

Notes on the Common Calendar

The Common Year is measured from the Treaty of Brentkirk, which ended generations of violent warfare between the cities of the Western Lakelands. The Priest-King of the Cloven Isles, guided by dreams and oracles, having founded the High Holy Church of the Seven Good Gods 37 years before the treaty, strove to see the forces of civilization spread throughout the Lakelands. To this end, the Treaty of Brentkirk proscribes the legal jurisdiction of towns, villages, and cities in the western parts of the region. It acknowledges Virulan as the chief city of the Lakelands, so that all owe fealty and tribute to the King of Virulan, and sets the Cloven Isles as the religious center of the region, with the Priest-King acting as the ecclesiastical counterpart of the secular King. The treaty also describes the tributes, tithes, and obligations of each community to the whole.

The Treaty of Brentkirk has not been signed by most of the Eastern Lakelands, though even there the might of the unified Western Lakelands is being felt. Likewise, a few people in the Western Lakelands skirt the treaty by living in small communities, and often dwelling in less desirable areas of the country. The Fenlanders of the Hooth Marshes are an example of such a people: hardy, independent, and deeply intertwined in the natural processes of their homeland. Smaller churches still exist throughout the Lakelands, of course, but the Accord of Clerics in 125 CY defined the legal limitations (and rights) of faiths, as well as outlawing the worship of many evil gods.

Neither the Treaty of Brentkirk or the Accord of Clerics is generally acknowledged by the humanoid tribes of the Lakelands areas, although there are lizard man villages that have incorporated themselves into the Treaty. Likewise, many elves, some gnomes, and members of the Druidic faith have expressed concern that the Treaty of Brentkirk will end with the destruction of the wilderness, and Weirwood the Great no more than tilled fields overseen by human hands.

Partial Timeline

37 BCY	Foundation of the High Holy Church of the Seven Good Gods on the Cloven Isles.
0 CY	The Treaty of Brentkirk is signed.
125 CY	The Accord of Clerics is signed.
127 CY	Selby-by-the-Water is founded.
205 CY	Construction of Caer Selwyn begins.
208 CY	Marrowgate is founded.
212 CY	Long Archer is founded.
345 CY	Oakhill is founded.
372 CY	Orcs of the Blood-Drenched Fist sack Oakhill, and take possession of Caer Pavallan.

374 CY	The tower of Amoreth the Arcane is destroyed in Selby-by-the-Water, causing more than half the town to become ruined, and sink beneath the lake.
382 CY	Marrowgate is abandoned.
405 CY	The Orcs of the Blood-Drenched Fist on Tal Slathan are overcome by the Shadow of Grodd du Grumdash.
421 CY	Campaign starting year.