

Recent History

1300 DR to present

- 1301**
 - Year of the Trumpet
 - Sponsored by merchant interests in Waterdeep and Neverwinter, a mercenary army rides against orc-ridden Illusk.
- 1302**
 - Year of the Broken Helm
 - Illusk is retaken and rebuilt with aid from Neverwinter, then renamed Luskan. Khelben "Ravenscloak" Arunsun the Younger is born to Lhestyn and Zelphar Arunsun.
 - Two noted adventurers, Durnan and Mirt the Merciless, emerge from Undermountain bearing great wealth.
 - The practice of exiling criminals to the depths of Undermountain begins.
- 1306**
 - The Year of Thunder
 - Moonsea War; Mulmaster vanquished by alliance of other cities
 - Vangerdahast of Cormyr founds War Wizards.
 - A dragon invasion, known as the Dragon Run, sweeps out of the Moonsea North.
 - Phlan is destroyed.
- 1307**
 - Year of the Mace
 - Azoun IV of Cormyr, soon to be called "the Purple Dragon," is born.
- 1308**
 - Year of the Catacombs
 - Lord Baeron dies of fever, and Shilarn, his wife, immolates herself on his funeral pyre. Their daughter, Lhestyn, a Hidden Lord herself, becomes Open Lord of Waterdeep. Construction begins on the Palace of Waterdeep.
- 1311**
 - Year of the Fist
 - Zelphar Arunsun is crushed to death by a sorcerous hand of force.
 - Khelben the Elder secretly returns to Arunsun Tower after the death of his son. Over the next ten years, he trains his grandson and namesake.
 - The mage Arklem Greeth forms the Brotherhood of the Arcane with the aid of the Old Ones, powerful lichs who were once members of the legendary Grand Cabal of Illusk.
 - Arklem names himself Archmage Arcane of the Brotherhood.
- 1312**
 - The Year of griffon
 - Darkhold seized by the Black Network.
- 1316**
 - Year of the Gulagoar
 - Zhentarim take control of Teshendale.
- 1317**
 - The year of the Wandering Wurm
 - The first High Blade rules in Mulmaster.
- 1320**
 - Year of the Watching Cold
 - The Simbul becomes queen of Aglarond.
- 1321**
 - Year of the Chains
 - The Harpers reorganized.
 - King Zaor of Evermeet is assassinated and Queen Amlaruil becomes sole ruler of the Elves.
- 1323**
 - The Year of the Dreamwebs
 - Thayvian wizards attempt to control others through dream; they are discovered and destroyed.
- 1325**
 - Year of the Great Harvests
 - The Lord's Alliance is established.
- 1335**
 - Year of the Snow Winds
 - Three Rangewatchers are slain in battle against a marauding red dragon.
 - The Evereska Charter claims the Greycloak Hills for the elves.
- 1336**
 - Year of the Highmantle
 - Azoun IV takes the throne of Cormyr.
 - The Zhentarim conquer Daggerdale.
- 1337**
 - Year of the Wandering Maiden
 - Charles Oliver O'Kane becomes mayor of Ravens Bluff.
- 1338**
 - Year of the Wanderer
 - Queen Sambryl takes throne of Impiltur.
- 1339**
 - Year of the Weeping Moon
 - Jyordhan becomes lord of Shadowdale.
- 1340**
 - Year of the Lion
 - Battle of the River Rising in Featherdale between the forces of Sembia and the Cult of the Dragon.
 - Tyranthraxus, The Possessing Spirit, claims the Pool of Radiance. From the corrupted body of a bronze dragon,

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Tyranthraxus assumes control of the Ruins of Phlan, and rules from beneath Valjevo Castle.

- 1344**
 - Year of Moonfall
 - Retreat of the elves from Cormanthor begins.
 - The High Council of Elves in the Elven Court decides to abandon the woods. In a short time the entire elven population emigrates to Evermeet, the island realm far west of the Sword Coast. Some elves leave for Evereska in the mountains and very few remain in the Elven Court. This is referred to as the Retreat.
 - Elven wars in Chondath. When the elves begin their retreat from Cormanthor to Evermeet, the humans of Chondath and Sespech attempt to begin harvesting wood from Chondathwood on a large scale and are met with violent resistance from the wood's elves in Chondath, who did not retreat to Evermeet, and from the Druid's Circle on the Sespech side. (Vilhon Reach)
- 1346**
 - Year of the Bloodbird
 - Selfaril becomes High Blade of Mulmaster.
- 1347**
 - Year of the Bright Blade
 - Zhengyi the Witch-King rises in Vaasa.
- 1348**
 - Year of the Spur
 - Doust Sulwood chosen to be lord of Shadowdale.
- 1350**
 - Year of the Morningstar
 - Elminster retires to Shadowdale.
- 1351**
 - Year of the Crown
 - Warlock's Crypt discovered.
- 1353**
 - Year of the Arch
 - Night Masks become secret rulers of Westgate.
 - Mourgrym Amcathra becomes lord of Shadowdale.
- 1354**
 - Year of the Bow
 - House of the Lady (Temple of Tymora) established in Shadowdale.
 - Mulmaster's fleet is destroyed in a large naval battle with ships of Zhentil Keep.
 - Maalthiir becomes ruler of Hillsfar.
- 1355**
 - Year of the Harp
 - Zhentil Keep attacks its Moonsea allies and takes Citadel of the Raven as its own.
 - Civil war breaks out in Yûlash.
 - Zhentil Keep and Hillsfar move troops to Yûlash.
 - Retreat of the elves from Cormanthor reaches its peak.
 - The Zhentarim gain control of the Citadel of the Raven due to a clever act of treachery.
 - Knights of Myth Drannor and allies repulse Zhent attack against Shadowdale.
- 1356**
 - Year of the Worm
 - Cormyr seizes Tilverton.
 - Death of Syluné of Shadowdale.
 - Selfaril of Mulmaster and the Tharchioness of the Tarch of Eltabbar in Thay, known as the First Princess of Thay outside the Thay, exchange betrothal gifts.
 - Hordes of adventuring bands start expeditions to the fabled ruins of Myth Drannor.
 - Siege of Dragonspear Castle.
 - Founding of the Iron Throne.
 - Flight of dragons over the Dalelands and the Moonsea.
- 1357**
 - Year of the Prince
 - King Virdin of Damara killed in battle with Zhengyi the Witch-King
- 1358**
 - Year of Shadows
 - The Time of Troubles: Gods walk Toril. Dead magic and wild magic areas appear.
 - Destruction of Bane, Bhaal, Gilgeam, Ibrandul, Myrkul, and other deities.
 - Ascendancy of Cyric and Midnight (Mystra).
 - A large force of maulgrym enter the Realms hoping to take advantage of the Time of Troubles and eliminate Elminster and infiltrate Realmsian society in preparations for their killing and replacing many important personages in Faerûn. Most maulgrym were defeated but several escaped.
 - Elminster is killed.
- 1359**
 - Year of the Serpent
 - The Horde: Yamun Khahan, unites the tribes of the Horse Barbarians and becomes Emperor of the Tuigan

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Hordes.

- The Horde: The Tuigan Horde invades Thay. Although a small scouting force of Tuigans was defeated by Thayan magic, General Batu Min Ho proved a far worthier foe. Thousands of gnolls and the vaunted Griffon Legion are defeated at the mouth of Shar's Pass. Zulkir Szass Tam arranges a truce with the Tuigans and builds a great portal to transport them north to Rashemen.
- The Horde: Soon after arriving in Rashemen via a Thayan portal, the Tuigans besiege and destroy Citadel Rashemar.
- Zhengyi the Witch-King is destroyed.

1360

- Year of the Turret
- The Horde: Having been defeated in Rashemen the previous winter, Yhamun Khahan turns his attention west, along the Golden Way.
- People of many nations rally to the cry of the Council of Thesk. Their combined forces defeat the Tuigans at Phsant
- But King Azoun IV is defeated Yamun Khahan in individual combat.

1361

- Year of Maidens
- The Harper Assassin plagues the North.
- The First Banedeath: The First Banedeath begins as a holy war in Zhentil Keep. The Banedeath was an inquisition launched by Cyric through his agent Xeno Mirrormane. Xeno led the followers of Cyric through the dark, twisted streets of Zhentil Keep in an attempt to cleanse the city of all Banite worship. The Banites were given two choices: worship Cyric or explain to him in person why he was not worthy of worship.

1362

- Year of the Helm
- Maligor, Zulkir of Alteration, of the Red Wizards of Thay attempts to wrest control of the nation from the Council of Zulkirs. His plan might have worked was it not for the intervention of Harper agents and the lich, Szass Tam, Zulkir of Necromancy.

1363

- Year of the Wyvern
- Lord Cutter arrives in Iriaebor with Zhentish forces and begins her rule.

1366

- Year of the Staff
- First Princess of Thay marries Selfaril of Mulmaster.

1368

- Year of the Banner
- The Second Banedeath: The Church of Cyric launches inquisitions in Yûlash, Darkhold, Teshwave, Zhentil Keep, and the Citadel of the Raven to cleanse the Zhent holdings of non-Cyricist priests.
- Hellgate Keep is destroyed.
- Baylee Arnvold discovers the Lost Library of Cormanthyr.

1369

- Year of the Gauntlet
- Iyactu Xvim, the demipower and son of Bane, frees himself from his prison under the ruins of Zhentil Keep, his acolytes raising his status to a lesser god.
- Fzoul Chembryl, Xvim, Manshoon, and other factions warring about control of the Dark Network (Zhentarim) bely their differences and make a pact forged of magic
- Randal Morn reclaims the throne of Daggerdale.
- The Seven Sisters join together to fight drow, red wizards, treacherous merchants, and Halaster Blackcloak himself.
- Waterdeep's nobility war with each other behind the shadows and evil factions take advantage of the situation, pushing Waterdeep, and indeed the North, into civil war-like conditions.
- Denizens from under of the sea plague the Sword Coast, resulting in attacks on Waterdeep, Baldur's Gate, Calimport, and other random ports on the Outer Sea.

1370

- Year of the Tankard
- Manshoon, Fzoul and the Zhentarim purged strengthen their unison by issuing public decrees.
- Rise of the Manshoon Clones: Manshoon has forged several clones to wreak havoc
- Fzoul Chembryl forges the Scepter of the Tyrant's Eye.
- Trade between the sea folk of the Sea of Fallen Stars and ports along the Inner Sea increases sharply in the aftermath of a great undersea war.
- Aboleth are believed to be the masterminds behind this undersea war.
- Harpers of Twilight Hall in Berdusk put Khelben on trial. Blackstaff admits his guilt and resigns from the

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Harpers.

- Soon after he forms the Tel Teukiira, an organization which shares common goals with the Harpers but under the firm direction of the Blackstaff. As it turns out this organization was indeed far more sinister in its motives as anyone feared!

1371 • Year of the Unstrung Harp

- The Harpers divide into factions because of the departure of Khelben the Blackstaff.
- It is believed that a larger plot is at work and the Blackstaff's role.
- A red dragon leads an army of orcs and goblins and despoils much of Cormyr. Cormyr has been without stable rule since the death of King Azoun IV.
- Evermeet, Island of Elves, is nearly destroyed by a sneak attack of rebel elves, and drow. Phaerim, and Zhent involvement is also suspected. Rumor's have it that Khelben is involved.
- The twin spires of the Towers of the Sun and Moon are destroyed
- Elvish High Magic is lost.
- The Tree of Souls is planted, and a new elven homeland is born.
- The Silver Marches is declared a new country.

1372 • Year of Wild Magic

- On Midwinter night, the god Bane returns to Faerûn. With his divinity restored Bane quickly gains the portfolio of fear, restoring him to a Greater Power.
- The ancient floating city of Shade appears over the Anauroch, as the archwizards of Netheril return to Faerûn. An uneasy alliance forged between Waterdeep and Shade falls apart, and it soon becomes clear that the Netherese shades are melting the High Ice of Anauroch, with no thought as to the consequences for the rest of Toril.
- Tilverton suffers an attack of unknown origin in Mirtul. All that remains of the city is a dark, concave space filled with shadows and flitting regions of deeper darkness.
- Evereska, one of the last remaining elven strongholds in Faerûn, is besieged by hordes of phaerimm and their thralls.
- Khelben Arunsun leads an army from Waterdeep which becomes trapped within the Vale of Evereska. Laeral and Storm Silverhand lead a relief army against the thornbacks and their minions, battling armies of bugbears and lizardfolk thralls led by beholder and illithid generals. After months of war, the phaerimm secure victory.
- It stands clear that Khelben has betrayed Waterdeep, Silverhand, the elves and the rest of the North.
- Thousands of lives were lost because of Khelben's betrayal.
- News of his betrayed cause's upheaval in Waterdeep and chaos erupts in the city (and the North) as it becomes apparent that his betrayal is even deeper. Many of his followers, students, allies, and council members have followed him in his betrayal eradicating many allies of good, including a large fraction of the Harper's.
- A few days after Khelben's Great Betrayal a large onslaught against the Harper's was launched, killing many of them and sending them scrambling in all directions. Worst is it now that knowing who to trust has become very difficult.

1373 • Year of Turmoil

- Spell casters of hitherto unseen origin are sighted for the first time in Cormanthor, and further north. How they work their magic remains a mystery and connections with Sharn, Phaerim, or the Shade have been suggested.
- The dry spell in Faerun has lasted for almost two years now. Rainfall has dwindled to less than half of what is usual, and in some places it has not rained at all. The effect on local communities, trade and regional stability are great and ubiquitous, needless to say.

1374 • Year of Wild Magic

- Daemonfey attack Tower Reilloch in Evermeet and steal part of the Gatekeeper crystal. Upon combining the final piece of the artifact, Sarya Dlardrageth uses the Gatekeeper crystal to free the fey'ri imprisoned within the Nameless Dungeon.
- The daemonfey gather an army of orcs and ogres in the ruins of Myth Glaurach, which soon marches against the elven villages of the High Forest.
- A branch of the fey'ri army assaults Evereska but is repelled by reinforcements lead by Seiveril Miritar of Evermeet, but the elven forces are nigh to nothing now.
- The Dales Compact's annual meeting has been moved forward and many heroes have been summoned to the meeting to investigate the strange events that transpire in Faerun. Hopefully they can find answers as the future of Faerun depends on what they choose to do.