# EMPIRE AMES —

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**EPISODES DESCRIPTION:** Empire Games is not a broad "survey" series. Each episode is an in-depth exploration of key chapter in the longer story – a specific time period, dynasty or Imperial reign. This "deep dive" approach allows for many seasons of compelling episodes packed with new revelations.

### **CONTENT:**

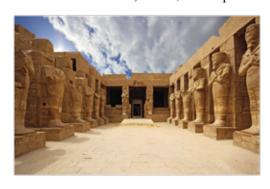
- · Selection of impeccable and rarely viewed archive footage
- Cinametic reconstructions of impactful moments such as war, betrayal, conspiracies, murdes, feuds... that took place in the greatest empires in human history
- · Current historical research, consulted by leading academic experts in the field of ancient history
- · Visual artwork and CGI enhance the experience of the infamous schemes inside the empires
- · Narrated by Simon Parreira Shorey
- · Written by Rob Kirk
- · Directed by Rob Kirk and Max Serio

### 1. THE ROMANS, Born in Blood



Rome's first dynasty, founded by Julius Caesar, ruled the Empire for 100 years. From Caesar's murder on the floor of the Senate to the mad emperors Caligula and Nero, this chapter in the Roman Empire offers enough intrigue, betrayal, perversion and murder for an entire series!

### 2. THE GREEKS, Gods, Triumph and Tragedy



In the fifth century BC an obscure people banded together to repel an invasion by the most powerful army in the world. The Greeks incredible victory over Persia launched their quest for Empire. Along the way they laid the foundations of Western thought and literature. These revolutionary ideas were spread to the ends of the Earth by the most feared military commander of the ancient world... Alexander the Great!

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### 3. THE EGYPTIANS, Splendor and Treachery



For almost 3000 years, Egypt was the dominant civilization in the Mediterranean world. From the Great Pyramids to the cruel Social Pyramid – Ancient Egyptian pharaohs, nobility, and priests enjoyed lavish lives of wealth and comfort while farmers and slaves struggled to survive under their ruthless reigns. Tyrants ruled in the face of violent uprisings, assassinations and religious revolutions.

### **4. THE CHINESE,** Dynasties and Warlords



China is the longest continuous civilization on Earth, spanning 7,000 years of history. The Imperial past is filled with dramatic stories of tyrannical courts of emperors and eunuchs along with great philosophers, impressive inventors and merciless warriors. Successive dynasties developed bureaucratic systems that gave the Emperor of China direct control of vast territories and led to tumultuous in-fighting, jealousy and political intrigue.

## 5. THE PRE-COLOMBIAN AMERICANS, Gods and Kings



The mighty Pre Columbian empires of the Maya, Aztecs and Inca, were advanced civilizations with an organized social structure that flourished in art, mathematics, astronomy, and perhaps most notably, architecture and engineering. Their god-kings acted as mediators between mortals and the supernatural realm. They lead through skillful political alliances, strategic marriages, human sacrifice and murder. Ancient enmity with their vassal states led to devastating betrayal. Then, the Spanish – those strange bearded men in steel clothes astride huge four-legged beasts – cleverly played tribe against tribe in destroying these great empires.

### **6. THE CELTS, Magic and Brutality**



At their height of power the Celtic Empire stretched over the ancient world from Ireland and Britain to Turkey and Czechoslovakia, from Belgium and Gaul to Spain and Italy. They sacked Rome, invaded Greece, and even attempted to conquer the Pharaohs of Egypt. Yet theirs was an empire without an emperor, a civilization that encompassed the continent but had no central government. The religion of the Celts, led by a priesthood known as the Druids, was described by ancient writers as crude and violent. Druids served as priests and religious leaders, but also as judges and sacrificers. Celts had a reputation as headhunters as they saw the human head as the center of the emotions as well as of life itself.

### **ADDITIONAL EPISODES:**

1. Prominence of Carthage 2. Rama Empire - India and Pakistan 3. Inca - South America 4. Mayan - Mexico

5. Mesopotamia - Iraq 6. African Empires 7. Khmer - Cambodia 8. Japanese Empire

