

## **GM NOTES TURN 15 - Next Turn Due December 15<sup>th</sup>.**

If something happens you do not understand email me I keep very good turn-by-turn notes and I can probably tell you why something happened.

**Turns Sheets: Please** work diligently to make these clean. Clean orders get processed faster and more efficiently. If you can use the Turn sheet with the embedded excel please do so. I really like the movement section on those a lot. **PUT IN ACTION POINTS USED ON EACH ACTION PLEASE**

**Turn Sheets to you:** Please check your stat sheets when you get them rather than at the last minute. Yes, I realize they should be perfect but sometimes it doesn't happen that way. If you check ahead of time it give time for things to get fixed rather than being in a rush.

**SE's and Hordes:** Be warned ..... They can start popping now. I will say this about both, I do not expect that I will have an overly active Horde world, things seem to be active without there being one Horde active at all times. I am not inclined to have freaky SE's but historical ones yes. I will set SE goals be warned.

**Don't Forget (I know this is hard to get used to) You can contact NPN's and they just might be helpful. NPN's like making deals especially when it nets them money.**

**Islands & Colonization and Building Cities:** You must colonize an island to zero before building a city on it. This represents the very basic regional infrastructure necessary to assist the city in functioning.

**When Visiting** provinces for diplomatic purposes I will generally send you home before the end of the turn especially in the case of a nation. Staying longer than the current turn is viewed as over staying your welcome.

**Women Rulers:** Women can rule but the first time this happens there is a risk if you have Feudal Allies, SFA's, EA's or Allied provinces they will bail on you. There are some variables on this based on the Queen's stats. Whenever a female takes the throne after the first time there is a small chance of problems once again stats of the Queen help determine the results.

**Multiple Wives:** Yes you can have them. Two weaknesses of this, makes the possibility of a DF greater and eliminates the effectiveness of a political marriage.

### **ARMY BREAKDOWNS:**

Ground troops:	1 Unit = 200 Men	
Field Forts:	1 Unit = 1 Field Fort	**** NOTE CHANGE *****
Naval Units:	1 Unit = 1 Ships	**** NOTE CHANGE *****

**I think from a historical perspective ships, after doing some reading and some information from Leslie, should be represented by one ship rather than 2 so I have made the adjustment, it affects nothing on the combat side.**

**Marriage:** I am not allowing royal families that are very closely linked already to marry. No marrying cousins or stepbrothers or sisters. If you insist on this I will have to break out the genetics chart to see if you incur the wrath of God (whichever you worship).

**I know I have mentioned this in an Email and probably some Rule notes at some point and time but it is worth mentioning again. Going to Free or Open societies may cause a DF roll. The world of 1050 was not one that embraced anything like a free or open society.**

**I do not like Great Walls expect them to be expensive.**

## 1070 - 1074: Rise of the Hordes

### Mercenary Pool:

**If a leader is listed you must hire the leader and his troops, leaders minimum is 5GP plus the minimum of .5gp for regular and 1gp for elite troops unit.**

<b>Northern Europe:</b>	Johan Olavsén	855	1HI, 10I 10W, 10XW
	Independent		
<b>Mediterranean (Catholic)</b>	Zulicini	749	5HC, 5C
<b>(Catholic)</b>	Barceli II	973	10EW
<b>Non-Islamic</b>	Alicius	A44	1HEI, 5EI
	Independent		5HW, 15W
<b>France, Spain, Italy, Germany &amp; England, Scotland, Eire</b>	Independents		10I, 20XI
	Independent		3C, 5XC
<b>Any Nation on the Red Sea</b>	Horgan's Free Co.	767	5HEI, 10EI,
5S			
<b>Or East Africa</b>			
<b>Egypt, Morocco &amp; Cordoba:</b>	Taureg Clan	833	3XEC, 30XC
	Independents		10XC, 10XI
<b>Hungary, Serbia, Russia, Poland REE</b>	G. D'Kolner	769	6HEC, 10EC
			3XEC
<b>Hungary, Serbia, Russia, Poland</b>	Independents		3HI, 7I, 15XI
	Independents		5C, 10XC
<b>Buhwayids, Egyptians, Yemen &amp; Shiraz</b>	Independents (Moslem)		7C, 15XC
<b>Central Asia</b>			
<b>Buddhist &amp; Lamanist Nations</b>	Monk Kaing	927	5HEI
<b>India Proper</b>	Deccan Raiders	824	13XEC
	Independents		5I, 5XEI
	Independents		5XEC
<b>Asia (naval)</b>	Independents		10XW

<b>SE Asia &amp; So. China</b>	ZuKhan Independent	875	6EC, 3XC 5C, 10XC
<b>N.China, Korea, Japan</b>	Jin Xio`	89A	8EC, 10XEC

## **Africa:**

### **Shia:**

Expanded holding some. Built a bunch of improvements in Sicily.

### **Egypt: Benghazi +1 CL, Fortress Benghazi, Royal Road, Alexandria +1CL, Abdulabad (F) Jordan (NE)**

The fifty-year-old heirless King managed to produce two sons, remarkable. This was a very good thing since both of the Empires princes perished this cycle leaving very little in the way of a royal family. The Emperor decided to devote himself to the betterment of the empire; walls were erected around several cities. A fortress was built in Benghazi which is one of the most important cities in the Egyptian empire due to the sheer volume of trade it handles. Some administrators have suggested a road to Benghazi might improve the value of the city even more. Some effort was made to contact the Council of Sands for what purpose it is not known but the Fatimid agents were unsuccessful.

### **Ghana: Boure (F)**

The clan was blessed with four daughters this cycle but no sons. The family is large though so it is not always critical have sons. Nune is sweating the dowries he is going to have to pay to off load his 4 daughters. The province of Boure was the center of Ghanan attention this cycle a good deal of effort was spent in province convincing the locals that the previous king was insane and that while slavery was still in existence it was not in vogue in the royal court any more. The locals accepted the word of the diplomats and joined the kingdom.

### **Morocco: Oran +1CL, Port City of Merka built in Arguin**

A quiet cycle in Morocco. The King sired an heir and that was a big deal as it is always good to have someone to follow in your footsteps. Economic development continued to be a primary concern of the Emir and he was very effective in implementing his policies. A Diplomat, Fasim, was sent to Awlil to bring the province under Moroccan control he was as ineffectual as the Cordovans.

### **Sunni Church: (MN) Lebanon & Cedar**

Continue to build in the deserts of the Sahara maintaining their hold on the tribes. The Sunni church expanded further into the Buhwayid realm also.

### **Algeria: Road Bone to Algiers**

Built a road to speed the flow of information between the capital and Bone as well as all the small coastal villages in between. The Royal guard was expands again.

### **Tunisia: Mahida +1CL**

The navy continues to grow, as does the Tunisian capital.

### **Hausa: +1 CL Zaria, Ife (F), Benin (NT)**

The Hausa like most of the Africans continue to be peaceful. Little diplomacy, little economic growth, nothing much else to report. Tumba III and Kurfei where killed in a lion attack while visiting an ancient Shaman.

### **Kanem: Jos (NE), Kafin (EA), Kreda (FA)**

The Kings son Moriomis spends a great deal of time working with the Coptic bishop and learning the ways of his faith. Moriomis is fascinated by the idea of a single divine being and he absorbs all the information he can get on the subject. The King who declined in health throughout the

cycle ordered his diplomats into action again this cycle. The results were good since nothing bad happened.

**Zagwe:** Soba +1CL, Alwa Fortress, Kassala (FA)

Soba became the largest city south of Alexandria this cycle, which is a testament to the will power of the Zagweans to stick to a plan regardless of how badly the royal family needs a new swimming pool. There was a great deal of hoopla about the completion of the great Soba city project not much else happened in the confines of the kingdom besides that, well Dil and Solomon both had children so now there are some little rug rats running around.

**Ethiopia:** Gore' +1CL

Ethiopians minded their own business and enjoyed the quiet life on the high plateau.

**Coptic Church: (CA) Axum, (MN) Shoa**

The efforts of the Coptic Church in Kanem went well. The nobility was receptive to the Coptic overtures as were most of the locals. This was not the case in Ain'Farah. The Kerken tribes continue to be violently resistive to the churches overtures, more missionaries were slain in Kerken horde lands. The Primate ordered that more efforts be put into enhancing the livelihoods of the people of Soba and it was done in a big way as Coptic coffers continue to grow. Patriarch Timeon passed in 1073 having done a great deal to enhance the health of the church.

**Kilwa: Port city of Mafia in Nyasa**

Peaceful East Africa where the tropical breezes blow and the people don't have much use for clothes. Ok they wear clothes just not lots of them because it is too damn hot. The kingdom is progressing toward world power status as another city is added to the already lengthy roster of cities under Kilwaian domination. King Kenan had several children this cycle and everyone was happy.

**Zanzibar: Zaniport +1CL**

Nothing much to report except the Prince Racine has been declared King of Zanzibar and Zanzibar has broken off all contact with Ceylon.

**Zimbabwe:**

The Zimbabweans dedicate much of their time and resources to the conversion of the Kafue forest to more useful farmland; this project was nearing completion at the end of the cycle. The other project that the nation devoted themselves to was reducing the influence of the pagan religion in society they were successful at this but one wonders to what ends do the pursue such actions....maybe the coming of the Lamanist faith in Kilwa has opened the eyes of more African nations.

**Zulu Nation:** +1 CL Sharik

**Europe:**

**Bolgars: +1CL for Bolgar City**

The Bolgars rolled the dice, they had a good sized army so they added another level to their key city and then rushed to add city walls once the expansion was complete.

**Kiev:** Belarus (F), Muscovy Cultivated, +1 CL Bolkov, Port City of Luinbech in Chernigov  
1600 light lancers were raised by the Czar. With the Scythians at the gates there was a need for additional men in the armed forces. Big things were done this cycle on the home front. Muscovy was cultivated make more arable land for the Rus. Another city was added on the Dvina as the river becomes more populated. Bolkhov increased as well, river trade is booming. Speaking of booming Yaroslav II added another two children to his growing brood. On the growing brood front Yaroslav's sister Ivana was married off to the Belarus clan leader Dimitriev. Dimitriev was added to the royal rolls as a prince.

There was a big push by the Kievan throne to bring the Bulgarians into the fold. While the offer was generous and well supported the Bulgarian court was resistive. The Bulgarians were enjoying their independence and felt they had no threats from outside. The Patriarch had once again stepped to the forefront and spared Europe the trouble of dealing with a horde so who was going to trouble the Bulgars? Dejected Ivan IV returned to Kiev.

**Novgorod:** Kotlas Colonized, Claimed a huge swath of territories  
Rather than build prisons the King decided that he would force malcontents and troublemakers to go live in Kotlas. This turned out to be a very good idea. The people of the region were tough and they had to be because the winter was brutal. The locals made the best of a bad situation and began the very profitable business of trapping. Well once the furs hit the streets of Novgorod they were all the rage, people flooded into the wilderness to set up businesses in support of the fur trade the province of Kotlas grew in prominence.

In other news the King Ivan II died of the cough at the age of 67. It was a sad moment to lose the founder of the nation and from this point on Ivan "the Builder" would be his moniker. He may have merely been administering lands that his father had secured but he did assist in the development of the country and he oversaw the building of not less than six cities. That alone makes him an impressive man. Ivan III assumed the throne unopposed. Princess Karerina rushed back from the wilderness to ummm make sure everything went smoothly....allegedly and it did. The royal duties seemed to suit Ivan III well his wife gave birth to twin boys in 1070, a daughter in 1071 and another son in 1074.

**Galica:**

The Galicians called up 4000 horse archers from the steppe to bolster their army. Galich had not been devoting much effort to the strengthening of their military over the last half a century but now that the economy was going strongly they felt it was time to be able to defend their realm more effectively.

**England:** Becomes a Feudal Society

Though only limited in scope the forced settlement of the province of Dyfed had a dramatic effect on the realm the way in which not "English" people and English people were viewed made things easier to manage but the low classes were not quite as productive. The English under Molly have seen the light of day though, no longer are people repressed because of their nationality now it only occurs because of their class. Molly can take pride in the fact that she has undone a great wrong by completing this project. In other news the prosperity of the kingdom continued to improve as new routes were set up with the heathens in southern Spain and North Africa.

Lord Marlborough and Thandelton journeyed far to the south on a mission of exploration to the Sea of Dogs. Their mission was a success but Baron Thandleton fell overboard and was lost at sea on the trip.

**Celtic Church:** Several Cathedrals

The Celtic church continues to support very heavily the efforts of their constituents.

**Ireland: Port City of Belfast in Ulster, +1CL Torshaven**

Never let an Irish Lass drink too much especially if she is the Kings daughter. All sorts of trouble can occur should drinking and Irish women and Welshmen mix together. Lets just say there was a rather lightly attended wedding for Brigitte daughter of Sean Ryn early in the cycle due to a little incident that occurred. Things seemed to go swimmingly with the Welshmen in Dublin after that little embarrassing incident though so it was all right. Brigitte gave birth to a hearty baby boy and it was all-good. She now lives in Dublin with one of the Finnaugen boys; the king did see fit to spruce up the place a bit before allowing his daughter to move to the city.

No a lot else happened in the lands the Elder Ryn as the King was now referred to seems to be still healthy at the age of 70.

**Norway: Koppborg Cultivated**

Lots of Economic Development was implemented in the country in hopes that Norway might emerge from its lull.

**Orkney/Scotland:**

The Scots became innovators this cycle when they proved that people can actually make their own decisions. Casting off the old feudal way remarkably the nation did not explode into some huge upheaval. **(GM: Warning if you go to an open society you will have a good chance to blow up)** The King knowing that a potential upheaval was in the offing shipped to the Laps for a vacation. The Laps put the soft nobles to work, fishing and milking yaks. It was not too much fun for them but when you visit the Laps you do as the Laps. Edinburgh was beautified.

**Poland: Warsaw +1CL, City of Poznan in Kauyavia**

The economic improvements continue in the lands of the Poles. All efforts of Poland targeted merging with the Baltic trade confederation this cycle. This however did not occur. "See BTC"

**Baltic Pagans:**

Sucks being poor, little more economic development.

**Baltic Trade Coalition: Lohar-Jarvi Colonized fully**

The BTC got the bum rush from the Poles. The Poles badly wanted to integrate the Baltic Islands into their domains. The island nation had other ideas. They were a prosperous seafaring country and radically different than their Polish counterparts from not only a social aspect but and economic one as well. Language was also a stumbling block, since the BTC spoke Danish and Norwiegian and the Polish spoke in their Slavic tongue. While the idea might have sounded like a good idea to the leaders of Poland and the Roman Catholic Church the BTC found many flaws in the integration and flatly turned it down.

**HRE:** +1CL Mainz, Ulm, Bremen, Koln; Anhalt built in Saxony, Royal Road built from Franconia to Hesse

The people of the empire continue to benefit from the wise rule of Elizabeth. The nation is booming economically, politically and militarily. Sadly Elizabeth is driven by one goal the acquisition of Bavaria. Once again a trip was made to Bavaria and once again the Empires efforts were rebuffed. The Bavarians are growing very weary of the dogged pursuit of integration by the German Empire. Elizabeth and her entourage were politely escorted out of Bavaria after Leopold's death and the discovery of some influencing attempts by a certain member of the Elizabethian diplomatic corp.

William Von Ryan who had been tucked away in Southern Italy for 10 years got to return to Germany finally. He stopped in Rome to look for suspicious activities but found none. He also stopped by St. Gail before heading to Franconia; he was old and tired and wanted to see his wife once more. On arriving in Frankfurt Von Ryan was awarded the Chair of Witch Craft and Demonology at the University of Frankfurt. This was a great honor but William declined and petitioned the University to accept Victor von Ryan to the position. Von Ryan III the nephew of the Queen became Witch Hunter General shortly thereafter when William passed. There was some investigating done in the region but no witch in her right mind would consider even passing through Franconia.

One last note Prince Sigismund was married Athena his brothers wife before his brothers untimely death. This made Sigismund very unhappy. Sigismund did not like playing second fiddle to his wife and he pressed the Queen to make him the heir rather than Athena but his petition fell on deaf ears. Apparently Athena had turned from Italian hottie into frigid heiress since coming to Germany as well. There was little love...ok none... in the relationship. Prince Albert was sent off to Italy to marry what would have been his sister in law he was rebuffed because the thought of marrying his brother was to icky to think about. Distracted about the idea of going back to Franconia and having to live under the eye of the Iron Queen Albert killed himself.

**Carinthia:** Port City of Bari in Apulia

The Carinthians continue to become more influential on the Adriatic.

**Kingdom of Italy:**

If it was the 1930's one might say the fascist state of Italy was alive and well. Pietro ruler of nearly all of Italy continues to recruit battle-hardened veterans into his army. They drill continuously under young Pietro IV's watchful eye. Pietro and the Mercenary League continue to work closely together as well. There was the thought that Princess Desmonda and Prince Albert of Germany would marry but since they were brother and sister by a previous marriage the nuptials never occurred. Nothing of real note occurred beyond that.....it appears the one time hotbed of Europe has now settled down. Pietro did send some assistance to his allies Campania and Spoleto.

**Bohemia:**

Economic development.

**Bavaria:**

5000 Men were added to the military this cycle as the Bavarians were becoming more and more leery of the intentions of Queen Elizabeth. Once again Bavaria was over run with the Empress's aides trying to persuade the Bavarian Lord to allow his nation to be absorbed into the HRE completely. Bavaria would have none of it and in fact with the death of Augustin, whose wife was one of Elizabeth's daughters, the death of Leopold II, married to the Bohemian rulers daughter Anne, Leopold III took the throne. Leopold III was the son of the Bohemian and Bavarian ruling families. Once he ascended it was thought that those two strong houses would merge. That will have to happen next cycle. In the interim the Bavarians tread very carefully and avoid the continuing pressure being applied by Queen Elizabeth.

**Pope: Hesse (MN), Tuscany (CA)**

Pretty quiet turn for the Pope little building little enhancement of the German city of Achean. Huge investments were made in all aspects of the Papal infrastructure which included the way troops were drilled, the arts of subterfuge and general administering of the lands. A good deal of attention was paid to bolstering the education of the clergy as well as their devotion to the Holy Father. Naples was awash in a sea of black and white as nearly every missionary that could be gathered was sent south.

**Branist: Tons of Facilities**

Tremendous growth in France, Italy and Spain. Of course the Branist were only building low-level facilities for the most part.

**France: Rouen & Cherbourg + CL, Royal Road Paris to Rouen**

Unlike other nations the French had little problem integrating Aquitaine into their nation the king of France was effectively the ruler of Aquitaine already and so there was little problem making the two as one. Much groundwork over many turns had paved the way for this merger as well and so that made the revolt chance less likely in the outlying regions. Rochambeau and the Bishop of Lyon were rewarded by the King for sealing the deal.

The military continued to grow as the kingdom it's self-strengthened economically and politically. The leaders of the lands wait in preparation for a potential external threats but none materializes.

**Gascony:**

The military grew a good deal as some mounted short swordsmen were added to the ranks. Actually a bunch were added somewhere in the vicinity of 8000. The King of France came a calling looking for a bride but the Gascon's were going to have nothing to do with the lure of the French throne. First comes marriage then comes an heir then they try to absorb you into the kingdom. That worked on the weak willed Aquitainians but not on Gascony.....well not as long as there continued to be strong leadership in the country.

**Leon:****Cordoba: +1 CL Palina, Valencia & Esbelya; Royal Road completed to Andulsia**

The able Ahamed was sent to the province of Awlil to persuade the locals that there Muslim brothers in Spain were good guys and the province should embrace the Cordobans as friends.

The tribesmen of Awlil while they remember the assistance of the Cordobans when the Ghanan's assaulted Senegal are not excited about submitting to an authority.

Hasim and Farooq sailed West into the ocean following the histories of the Greeks and the Egyptians in search for Atlantis. No one really expected them to return since everyone knows that if they went too far they would fall off the earth. Well remarkably maybe even almost miraculously the duo found the Azores. What is most interesting about this event may be that the island chain has already been settled by a group of Irishmen. They apparently had traveled to the Island chain with St. Brenden nearly 550 Years ago!

*ON another day also, while the venerable man was residing in the St. Brenden island (Azores), he called very early in the morning for his attendant, Diormit, so frequently mentioned before, and commanded him saying, "Make ready in haste for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, for today is the birthday of blessed Brenden." "Wherefore," said his attendant, "dost thou order such solemnities of the Mass to be prepared today? For no messenger hath come to us from Scotia (Ireland) to tell us of the death of that holy man." "Go," said the saint, "it is thy duty to obey my commands. For this last night I saw the heavens suddenly open, and choirs of angels descend to meet the soul of the holy Brenden; and so great and incomparable was the brightness, that in that same hour it illuminated the whole world."*

#### **Hungary:**

The empire that keeps their nose clean will last 1000 years. Hungary continues to patrol the borders and maintain stability within. The City of Buda was beautified this cycle. There was some trouble brewing in Hungary though as some of the outlying regions are getting a bit restless because all of the nations development is devoted to two provinces. The lords of the realm merely want to experience the prosperity that Alfold and Bakony are experiencing. Cultivation projects and establishment of cities in other areas of the realm are the main complaints of the outlying nobles.

#### **Serbia: Ragusa (F), Postal Road to Bosnia**

There were plans for another royal wedding with the Byzantines but those were put on hold when it was discovered that young Nisha was the Emperors niece. On other fronts things went well. The Army in Aleppo still remained loyal to the king though they longed to return home after being on foreign soil for so long. The Bosnian's and Croatian's were both pleased that communications with the capital were improved due to the completion of the postal road to Bosnia.

#### **Greece: Dhykon's Keep on Rhodes**

Good amount of economic development

#### **Kingdom of Trebizond:**

Rebuilt Taman with the aid of the Byzantines and the Patriarch

#### **Bulgaria: Sofia in Bulgaria**

The Bulgarian's decided to build another city.

#### **Byzantines: Great Wall for Constantinople, City of Dorylaeon in Phrygia, Pamphyla (NE)**

There was a great deal of nervousness in the court of Constantine IX, Quo Validar an exceptional general who was reasonably popular with his men and he had a big army sitting in Aleppo. Fortunately for Constantine Quo Validar was a loyal general. Constantine relieved got back to ruling and working finding a bride. The Serbian princess was out since she was a blood relative though slightly removed, cousin it was thought. Constantine was given the opportunity to marry Quo Validar's younger sister Quinime. While the General and his sister were not high nobles the Validar family had long resided in the lands in and around Antioch and they were landed. Constantine wasted little time making the decision on this, at 40 now he needed to fill the royal pipeline with children. In 1073 he did just that as he sired his first son, Constantine X, not to be confused with Malcolm X. Constantine did do one last thing of note he ordered the construction of a "Great Wall" across the peninsula so the city of Constantinople might be made more secure. This project cost a good deal of time and effort but was completed in the duration of the cycle because the distance was short.



**Patriarch: (CA) City of Kiev**

The efforts to build structures for the betterment of the Orthodox Church where mostly failures this cycle however Kiev did receive a beautiful Cathedral in downtown which the citizens greatly appreciated. More importantly however the Patriarch is a man of great tact and wisdom.

The Archbishop of Okhrid was sent to Armenia to resolve the issues with the angry Coptics. Theocradius met with the Archbishop and listened to his kind words and counted his gold. Satisfied with the compensation to the Armenian peoples Theocradius or his men to return to their homes and the Armenian horde was disbanded. Theo returned to his homeland with many of his men and with the money gained from the apologetic Orthodox Church he founded the city of Van.

The A.B. of Constantinople once more saved the civilized world from the ravages of a serious horde when he visited the great Khan Rusik II and his lovely Queen Briana in Patzinak. They were hosting visitors there before departing for India to ravage it in the name of Islam. The Archbishop was very persuasive and the finances involved were acceptable enough to satisfy the Khan. The A.B. returned to Constantinople happy his office had averted yet another onslaught of barbarians.

**Mercenary League: Corsica Cultivated**

With business continuing to be brisk the Mercenary League had accumulated enough resources to cultivate Corsica.

**Scythians:**

Off to India.

**Middle East:****Buhwayids: City of Mardin in Carhae, City of Palmyra in Palmyra, Royal Road to Carhae and to Damascus from Mosul**

Akbar the Arab is now in heaven and enjoying the fruits of paradise. Akbar ended the life of Al'Bassari and while he did not manage to elude Kievan authorities he did do his duty for his King and country. The Buhwayid Empire grew a great deal this cycle as roads were thrown down and a couple of cities were built. A road now connects the capital to the Med. and this is big because now there is another great Islamic power that can exert influence on the Christian world. One bad thing did happen the city of Damascus was completely ravaged by a fierce plague, which wiped out 2/3 of the population. Engineers in the area finishing off the Road project helped with the removal and disposal of the dead once the plague died down. Sunni Imam Has Ifrim was in the city when the plague broke out and spent a good deal of time in the city trying to help the ill in the new church that was constructed this cycle. The war for men's souls seems to be heating up a little bit in Lebanon where Shia missionaries began converting the Sunni of the region.

**Persia:**

The religious leader of the Shadad disappeared it is widely thought that the Buhwayids were responsible for the disappearance and there is rising fervor in Persia over this.

**Azerbaijan:**

Saved for a rainy day.

**Yemen:**

DIE Chalukyans DIE

The king ordered the construction of many warships to match the Chalukyan efforts, another bloody battle was pending. Unfortunately for the Yemenese King two things were working against him. He seemed to think some assistance might be coming from the Ceylonese but none was forthcoming. The other thing the king was hoping for is something bad would happen in India to distract the Chalukyans from building a big navy, that didn't happen either.

Ali sortied out with a fleet of about 30 ships (would have been 58 last turn) including 16 Heavy ships. This time Ali also brought along a decent sized contingent of marines 1400 men. On the Chalukyan side they had about 40 ships a small number of Yemenese make and 7 very spiffy heavy warships with battle-hardened crews. The Raj brought a contingent of 2000 marines of which half were elites. This battle was over pretty quickly, as the veteran Chalukyan Raj who survived the Yemenese assassin who tried to sneak onto his flagship, put his light ships to good use. They ran circles around the Yemenese who were tied on their slow moving heavy warships, which made up over half their naval contingent. Some new warships fresh out of the construction yards fared very well in their support of the heavier ships but it was not enough of a counter balance. The Yemenese turned and caught the wind gauge and withdrew back to Al Mokha.

Later the King got a strange message from his commander in Africa. Apparently the Chalukyans had packed up and left leaving only a shell of a city remaining. Babar did not interfere because there seemed no reason to spill blood if the enemy was withdrawing.

**Ghazi: Transformed to Agrarian Society, Postal Road from Afghanistan to Hazarajat**

Who cares about things like diplomacy or war? Certainly not Omar.....he was so preoccupied with his wife that she bore 3 daughters and two sons this cycle little else mattered. Omar's wife was just the first of many poor women bearing twins this cycle. Most of the rest of the Kingdom actually geared up for the visit by the Scythians. This event brought a great deal of tension to the lands but the Scythians passed through and didn't cause any trouble.

**Chorasmia:** It sucks paying for a big army so the Emperor continued to work on improving his economy.

**India:**

**Tibet: Fortress in Guar and Palas**

The Horde did not make it to East India but the Tibetans were still very happy of two things. They had devoted most of their resources to building two large fortresses in Guar and Palas and that they had chosen not to engage the Bengals in combat. Nothing much happened in Tibet beyond the construction of the two large fortresses but that was enough. The Tibetan's officially become Imperial Government.

**Lamanist Tibet:** Converted Guar

**Punjab: Ao +1 CL, City of Sargodha in Punjab**

Seemingly every leader in the Kingdom died this cycle but remarkably the children of the aged leaders did not fall in on each other and destroy the nation. There was a great fear that the Scythians would wipe out the nation but they merely passed through one of the desert regions and moved into Uttar Pradesh. Nothing was really accomplished at home because of the chaos involved with the changing of so many leaders but in the end at least there was a country left. Mohanram on taking the throne declared he would continue to honor the peace his Grandfather had created with the Ghazi. There was some concern in the court about the reliability of the Ghazi after they allowed the horde to pass through but the "no harm, no foul" rule was in effect apparently so life goes on.

**Shiva Church of Kashmir:**

Colonized Kutch Island, Expanded through the desert.

**Kucha:** Quor +1 CL, Turfan (F)

The Tartar came peacefully this cycle they recovered their imprisoned heir Dsaluu. The Tartar Khan paid the ransom for his son then the Tartars headed to the south. Relieved the Tartars did not want to renew their conflict Massoud went back to assist his great grandmother (?) run the country at the age of 90 she was finally slowing down and by the end of the cycle she finally

passed, at the age of 95! I believe she survived 10 childbirths, which is amazing, and she ended up ruling the country for something like 20 years.

Massoud's older sister Sana married Sulieman the leader of the Seljuks, Turk and Kuchan alike blessed this marriage. After the recent raids by the Tartars and the wild rising of all the horde blocks in the North and East. Sulieman wasted no time adding to his flock. Kuchan women are baby factories and three sons and a daughter. The realm was peaceful this cycle and that made everyone happy.

**Manichaeans: (MN) Turfan**

Serious work was started on converting the Sunni Turks. A huge investment was made into the province.

**Paramara Alliance:**

The Princes were concerned about the health and well being of their nation. Punjab to the North was powerful; the warring states of Uttar Pradesh and Tripuri in the East and the Ghazi resided in the West. India was very crowded what was a nation supposed to do? Ah yes! Lets build an army! 4000 men were added to the rolls of the Paramara. Prince Mrinaal added 5 children to the royal family including 2 sets of twins, Avanti added two sons as well. In 1072 a very large number of Scythians passed through Ajmer and the King immediately tightened the defenses around the capital, then the horde passed into Chitor and tensions rose to a fever pitch all the men were telling their wives to pack their belongs and head south to see friends and relatives in Tripuri and the Chalukyans. The Horde moved on to Uttar Pradesh and while all were sorry that such a fate would befall their "former" ally they were very happy they were not victimized.

**Bengal: "See Scythians"**

**W. Chalukya:**

Since there was only one enemy to focus on the Chalukyan navy was increased a great deal.

"See Yemen"

The Chalukyans decided to remove their presence from Africa. With the developments in India falling out like they were it was thought that eliminating the distraction of the Yemenese they removed their city from Berbera.

**Chola: +1 CL Tanjore, Postal Road to Gangas**

Nothing much happening here. The Heir has a couple of kids.... who didn't this cycle. The Raj feeling he had a large enough army concentrated on economic development. The capital grew in size and the province of Vengi received a great many regional enhancements.

**Sri Lanka:**

Prince Rancine journeyed to the far away Zanzibar to try to persuade them back into the empire. While in the country where his uncle rules, news came from home that Emperor Siberut died on a fishing trip, sadly but maybe finally taken by the sea. Rancine did not like his brother very much and when his uncle offered to name him heir Rancine decided to stay. Zanzibar declared its independence. At home there could have been trouble with the death of Siberut but Igneb held all the armed forces and Igneb's sisters were actually more loyal than Rancine. If things were not bad enough Igneb was one of the few leaders in the world who did not manage to sire any children this cycle.

**Tripuri: Kakatiya (F)**

Who cares what else happened during the cycle finally after 70+ years and a great deal of effort Kakatiya finally decided to submit to the will of the Tripuri Lords! The Warrior King Dyupati died in 1074 in a peaceful manner remarkably enough. Thankfully the event did not cause Kakatiya to revolt nor did it cause any other leader to revolt against the king. Sadly this did happen just as the lands of Jihjhoti were being overrun by the Scythians. Nothing could have probably stopped them anyway so everyone remained calm while the king's replacement; his eldest brother Viksha was designated king.

#### **Uttar Pradesh “the cursed Lands”**

The Deccan raiders were hired to help defend Vatsa. In fact the entire army was waiting patiently for the army that never came. Dwejish died and his son took over the army in Vatsa. He loyally stayed to defend the region. The Scythians did not go to Vatsa however they hit the UP homeland. Dwejish II had a good army by Indian standards but there was no way he was going to jump in front of a freight train. He stayed in Vatsa and waited to see what happened. It was not pretty. There were SO many Scythians. Then came the second wave lead by Queen Briana.....The Gods do not smile on the Raj's of Uttar Pradesh apparently. The force was so overwhelming few made it out of the country and into Avanti. the defenses of the region did take a bit of a toll on the Horde but that did not stop them from continuing on into Jihjhoti.

#### **Scythians: Uttar Pradesh and Rajaput Colonized, Mathura (P), Jaunpor (P), Vasta (P), Jhijohti (P)**

It was a very long road to travel but one worth the trip. Rusik II was proud of his accomplishment. The Hindus were pathetic and needed to be subjugated their rich lands were now his. There was a small amount of difficulty clearing out Uttar Pradesh due to the field forts in the region but the sheer number of troops and lack of support from the army, which was wisely sitting in Vatsa. Vatsa was soon overrun by the Scythians second wave.

### **S.E.Asia:**

#### **Burma: City of Mandalay in Burma, +1 CL Sittwe, (C) Wulaing & Padishan**

Finally Akhil exclaimed someone produce some children. Both Ahern and Anson were productive on the home front this cycle as 7 total children were added to the royal clan. Everything remained pretty calm in the Empire but a large number of troops were added to the rolls as fears mounted that the trouble in India or China might spill over into the Fair Kingdom. Economic development continued to be a concern of the King and Burma was the beneficiary of the Kings benevolence this cycle.

**Khmer:** Port City of Mui Bai Bung built in Phan Rang, Vijay (F), +1 CL Angkor Wat  
Peace continues in the realm of the Khemer so there is time to sit back and assess the future. Hmmm best to just keep doing what has been done that has been working really well. More troops were built some defensive positions were added to the homeland. On the diplomatic front a big effort was put into finally ending the animosity between former Champan state and the Khemer this effort finally brought lasting peace between the two factions in South East Asia.

-----**Malay Confederation:** Melanka +1 CL

Not much going on here.

**Java:** +1 CL Singhisian & Sundra, Bankgka Colonized to 1GPV, Sula W. (NE) Leyete (NT)  
Mapahi died at the start of the cycle but fortunately no ill befell the kingdom The Heir now King Kafil married fetching young lass from Jambi. Her family was thought to be well connected but they were apparently not as well connected as they made themselves out to be. Still the king marrying a noble from Jambi did help ease tensions some. Abroad the Javans continue to try to expand their realm and they were somewhat successful in their efforts. Saripha Kafil's brother also passed this cycle.

## **Asia:**

### **Great War against the Hsia Continues:**

In Shensi the Hsia prepare for the assault.

Year 1: The Mongols travel to Ordos they pacify the region.

In June the Liao launch a raid on Shensi that is turned back immediately, Ming declines pursuit

Numerous attacks on the Hsia government occur with some success, many Buddhist priest are put to the sword on entering the lands of the Shensi.

Year 2: The Mongols Loot Ordos and raid all adjacent provinces

The SID attack and Pacify Huang.

Year 3: The Mongols move on Wu Hai, capture the province then begin enslaving the population.

Battle for Huang: Sung versus the Hsia

Cao Zhang was busy besieging the fortress of Yulei when the Hsia with their mercenary ally Ju Jin arrived to catch the Sung off guard.

Cao Zhang was an impressive general and the Sung did have some intel sources in the field to aid their efforts. Ming however was as good of a general as one might ever see and Ju was his number two in command. Ming's diverse, well-trained and fast moving cavalry contingent dropped down on the Sung like a hammer on hot steel. While the numbers were comparable the better leadership and more technically developed cavalry told the tale that and the hated Sung were caught off guard assaulting the fortress and looting the province. It was an absolutely brutal defeat, the Sung who were completely lacking in light units were not only brutalized on the field but devastated by the pursuit. The Sung did catch a break because before they got completely routed out of the province the Buddhist with 10,000 Swordsmen and Mercenary Kaing with his 2000 Heavily armed and armored footmen showed up.

Second Battle for Huang:

The Sung were about half the force they were originally but they had been greatly bolstered by the influx of the allied armies. Ming had lost some of his advantage but he pressed on knowing without the Mongols or the Liao in tow the Primacy and their dogs the Sung would be meat for the grinder. He was nearly right the cavalry of the Hsia though outnumbered by nearly two to one and the Hsia horse so outclassed most of their opponents on the field that the results were harsh. The sheer number of enemies in the allied army caused Ming to take more losses than he would have liked but the counter to that was is that he was killing the Buddhist and Sung in droves. There would be some revenge for the enslavement of his people by the Mongols after all.

Year 4: The Sung and Buddhist stream out of Huang devastated by their losses. Ming licking his wounds a bit also withdrew. The Mongols finished off the province of Wu Hai and laid a passive Siege of the city. Cao Zhang died at the second battle of Huang, which did not help the organized withdrawal of the Sung troops.

Year 5: Wu Hai falls and is sacked and burned.

### **Mongols: "War with the Hsia"**

Lots of money flowed into the Mongols coffers.

### **Manchu: Move against the Jurchen**

**A pretty fat Jurchen Horde allies with the Manchu.....**

### **Tartars:**

Nothing much happened this cycle for the Tartars. Mainly resting and licking their wounds as they moved south. The khan did recover his son, which made the clan happy though they were not excited about paying civilized folks. The cycle ended with the tribe resting inside the Silk Road in Tsinghai.

**Sung Imperial Domains:** lots of small facilities (OO) Yen

A good amount of effort was put into growing the order, that did not stop Cao Zang however from leading another huge army north to fight the Hsia. "SEE HSIA"

**Bandit Kingdoms of Hunan:**

The Bandits continue to be remarkably quiet.

**Shanan - Zhou:** Funui and Tangchou Colonized

Tension eased a bit with the Nanchao maybe. The Nanchao seemed irate about the breakdown of their brokered peace "allegedly". The Zhou continue to take advantage of the war north by absorbing the former Sung and Hsia lands. Four thousand men were added to the rolls since you can't be too safe living in the center of the center of the world. The adoption of the Lamanist faith continued. Lamanist missionaries traveled to Szechwan and aided in the conversion process. The Zhou royal family held pretty tight control over the kingdom so there was no trouble with the adoption of the Lamanist faith.

**Jaingnan:** Anhui Colonized

Slowly but surely the Jaingnan rebuild from the Zhou's great injustice.

**Clan Iiachi:** Royal Road to Kwangsi - Nanling

Who didn't die this cycle? The Heir, one of his sons and not much else was left. The government didn't collapse remarkably enough. Southern China continues to be peaceful and the Iiachi are happy about that especially after the madness this cycle.

**Buddhist Primacy: (MN) Annam, Sikhote & Parhae 100% Buddhist**

Most of the interesting things happened in the Hsai land but some things did happen elsewhere. The Primate died shortly after founding a Monastery in Annam. Dharmakara traveled to the Manchu and paid them a smaller than expected amount of money to not attack the Liao. The Manchu Khan Belgutai shrugged and told the emissary "*When I return from the East you will beg me to spare your nations and the price will be 10 times what it was this cycle.*"

Preaching efforts in the Gobi fared very poorly and Manjuari was lucky to survive after insulting one of the desert chieftains.

**Nanchao: Lanchou (EA), Postal Road to Chiennan**

The Nanchao looked to reign in their nation a bit by building a postal road even further north. Four Thousand men were added to the military rolls in preparation for the possibility of conflict.

*The journalists fell quiet as Han moved slowly from the rear door to his mat on the raised dais. All present knew of his personal efforts to mediate a peace treaty amongst the warring parties in the North, and his deep disappointment at the Liao regime's complete lack of honour in the matter. "The Liao have threatened to bring war to this peaceful nation. They did not appreciate me fulfilling a solemn commitment to all parties to the treaty that I would act as independent arbitrator on the treaty, and publicly confirm any breach by any of the three parties. I will not discuss the details, but the Liao neither informed me or the Hsia that they were not going to sign, or that they did not sign the treaty, and all the other parties were under the impression that the treaty was in effect, until of course the Liao and their Mongol hirelings invaded Hsia lands.*

*As of this morning, Nan Chao is mobilising for war. We do not want war, but as one wise scholar has said, "he who seeks peace must be prepared for war". The Liao, a nation whom until recently we counted as Buddhist brothers but which have shown themselves to be dishonourable warmongers, has threatened us. There has previously been tensions with the Shana-zhou over their past actions, and although in recent times they have been peaceful and have even begun to*

*rehabilitate Tangchou, unresolved issues remain. And now there are a number of barbarian Hordes in and near China; they only respect force of arms.*

*If any of these groups attack Nan Chao, then so be it. We have well prepared defences, and any aggressor will pay a heavy price for invading our peaceful nation.*

*These are very sad times, and while I do not expect to be around when the opportunity for lasting peace in China comes around once again, I hope my sons will have better success at arbitrating a peace when it does."*

**His Hsia:**

The king gambled that the alliance arrayed against him would attack Shensi so he threw down many defensive installations in Shensi in hopes of fending off an assault.

**Liao: Hsuing Nu (NE),**

All of the Liao resources were devoted to rebuilding the military. They did just that and sent their men once more off to war.

**Korea:**

The Koreans were a little anxious over the developments on the Steppe. In fact it is a good thing that none of the ruling class had heart conditions because what was happening to the north might very well kill the lot of them. The Jurchen long time bane of Korea now had allied themselves with the Manchu. There was some discussion whether this was good or bad and the general consensus was that this was a good thing because maybe with the combined strength of the Manchu and the Jurchen they would get lofty goals and leave poor little Korea alone. In case that didn't happen though a bunch of defensive positions were built in Sikhote.

**Japan: Toyama Cultivated**

**Shinto:** Port City of Tugar in Amur

**PACIFIC RIM**

**Australia:**

**Slept**

**New Zealand:** Vanuatu (T)

The Maori continue to ply the waves looking for new lands to settle Kai pathfinder extraordinaire was sent out on such a mission this cycle and very nearly did not return. Not only was he set on by sea monsters which his men very effectively thwarted after the loss of one ship but they also fell victim to terrible storms. Only one of the three ships sailing from Fiji returned. At home economic development spurred on the slowly growing economy and the people were elated.

**Shark God Cult: Toowomba (MN)**

The Grand shaman journeyed across the seas to distant lands; he did manage to establish an outpost in Arukun before passing. Bishop Mandawuy who was staying home built a Monastery in Toowomba, while there he also found a very impressive young man who had been taken by the spirit of the Shark. Mandawuy could hardly believe it but after some "testing" it was true. When the Grand Shaman did not return the young man was dubbed Great Shark.