

# Lords of the Earth

## CAMPAIGN TWENTY-FOUR – THE WEST

### Turn 95

1450 ~ 1453 Anno Domini

854 ~ 857 in the year of the Hegira

4148 (Metal Horse) - 4151 (Water Rooster)

### 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](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](mailto: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](mailto:stephenbrunt@yahoo.co.uk) .

### **LORDS 24 WEB RESOURCES**

The Lords Twenty-Four homepage is at:

<http://lords.throneworld.com/lot24/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](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/lot24>

...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>

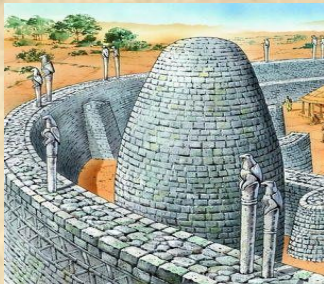
# Africa



## The Mwene-Mutapa Empire

(Unkulunkulu Civilized Open Empire)

*TjiKalanga, King of Mapungubwe*



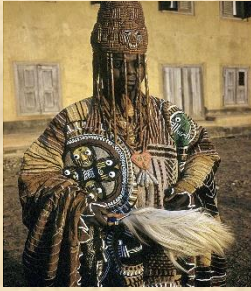
The city of Morogoro was built on the great northern road. The road itself was extended further north to Inhamizua and west to Tlok in Zimbabwe. Setting off from Ithembala, Tshiven was able to explore north along the coast as far as the Somali Sea but had to turn back from the Bab-al-Mandab due to storms encountered earlier in the Cape Delgado. Despite further gifts of gold, Vandalwe was unable to gain any diplomatic ties with the Malawians. Shalada was no diplomat and his attempts in Shona were further hindered by bad advice from the Mwene agents placed there. His faux pas meant that Shona reduced its alliance to one of purely tribute. King TjiKalanga was blessed with another son by Queen Meuna as he ruled from Mapungubwe.



## Usama-Yoruba Onium of Ibo

(African Pagan Civilized Open Empire)

*Boure II, Oni of Ibo*



While Bouré ruled from Ibo, Prince Ezeke travelled to Nupe and then onto Tsofou-Birni in a vain attempt to improve relations with the province and its city. Prince Obinna offended the chief of the Gagnoa but managed to improve relations with the Otunga. Travelling south along the coast, Prince Chininso of the Oyo gained the support of the Douala and the Teke. The Onium was also to gain the support of the provinces of Senufo, Tusyam, Zerma and Takrur. The great explorer Admiral Jelani was to map the route north through the Sea of Dogs to the Gates of Hercules. Attempts to woo the Senegalese royal family backfired when envoys from the Onium were expelled. The jungle was cleared away from Asante to make way for new farms.

## The Wadai Kingdom of Sennar

(Coptic Barbarian Open Empire)

*Malik Karim Al-Shabrani, King of Sennar*



King Malik rules from Sennar with the assistance of Prince Khalid. Coptic missionaries were active in the Shoa lands but failed to gain many converts. On the Zanzibar Sea, the isolated province of Brava pulled away from the kingdom.

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# Eastern Europe



## The Varangian Rus of Kiev

(Orthodox Civilized Open Empire)

*Siegfried, King of the Rus*



Attempts to convert the Moslems of Levedia were unsuccessful despite the assistance of Smirnov of Smolensk. Even with the death of Prince Harald in 1453, Prince Ragnar the Elder was able to persuade the Moldavians to ally with Kiev. Prince Ragnar the Younger settled into married life and was blessed with another son during these years. Vitebsk and Varangia were to grow in size again.

## The Oriental Roman Empire

(Roman Catholic Civilised Open Empire)

*Alexios, Emperor of East Rome*



While Andronikos and Duke Stefans patrolled the Mare Negri and the Aegean Sea, worrying news was received in Constantinople of the Egyptian fleet moving closer to Crete from the Gulf of Cyprus. Prince Manuel moved to the city of Athena where he managed to gain some more support from the city. Missionaries were sent to Rhodes and Taman but the Romans had little energy for religion and failed to gain any new converts. Supposedly using local knowledge, Duke John's attempts to increase relations with Taman backfired and his efforts caused more grievances



## The Order of St Vladimir

(Roman Catholic Civilised Religious Order)

*Bjorn, Grandmaster of the Order of St Vladimir*



As the Vladimir forces crossed the Dnepr into Polovotsy, Grandmaster Bjorn was riding with Ragnar when they were struck by a storm of arrows from the Ademid defenders. Ragnar was killed instantly but Bjorn survived. However, he was badly wounded and the Vladimir forces retreated back into Atelzuko under the command of Skallagrim. In Goryn, Hrolf was left in command of the Vladimir lands until his death in 1452

## The Noble House of Byzantium

(Roman Catholic Civilised Mercantile House)

*Cephalus, Chairman of the Noble House of Byzantium*



Lord Cephalus was to establish a Cartel in the city of Varangia, giving the House of Byzantium a strong foothold in the Kievian lands. Ioannis was to move to Attica where he was able to procure a Factor for the merchants but Sostratos was unable to do the same in Kiev.

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# Arabia and the Middle East



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## The Buwayid Sultanate

(Sunni Islam Civilized Open Empire)  
*Lamman II, Sultan of the Buwayids*



Rumours that the assassins were present in Mosul were difficult to prove as agents of the Sultanate scoured the province for information. They also attempted to gain more knowledge from their neighbours but were unsuccessful; those affected nations now wise to their actions. Lamman ruled from Mesopotamia with the assistance of Prince Ra-Amir. He was saddened that his Zaid wife was unable to bear him any more children during these years. Inger continued his work in the Levant until his death in 1451, he was unable to gain any improvement in relations with the province. Salah a Din was to also struggle to gain more support from Hastor but Abdul Al Sisi was successful in smoothing relations with the city of Qom. As with previous years, most of the Sultanate's cities were to grow in size and prosperity.

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# Western Europe and Moslem Spain



## The Knights of Malta

(Roman Catholic Civilised Religious Order)

*Heinrich, Grandmaster of the Knights of Malta*



The Knights spent their resources increasing the size of Valletta. The Byzantines were then to replace the walls of the city. Attempts to increase the Order's status were successful in the Papal States but proved less successful in Sicily and France. The Grandmaster was able to found an Oratory in Verona. Despite being successful in founding a Preceptory in Rome, Brother Frederick was unable to found a House in Latium due to difficulties with the local bureaucracies. In Attica, Brother Bernhard attempted to found an Estate but his efforts saw little

success.

## The Kingdom of Germany

(Roman Catholic Civilized Open Empire)

*Ludwig, King of the Germans*



Albrecht travelled to the port of Bremen where he took command of the newly commissioned Caravels in the port. He also commandeered some ageing triremes whose crews had been languishing in the port for several years. Sailing north into the Viking Bank, Albrecht was able to gain rutters for the seas around Strathclyde before bad weather set in. The triremes struggled with the high waves but Albrecht valiantly managed to map the Freya Bank before being turned back to Bremen. Reinhold's was more successful in his attempts to explore the seas east of Cannes as his fleet mapped as far west as the Gulf of Cyprus. King Ludvig was blessed with another son by Queen Annaka but was saddened by the loss of his brother Prince Arnulf in 1451. The efforts of Godric saw tribute arrive from the Savoyards while in Lausatia Cenric was able to persuade the province to become part of the German kingdom. Similar success was achieved in Wurzburg through the efforts of Jurgen. Although the attempts of German missionaries to convert the last few remaining Moslem's of Liguria came to nothing, German priests were able to raise the piety of the nation yet further. Hanover grew in size and the road was extended north to Bremen.

## The Akramid Caliphate

(Sunni Islam Civilized Open Empire)

*Tiroman VI, Caliph of the Akramids*



Despite attempts of the Papal missionaries to prevent the spread of Islam to Corsica, the Akramids were able to gain more converts throughout the island. The port of Bastia was to remain fully Moslem, forcing the Catholic Monastery there to degrade to a mere Abbey. Some Catholic converts were gained by the Pope in Sardinia. The Caliph was to ensure the security of the realm alongside Prince Luhk while Prince Teague spend these years fathering two more children. Tiroman's queen, Brinn, was to succumb to a fever in 1453, shortly after the death of his brother Prince Trew. It was left to Onika to lead the Akramid delegation to the newly fortified city of Mikhael where his efforts saw the port become an integral part of the Caliphate. More freedoms were promised to the newly freed slaves of the Caliphate as a new enlightened age was promised by Tiroman.

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# Scandia and the Out Isles



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## Kingdom of Orkneyjar

(Roman Catholic Seafaring Open Empire)

*Soren, King of Orkney and the Isles*



Queen Courtney had no time for the affairs of state as she was kept busy with her now nine children, so Prince Aethelbert was promoted to the heir of the Orkneyjar. Thorshaven and Thingvellir were to grow in size and Thingvellir's walls were vastly improved. The Orkneyjar city of Brest in Brittany was also to be protected by impressive walls. Word was spread the Order of St Denis was more concerned with continental affairs than English or Norse concerns and it was to see its status in the Orkney lands suffer as a result. Some converts were gained in Musa but attempts to build a Le Marteau Order house in the city of Ventapils came to nothing. Princess Vigdis was able to improve the relations with Land's End as Bishop Hugin led a delegation to Wessex. Gilden Wolf was to travel to the Huron lands but was unable to convert any of the tribes to Catholicism.

## La Marteau de Dieu

(Roman Catholic Civilised Religious Order)

*Geoffrey, Hammer of God*



Geoffrey, Grandmaster of Le Marteau, travelled to Oslo where he was able to found an Oratory with Brother Eudes before the Brother passed away in 1453. An Order House was raised in Portchester and the efforts of the Brothers Eldred and Ottar saw a Preceptory built in Himlensport. The garrisons of the Order House in Naskapi and Himlensport were greatly increased due to the recent raids by the Hurons.

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