

ATESH



“ON WINGS THAT HOLD THE SUN, WE RISE, BRINGERS OF THE NEW DAWN.”



Climate and Landscape

Atesh is mostly covered with large grass plains, with several mountainous regions on its northeastern tip and southern edge. It is known for its fertile farmland, which spans great distances thanks to the lack of large forests covering the plains. Atesh has a vast span of varying temperatures during the four seasons, and their winters can be particularly harsh.

Faction - Hyperion Alliance

Atesh is occupied by the Hyperion Alliance. Led by Frederick Oxtarion, current head of the Oxtarion household, it boasts one of the most powerful militaries on Theara. Most notable among their military is their large regiment of gryphon riders, who train from a young age with hatchlings. It is said that the first Oxtarions captured the noble beasts from the mountains surrounding Fort Oxtarion and bred them to create loyal but vicious companions. Frederick is known for his military strength, both in battle and stratagem.

The Hyperion are a monarchy, and the Oxtarion family has been ruling for at least a century. Their symbol is the Gryphon.

Notable Locations

Fort Oxtarium



Home of the royal family of Atesh and many of the regions more notable citizens, Fort Oxtarium is more of a city than a simple fort. Having expanded over several hundred years, Oxtarium is separated into many districts, each of which houses a different manner of people. Nestled in the mountains, the Ateshi capital is known for its superb defenses, having housed and protected many citizens during the Holy Wars with nary a casualty inside the walls.

Each district is located on its own “step” of the city. Since Fort Oxtarium is build into the mountainside, the city “climbs” skyward, with the Royal Step located at the top. Next is the Military Step, which holds a great deal of Atesh’s military. The Noble’s Step is next, home to Atesh’s noble families of great wealth and influence. Then the Holy Step, the Scholar’s Step, the Merchant’s Step, and the Civilian’s Step. The Civilian’s Step is the largest, as it protects the majority of Fort Oxtarium’s population. The Royal Step contains the true Fort Oxtarium, and is the smallest of the seven Steps.

The Ateshi Plains



Not all of Atesh's population makes its home in the capital. Many people live in homesteads or towns scattered throughout the rolling plains that span the region. Since the soil is extremely fertile, most of these civilians have taken to farming. Many of Atesh's main exports come from towns within its borders, where much of the land has been cultivated. The plains are regularly patrolled by Gryphon Knights, in an attempt to keep even the most remote of Atesh's citizens safe. However, those that lie farther from Fort Oxtarium may not receive immediate responses due to their location relative to the Fort itself.

The Temple of Aeyachella and Val'Toth



Located in the Holy Step, the Temple of Aeyachella is the center of all Ateshi worship. Other temples are scattered among the Holy Step, though none are as grand as the temple to the region's patron deity. Each morning, the bells of the temple are rung to welcome the sun, and each evening they are rung to lay it to rest, a show of respect for the Goddess of Law and Light. Beneath the floors of the temple lie a separate temple, dedicated to Aeyachella's brother,

Val'Toth. When the night comes, nearly all light is extinguished in the main temple, and the altar parts to reveal stairs that descend into Val'Toth's area of worship. The temple's doors are open at all hours.

Notable Figures



King Frederick Oxtarion

The current king and military leader of Atesh, Frederick ascended the throne at the age of eighteen. Now twenty-seven, Frederick Oxtarion was one of two legitimate children born to the former king and queen, and the only male. Though untested in a great war, Frederick is known for his military prowess on the battlefield. He trained from a young age to be as great, if not greater, than his grandfather, who led Atesh's people and Aeyachella's worshippers through the Holy Wars. Frederick is known to keep his advisors close, and his sword closer. The king rides the royal gryphon Astraeus, a beast of immense size and knowledge, into battle.

High Commander Lynnalen Oxtarion

Next in line for Atesh's throne, Lynnalen Oxtarion holds the title of High Commander of Atesh's army, even at twenty-four years of age.. Lyn's orders can only be surpassed by those of her brother, and her strategies are without parallel. Should Frederic fall in battle or illness, High Commander Lynnalen would ascend the throne should he not have any viable heirs. Frederick trusts Lynnalen's word over nearly any other, and will heed her warnings through they arise. The woman seeks to see Atesh remain safe and flourish under her brother's hand, and will support him in any way she can.



Captain Anna Brightblade

A half-elven woman of Ateshi descent, Captain Brightblade oversees all of Atesh's gryphon riders, from their introduction to the fledgelings to their missions on the battlefields of Theara. Astride her royal gryphon Mostrea, she is a force to be reckoned with on the battlefield. Her skills in mounted combat are rivaled only by the king, and it is said they trained together as Frederick was growing up. Fifteen years his senior, Anna served under Frederick's father. She has been known to search the Steps for those she believes hold great military potential, enlisting them from a young age should they wish to serve Atesh.

