sadogua. Mitwold, Kahraman gained	71-91 Ÿ Reign of Empress Celeri ^N the Pious
	72 Ÿ Hbraxus Whitespre dies in Huric Horizon
Mourn taken from orcs, Mitwold secured to the sea, western coastline established	74 Ÿ Westward expansion - Mourn
With Dawnish aid from Drycastle, trods unravel shortly afterwards	75 Ÿ Crods established in the Barrens
Exemplar of Wisdom, recognised in the year of her death	76 Ÿ Hvigliana di Sarvos recognised as Exemplar
Ancient structure in Highrod, necropolis damaged: cause unknown	77 Ÿ first Sentinel gutted by fire

	77 VE departure of Adelmarr the Lion
Believed to correspond to Adelmarr the Lion, exemplar of ambition	80 VE Sumaah stories of 'Hmma the Wanderer' first recorded
Information gained from past life vision of General Ruth of Highguard in Winter 376 YE	85 - 87 VE Carlo i Gretzia i Riqueza smuggles a drake's egg to feroz
Freeborn and Marcher armies conclude a successful pincer invasion	88 VE invasion of Kahraman
Voluntary departure due to old age	91 VE Empress Celeri steps down
Cooperation between Offices	92-102 FIRST INTERREGNUM
Infrastructure improvements; Border wars with Faraden, The Iron Confederacy, Axos, Skoura and the Sumaah Republic	103-120 VE REIGN OF EMPRESS HENEH ^H THE BUILDER
Imperial position of Dean of the Lyceum created by Empress Aenea	103-120 VE Lyceum built
Sumaah breaks with the Empire, 'excommunicates' the Empress and Synod; technical state of war exists until 326 YE	118 VE Sumaah Republic formed
Five small states, each locked in a vicious struggle for dominance with their neighbours	120 VE Commonwealth stabilises
called 'The Undying' (Military, then politician). Territorial expansion Zenith. Holberg, Skarsind, Miekarova gained	125-167 VE REIGN OF EMPRESS VHRKULH ^V
	132 VE Declaration of Enmity against Sadogua rescinded
Disastrous strike on Jotun position near Meade. Hale was excommunicated post-mortem for cowardice	134 VE field Marshal Rose Hale burns to death in a wicker man
Falls to Dawnish forces, joins the League	136 VE fall of Holberg

Lost along with Naeve Farwatcher.
Navarr Cardinal of Prosperity, to brigands
in southern Kallavesa

142 VE Good Walder's Legacy club
lost

Made illegal to carry the weapon within
the Empire. Law abrogated in 378 YE

143 VE Scorpion's Sting outlawed

153 VE Frederick Ritter von Holberg
nearly slain in a duel

Skarsind region

154 VE Skogeï is the 'last' region to
join the Empire

Holberg's greatest mind: writes three books
on freedom, responsibility and rulership

168-179 VE REIGN OF EMPEROR
FREDERICK^L THE PHILOSOPHER'

Famous *Choleric Staff*

172 VE *staff of the noonday sun*,
crafted by Karina Matrinova Vos

Supports League diplomats contacting
foreign powers and attempting to sway
them to the Empire's side

173 VE Regario Dossier created

176 VE Hdelmar the Lion recognised
as exemplar of Ambition

Segura gained: Barabbas was a general first,
then a politician

180-198 VE REIGN OF EMPEROR
BHRBBBAS^B THE MARINER

Daniella Vassa di Sarvos, regarded as a
razor-sharp long-con artist.
Eventually put on trial.
Heralds of Mazen attended her funeral.

180-198 VE ('during the reign of
Emperor Barabbas') Corrupt
Master of the Mint receives
patronage of Eternal Mazen

United front by the Hakima of the Guerra
and Riqueza

183 VE Expansion into Segura

186 VE Aldones di Sarvos
recognised as a Paragon of
Ambition by Sumaah Republic

Writes: "it is as if someone has taken the
city of Tassato, or perhaps a nest of vipers,
and built it into the side of a mountain."

196 VE Mecadia de Sarvos is
diplomat to Hxos

Raised in a Tassatan orphanage.
later known as Berechiah.
Exemplar of Vigilance

**198 YGE 'Shifty' Bertolli de Cassato
born**

204-259 YE- YEARS OF TURMOIL

Draughir. went mad. burnt the libraries

**200-209 YGE REIGN OF EMPEROR
NICOVAR^U THE MAD**

Linked but not proven to one Janus of the
Silent Tide Chapter; assassination by
Scorpion's Sting.

**201 YGE Senator Ezekiel of Casinea
assassinated**

Barbarian raids; subsequently put paid to by
the Exemplar Zemress

204 YGE Segura devastated

Navarr Thorn

**205 YGE Isaella becomes captain of
Emperor Nicovar's personal guard.**

**207 YGE Isaella thwarts
assassination attempt on Emperor
Nicovar**

Politely closed to Imperial traders

207 YGE Hxos closes borders

Believed to be opportunistic attack by a
single citadel

209 YGE Hxos attacks Spiral

Isaella kills him with a greensteel spear

209 YGE Death of Nicovar

By Albrecht Gandino van Holberg

**211 YGE hand/sign developed in
Holberg**

Ruthless financial control by the merchant
Empress. Accompanied by Exemplar of
Courage Inga Tarn

**212-248 YGE REIGN OF EMPRESS
MARIIKA^W THE CUNNING**

Part of Empress Mariika's reforms

**212-248 YGE Iron Helms
Varushkan army disbanded**

Part of Empress Mariika's reforms

**212-248 YGE Thundering Tide
Highborn army disbanded**

Sinecure created by Empress Mariika to
gain the support of the Freeborn senators

**213 YGE Keeper of the Spice Gardens
sinecure created**

for the sweeping financial changes she instituted	
Despite vocal opposition from the Assembly of Loyalty	213 YGE Isaella declared Exemplar of Courage
	219 YGE Empress Richilde recognised as Paragon of Pride
Presumed dead	220 YGE Zemress disappears
The Blade of the Isles was recognised as an Exemplar of Prosperity	223 YGE Zemress recognised as an Exemplar
Dawnish hero. 'Nightripper's Bane'. Past life of Damaris of Cantiarth's Hold; past life vision Winter 376 YE	226 YGE Ser Isobel of Hstolat proposed as Exemplar of Courage
False Exemplar Mikkal's cult defaces obelisk commemorating those who fell in the war against Alderei the Fair	228 YGE Obelisks in Necropolis marred
Died defending the Varushkan territory of Miekarova against a Thule incursion	230 YGE Death of Inga Carn
By Elena Lucianova von Temeschwar	238 YGE Holberg Hand-sign refined
Strengthened the borders, built castles	239-248 YGE REIGN OF EMPEROR GUNTHERM ^{III} THE BOLD
With Dawnish aid from Drycastle, trods unravel shortly afterwards.	245 YGE Trods re-established in the Barrens
Destroyed by Jotun forces.	245 YGE Navarr Dance of Blood army destroyed
Wiped out to the last soldier holding off a Jotun force three times its size during the invasion of Kallavesa	247 YGE Freeborn Burning Falcon army destroyed
Military magician, dealt with Eternals, increased military might, got revoked	249-257 YGE REIGN OF EMPRESS BRANNAN ^N THE RELENTLESS
Physick army	249-257 YGE Wintermark Bloodcloaks army lost to the Thule

Recognised as an Exemplar 50 years later.

252 VE Berechiah of Highguard dies.

James was a soldier, later a senator. Borders fixed in 265

257-281 VE REIGN OF EMPEROR JAMES^M THE WISE

260-328 YE - SECOND ERA OF STABILITY

Complacency & introspection & golden age built on James' reign

281-300 VE Second Interregnum

Unfettered Mind magus, lost while seeking an audience with the Thrice-Cursed Court

270 VE (approx) Serval i Riqueza disappears

Mazen's herald Jannam argues that Mazen would make a powerful ally. A claim rebutted by Nero, then-Grandmaster of the Celestial Arch

286 VE Mazen's request for Amity narrowly defeated in Conclave.

Marcher artist Martha Riversbank commissioned to paint pictures of Spring Eternals. College never completed, later abrogated

293 VE (approx) Hall of Spring College of Magic commissioned by the Senate

A bequest of the founder Riqueza, the satchel was lost in the mountains of Kahraman

294 VE Incarnadine Satchel lost

300-318 VE Reign of Empress Deanne^N the fair

Against opposition from the Assemblies of Pride and Loyalty

302 VE Berechiah recognised as an Exemplar of Vigilance

Declaration of Enmity raised by Beloslava Velkovitch

306 VE eternal Wendigo declared an enemy of the Empire

Depicts Irra Harah. Stolen from the then-Archmage of Spring

306 VE Martha Riversbank's picture 'Prince with a Thousand foes' stolen.

Ahraz was originally a scrivener. Orc rebellion. Imperial Orcs become citizens: Freedom Heresy

324-329 VE REIGN OF AHRAZ^B THE LIBERATOR

'Voivode of Chains'. Autumn Herald of Ephesis	324-329 VE Emnity declared against Pharam Vex
Founded by renegades espousing the Freedom Heresy	325-328 VE Kingdom of Montane
Depicts Llofir: recovered from a crawlspace in The Forge in Anvil	326 VE Martha Riversbank's picture 'Ruin' recovered.
Sent by then-senator for Spiral	330 VE Hxos rebuffs diplomatic overture

331-376 YE - DECLINE

Speaks to Conclave regarding Autumn Herald Pharam Vex, Voivode of Chains	326 VE trade with Sumaah re-opened
Corruption & nepotism: Spiral, Holberg lost	328 VE Constantia flamespire Archmage of Autumn
20th Empress born in Temeschwar to Merchant Prince Elise Giacomi and Gyorgy Yakovitch	331-346 VE REIGN OF EMPRESS GISELLE ² 'THE UNWISE'
Inscribed the rune Cavul on the bodies of their Imperial Orc victims as a call to arms against the so-called corruption of the Empire	337 VE Lisabetta Giacomi born (later Empress)
	342 VE fraternity of the Swan arrested
	342 VE Iron Confederacy adds seventh Duchy
	346 - 349 VE Jotun take Liathaven
Died in Holberg, during a battle against the Druj	346 VE Death of Empress Giselle
Mournwold Senator, does so voluntarily to absolve himself for his inability to keep his territory out of Jotun hands	349 VE Thomas Overton burns to death in a wicker man.

Well-meaning, weak, out of his depth	348-368 VE REIGN OF EMPEROR HUGH^D 'THE FHC'
A great storm sinks the docks	348 VE Docks of Caricomare sunk
Mining town in Brez (Volodmartz) falls prey to an unknown ancient malign force discovered by miners	349 VE Vikram's Haven ruined
Lasambrian Orc invasion of Segura	363 VE Hnduz sacked & burnt.
Field Marshal Isold de Rousillon, adopted niece of Emperor Hugh caught in a trap by Grendel and slaughtered	364 VE Equine Rod lost
Later reclaimed as a Spoil of War in Summer 378 YE.	366 VE Turunca Distillery in Hnozel, Segura closes
Initial invasion in 363 YE.	367 VE Segura falls to the Lasambrian orcs
Surprise attack through the Heart of Peytaht. High Chalcis falls	367 VE Druj invasion of Reikos
	368 VE Karsk falls to the Thule
Following the death of Emperor Hugh, the castle abruptly disappeared behind a wall of swirling, chaotic mist	368 VE Spiral castle rendered inaccessible
Fortification in Sybella Cross, Bastion brought down by Druj	369 VE White Tower falls
Unconquered chapter slaughtered by Druj	369 VE Massacre at Exile
Catastrophically incompetent	371-373 VE REIGN OF EMPEROR WALTER^M 'THE HAM-FISTED'
Wintermark and Marcher army lead by General Britta	370 VE Jotun invade Kallavesa and Semersuaq & are driven back
Part of the occupation of Skarsind	371 VE the town of Krysse in Estermark becomes a haven for the Thule

Estermark town famed for runesmiths.
Britta holds off enemy forces long enough
for population to flee

**372 YG Gulhule (Skarsind)
evacuates**

**372 YG Steading of Treji (Miaren)
falls to the Thule**

**372 YG Thule incursion into Karov
turned back**

Last wearer was Inga Suvvisdottir, the
crown was lost when Skarsind
fell to the Thule.

**373 YG The Crown of Three Tears
lost**

Popular & charismatic,
cruelly slain too young

**374/376 YG REIGN OF EMPRESS
BRITTA^{III} 'THE YOUNG EMPRESS'**

Wintermark. League. Varushkan forces

**375 YG Southpine (Skarsind)
retaken by Imperial forces under
Britta**

**376 YG Winter Thule raise Winter
region in Crowlook (Karsk)**

Empress Britta dies along with the guiding
lights of the Empire, including
General Dunstan Iron tongue.
Non-magical Equine Rod also lost

376 YG THE GREAT DISASTER

Lisabetta Giacomi von Holberg of the
League, Prince of the House of Seven
Mirrors, elected at Spring Equinox

**380 YG ELECTION OF EMPRESS
LISABETTA^I 'THE EMPRESS OF
FLOWERS'**