

Lords of the Earth

CAMPAIGN TWENTY-FOUR – THE WEST

Turn 94

1446 ~ 1449 Anno Domini

850 ~ 853 in the year of the Hegira

4144 (Fire Tiger) - 4147 (Earth Snake)

New for T73

[Noble House rules](#) have been added – please take a look at these here.

New [Spreadsheet](#) for the Renaissance has been created – this can be found here and must be used from now on.

Some tinkering with the [Religious Order rules](#).

I'm going back to standard movement rules – sigh – as it is just taking too much time to rewrite these. Please continue to give your orders in year chunks though – The newly created [spreadsheet](#) should help with this

New for T59

Paths to victory: There are several options open to a player when an NPN has been defeated

1. Take the victory conditions (see NPN rules) available for NPNs and allow the NPN to go its own way. This is a useful option if you do not want to increase your imperial size or bother with the NPNs internal affairs.
2. Keep it as either Pacified or Pacified Tributary. You will not get victory conditions but will get income from the NPNs Homeland/Friendly regions and

cities. Also, as the years from conquest marker goes up it may turn Friendly or Tributary. Using this option treats the NPN as a super-region.

3. Old school, you will have to take the regions you want and conquer each in turn. If the capital is taken then some of the NPNs ratings will be added to yours if higher. The NPN will cease to exist.

Dealing with hordes: Hordes can be dealt with a number of ways rather than just an outright battle. These are

1. Threaten them. Hordes respond to a show of strength and may leave you alone if confronted with enough force.
2. Bribe them. They are looking for gold and lands to settle or pillage so if you offer them it on a plate they may well go away. They may also just take it and attack anyway.
3. Use diplomacy. It does work and I suggest chucking in a royal princess or two.

You can also use a combination of the above. If the horde becomes a FA or A, you can direct its attacks or its path of migration.

New for T53

Restrictions on Royal Marriages: Due to the complications arising from these rules only K, H or P leaders can benefit from a Royal Marriage. Members of the Royal Family that have not come into play are not considered eligible. Also, Primate, Order and Secret Empire positions are not eligible for marriage bonuses. These are meant to be diplomatic arrangements between sovereign states.

New for T51

No Orders: If I don't get any orders in for a position and the player doesn't answer my emails then I'll put the position back to a NPN and put aside the players cash (if any) until they pick it or another nation up again.

New for T50

Request Royal Marriage: Used to ask a NPN nation for a bride for one of your Princes or a suitor for one of your little Princesses. Cost is 6AP, Charisma based. The leader doesn't have to be in the NPNs capital but if he isn't then he needs to be in your homeland/capital.

New for T49

Naval Reaction and Blockade: Naval Reactions can only occur when there is action in a Sea Zone that the fleet is based at. The fleet has to be

based from a port and not the Sea Zone. Also, the Reaction can only occur when your own lands or those of an ally benefiting from a Defensive Pact marriage bonus are attacked. It also applies to any merchant fleets you operate through the Sea Zone in the case of piracy. Naval Blockade's only work if your fleet is based in the same Sea Zone as the target port and you spend all (every single one) of your APs in the blockade. The fleet must be based from a port and not a Sea Zone.

New for T48

The use of fleets for Reaction and mitigating the effects of Pirates: My understanding has now changed since we GMs have had some discussion on the list. The use of Reaction has been explained on the Wiki and Patrol is no longer used in the Base Rules.

Reaction

- Take a look at this link for more info
http://www.throneworld.com/wiki/index.php?title=Basic_Rules_Leaders_and_Army_Actions#Reaction

Trade Route Escorts

- This is specific to Lords 24. Units can be assigned to a trade route to act as static convoy escort using the G type leader. Note this is not as good as patrol as the warships assigned will only reduce the effects of piracy, not capture or destroy the pirates themselves.

Updated NPN and Primacy rules: Yep, been tinkering again but I feel a almost serene sense of satisfaction with my latest offering. See what you think.

Added the ability to hire mercenary captain when there is no mercenary company available: See the mercenary tables

New for T47

Improved cultivation at TL5: If a nation has reached the dizzy heights of TL5 than it can benefit from improved cultivation. You can Improve a cultivated homeland region from 2GPv to 3GPv, or any other controlled cultivated region from 1GPv to 2GPv. This is a level one megalithic construction.

New for T45

New Rivers: I've added in some new possible rivers onto the map. These are rivers that were once passable by light traffic (remember Cogs cannot travel on rivers) and have now become silted up. You can dredge a stretch of the river (along one region border edge) as a 0.5 level project.

Gripes:

Agro as conversion – this has restrictions (see 2.11.5.3) which I will be enforcing from now on.

Rivers can only support light ships – as far as I know Cogs cannot travel on rivers. This also includes Cogs built for trade.

New Primates: We have two new Primate positions this turn. Jumal Skyfather, which is an Estonian god and the Coptic Church based out of Axum.

New for T44

Minor islands and City States: I'll be allowing minor islands (Corfu, Jerba, Wight etc) and city states to be used as locations from T44. Just let me know the rationale behind why you want it separate and if reasonable I'll add it in. Once they are created as locations, they obey all the rules of islands etc. However, their Gpv cannot go above 0.

Flooding: The last few turns have seen a massive increase in the amount of flooding that has occurred. It appears that the years are getting warmer and wetter. As a result of this some of the minor rivers on the map are once again becoming passable to river traffic.

Denmark: Following on from the Minor Islands stuff, you can see that Denmark is now separated out to Jutland and Syaland (Zeeland).

Announcements and items of note

General Stuff: Please use my Paypal account (stephenbrunt@yahoo.co.uk) for all Lords' 24 payments. If you cannot use this facility then please let me know and I will see what I can do about filtering US funds to my account. I may also stop using the throneworld email address due to the mass of spam I'm getting!

Order Form: Please use the [standard excel order form](#)

from now on. I'll update the site with a link to it next week when I get some time. This is important as it helps me process the turn more quickly. THIS IS NOW MANDATORY.

Non-Payment: some of you still owe me some cash. Although it may come as surprise that this is not my main source of income, I see it only polite that you pay for the occasionally night out. So, if you're under zero next turn I'll not process you orders.

Version 6: Lords 24 uses version 6 of the basic rules

The Map: The map now includes India as well as Europe, Central Asia and Africa. I've greyed out repeated areas on the maps to make my life easier.

However, this means some player nations are split across more than one map. I may increase the size of the main map but I'll have to think on this.

Tithes and Tribute: I think these are automatically updated by the stats program, so no need to declare them in your orders.

Control of the Papacy and Religious Orders: In Lords 24 we will not always have a player Pope (or Caliph etc for that matter) and the following rules are used to determine which player faction controls the Pope's actions, Papacy Rules. I've also added some stuff about gaining support from their armies

How to make your GM happy (PLEASE READ! REALLY!):

Please send any and all Lords24 correspondence to stephenbrunt@yahoo.co.uk .

LORDS 24 WEB RESOURCES

The Lords Twenty-Four homepage is at:

<http://lords.throneworld.com/lote24/index.html>

All of the on-line resources, including order forms, mailing lists and web-sites for Lords of the Earth are summarized on this page:

http://lords.throneworld.com/?page_id=2

You can subscribe to the Lords 24 mailing list by pointing your web-browser at:

<http://games.groups.yahoo.com/group/lote24>

...and following the instructions on that page.

VARIOUS FEES AND LEVIES

At the moment the turns cost \$5 – please pay up of you owe

We are using the latest v6.3.5 of the basic rule book that can be found here

<http://lords.throneworld.com/players/loterule/rules.html>

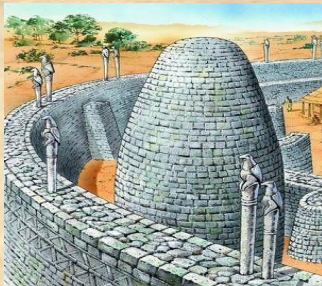
Africa



The Mwene-Mutapa Empire

(Unkulunkulu Civilized Open Empire)

TjiKalanga, King of Mapungubwe

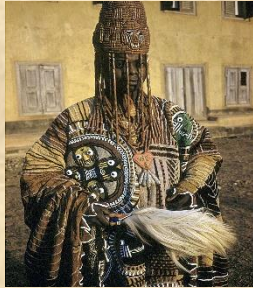


The eastern shore from Karanga up to Me'lela in the north was now cleared of jungle and cultivated for farmland. From Manakweni, the great road stretched through Shona to Inhamizua in Me'lela. King TjiKalanga was to father two young sons during these years by Queen Meuna of Malawi. Young Prince Muthzanga was nearly of age to support the king in his affairs. Tshiven took the fleet east to explore the seas around Mozambique. He was to return to port with rutters for the Seychelle and Boraha Seas as well as Cape Vohimena. While Vendalwe continued to improve relations with the Malawians, Shalada travelled to Shona where he was able to gain an alliance with the tribal chief.

Usama-Yoruba Onium of Ibo

(African Pagan Civilized Open Empire)

Boure II, Oni of Ibo



More jungle was cut back and the lands of the Burkina cleared for farms. King Bouré rules the Onium from Ibo and oversaw changes to the nation's fleets. Prince Ezeke remained in Akwanga where his continued diplomatic efforts saw the city become a core part of the kingdom after his marriage to Princess Nneoma. Prince Obinna moved from Bekwai to Gagnoa where his efforts to persuade the province to rejoin the Onium saw some success and reestablished the land route to Niète. He was to marry into the Gagnoan nobility. Relations with Kwararafa were excellent so Prince Chininso of Oyo was happy to spend these years hunting and relaxing. The lands of Burkina, Tusyam and Asante were further pulled into the Onium through the efforts of Bouré's diplomats. Admiral Jelani took the fleet and explored the seas south of Ife, from Cape Fria to the Nambian Sea.

The Wadai Kingdom of Sennar

(Coptic Barbarian Open Empire)

Malik Karim Al-Shahrani, King of Sennar



Work started on clearing the lands of Gezira for farmland. King Malik Karim Al-Shahrani ruled from Sennar. His wife was to sadly die in childbirth during 1446. Prince Khalid travelled to the court at Sennar to assist the king in the affairs of state. It was left to Prince Fayeze to oversee the defence of the kingdom. To the north, the Egyptians had regained the city of El'Gitar from the Adjou Aba. They annexed the Nubian kingdom after years of negotiations.

Eastern Europe



The Varangian Rus of Kiev

(Orthodox Civilized Open Empire)

Siegfried, King of the Rus



Both Varangia and Vitebsk were to grow in size and their outer walls rebuilt. The Great Wall was extended so that the border with Turov was protected. Attempts to gain converts in both Levedia and Dobruja saw little success. King Siegfried augmented his army with a further sixteen hundred light horse before taking command of the main army in Varangia. His rule from Varangia was to continue peacefully. Prince Roland was assisted by the Princes Harald and Ragnar the Elder in Moldavia. Their attempts to persuade the Bulgari Bogden to become part of the kingdom saw some success as the tribes were happy to pay tribute from both Moldavia and Galich. Sadly, Roland never saw the tribute paid as he was to fall ill and die in 1449. Prince Ragnar the Younger moved back to Kiev with his men before settling into married life with his young Pechneg wife. He was blessed with a young son during these years. The Brothers from the Vladimir Order were to all pass away during these years, seemingly from unconnected misfortune.

The Oriental Roman Empire

(Roman Catholic Civilised Open Empire)

Alexios, Emperor of East Rome



Prince Manuel was formally declared as heir to Emperor Alexios in 1446. The emperor then continued his rule from Constantinople. News came from the south that the Egyptians had been building a fleet and were probing the defences of Rhodes and Crete from the Gulf of Cyprus. The

great city of Constantinople was to outgrow its walls and they had to be rebuilt to ensure the cities safety. Missionaries in Rhodes and Taman were remarkably ineffectual during these years, although the majority of Taman were now Christian due to their previous efforts. Whilst the Admirals Stefans and Andronikos patrolled the seas around the Empire, Duke John travelled to Bosphorus to improve relations with the city's rulers.

The Order of St Vladimir

(Roman Catholic Civilised Religious Order)

Dmitry, Grandmaster of the Order of St Vladimir



The Orders' army was to increase in size as more cavalry were recruited for Grandmaster Bjorn. The Grandmaster moved his force to Goryn to ensure its defence. Some converts were gained in Ialomita as priests from the Order continued to harangue the Moslem population of the province. Bjorn's popularity was to suffer when grain was shipped to the Catholics in Constantinople.

The Noble House of Byzantium

(Roman Catholic Civilised Mercantile House)

Cephalus, Chairman of the Noble House of Byzantium



In preparation for the arrival of the Orkneymen, Cephalus had instructed that six bombards be cast and made ready for transport. He then moved to Pechnograd to establish a factory in the city. Ioannis sailed to Valletta from Create and was also to establish a mercantile factory in the city. In Kiev, Sostratos scoured the province for a reliable agent but failed to find anyone suitable.

Arabia and the Middle East



The Buwayid Sultanate

(Sunni Islam Civilized Open Empire)

Lamman II, Sultan of the Buwayids



Missionaries sent to Antalya had little success amongst the Christian population there and few converts were made. Agents of the Sultanate were unsuccessful in their attempts to gain western technology. Even the Egyptians were active in preventing their attempts, barring them from universities and libraries. The cities of the Sultanate once again grew in size; these were prosperous times indeed. The sultan was to marry from the Levant and took control of the sizeable army in Mesopotamia. He was to be blessed with two young children by his new Zaid bride, one a young son and heir. Inger continued to improve relations with the Levant, helped by the marriage to Lamman and some well targeted gifts. Salah a Din travelled to Hastor where he was to gather a substantial army enroute to the city. His attempt to sway the city's emir to came to nothing though and he could not improve on the alliance already in place. In Qom, Abdul Al Sisi had some success but it was in Shiraz that Saban al Sid managed to gain the full support of the Persian Gulf city.

Western Europe and Moslem Spain



The Knights of Malta

(Roman Catholic Civilised Religious Order)

Heinrich, Grandmaster of the Knights of Malta



The Knights of Malta increased their status with the Pope, Sicily and the Principality of Salerno. Houses were built in Rome, Palermo and Valletta and the Preceptory in Attica raised to an Oratory. Gold from the Maltese treasury was spent improving the lives of the Atticans. Grandmaster Heinrich moved back to Valletta to take command of the fleet and ensure that the Ionian Sea was free from any invaders.

The Kingdom of Germany

(Roman Catholic Civilized Open Empire)

Ludwig, King of the Germans



In Lausatia, the city of Bautzen was founded and the great road extended out from Thuringia. Savoy was also connected by road to Liguria in the south. King Ludwig rules from Saxony and was blessed with two sons by his Polish wife queen Annaka. Godric was dispatched to Savoy to gain more support from the wealthy region but had little success. However, Cenric and Jurgen were to make some substantial diplomatic

gains in Lausatia and Wurzburg. Reinhold explored the seas of the Balearics as well as Gades and the Bay of Tunis before successfully returning to Cannes with rutters for them

The Akramid Caliphate

(Sunni Islam Civilized Open Empire)

Tiroman VI, Caliph of the Akramids



Slavery was outlawed in the Caliphate and former slaves saw some improvement in their lives as they were given more rights by the Caliph. The wilderness in Sardinia was cut back for farmland as the benefits of becoming part of the Caliphate were shown to the people of that island. The Imams made some progress in converting Corsica but in the city of Bastia the majority of the population now worshipped Islam. The conversion from slavery was overseen by the Caliph himself as he gathered a mighty army together in Seville in case of revolt by disgruntled land owners. Prince Teague was left to enjoy time with his family and was to be blessed with a daughter and son during these years. With Sardinia cultivated at the expense of the Caliphate, Onika and his fellows were able to persuade the island to become a core part of the Tiroman's lands. Quinn was to pass away in 1449 from a fever whilst in Sardinia assisting with Onika's diplomacy.

Scandia and the Out Isles



Kingdom of Orkeneyjar

(Roman Catholic Seafaring Open Empire)

Soren, King of Orkney and the Isles



Missionaries from the Orkneys were active in Ventapils and were successful in virtually wiping out any worship of Jumal from the city. Vast sums of gold were shipped to Le Marteau to improve the quality of their forces. The cities of Thorshaven and Thingvellir grew in size and care was taken to improve the strength of their citadels and walls. Soren was busy with mercantile affairs before ruling from Kirkval with Queen Courtney. The royal couple were blessed with a daughter and son during these years. Princess Vigdis was able to gain some small fealty from the Cornish before returning to London in 1449 with Bresi. In Anglia, Frode was able to secure tribute from the Anglicans before he too travelled back to London. Canute gathered a small fortune in gold and protected by the fleet commanded by Brondolf and Dreng, set sail for far Constantinople. After a long voyage, Canute docked in Constantinople and secured control of the bombards built by the House of Byzantium. Gold was also sent to the merchant house and the Byzantines along with knowledge of Norse shipbuilding and seamanship. Canute and the fleet were then to travel uneventfully back to Kirkval where the new bombard crews were put through their paces. In far Albany, Golden Wolf was to travel amongst the people and preach the religion of the easterners, converting the province to Christianity. Bishop Gudbrand was to protect the shores off London but the old firebrand died suddenly in 1446. Luckily, no one was tempted to invade the Orkney's southern possessions.

La Marteau de Dieu

(Roman Catholic Civilised Religious Order)

Geoffrey, Hammer of God



A House for the Order was built in Anglia but there was no success in founding any in Sussex and Portchester. Concerned by the revolts in the far west, Grandmaster Geoffrey travelled to Nordheim in Gronland with the Brothers Eldred, Eudes and Ottar where they were to found an Order Estate. The Grandmaster returned to the Order's Fortress in Kirkval whilst Eudes and Ottar travelled back to the Faroes. In London, Brother Stephen was to raise the Order House to a Preceptory through his efforts. Missionaries from the Order were active in Sardinia in an attempt to stem the Moslem flood into the Italian lands.
