

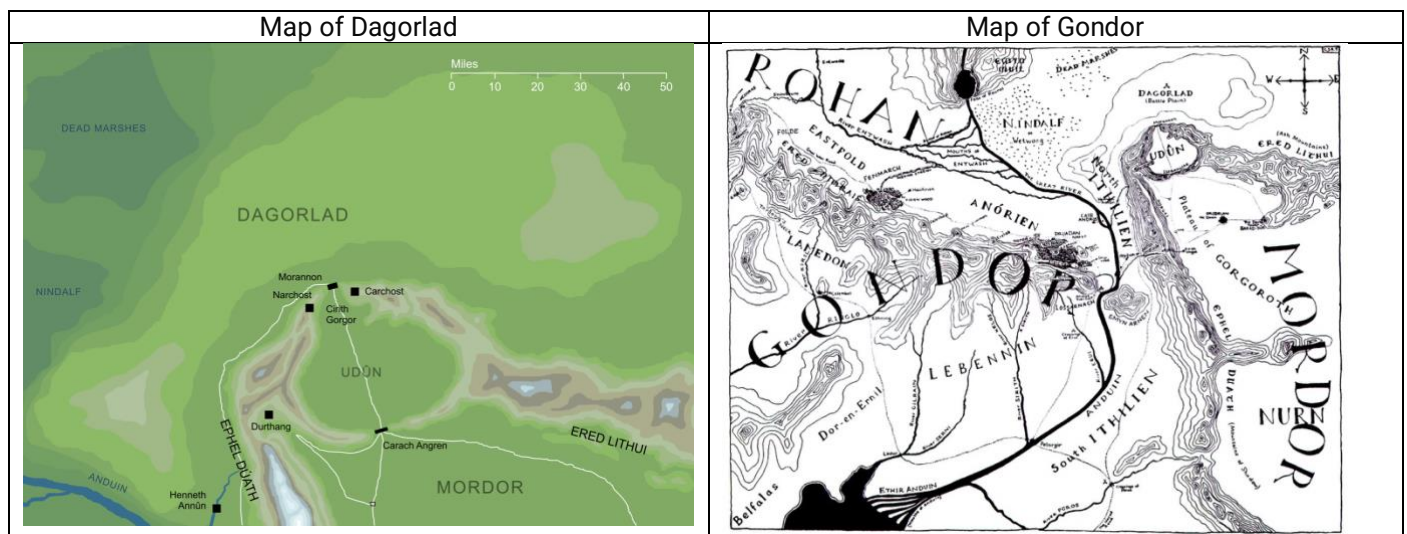
490 TA - First Invasions of the Easterlings - **SAMPLE**

The first major invasion of the Easterlings in the Third Age occurred in **T.A. 490**, when they successfully attacked the Kingdom of Gondor by passing through the plains of Dagorlad.

This event marked the beginning of a sixty-year-long war. The aging King Ostoher of Gondor was on the throne at the time, and he tasked his son, Tarostar, with repelling the invaders. Tarostar, who later became King Rómendacil I (meaning "East-victor"), initially defeated them around T.A. 500, temporarily ending the conflict.

The Easterlings later renewed their attacks, and Rómendacil I was slain in battle in T.A. 541. His son, Turambar (meaning "Master of Doom" in Quenya, not to be confused with the First Age hero Túrin Turambar), ultimately achieved a decisive victory against the Easterlings in T.A. 550, subduing them for several centuries and expanding Gondor's borders.

These events are detailed in the Appendices of *The Lord of the Rings*, particularly in "Appendix A: Annals of the Kings and Rulers" and "Appendix B: The Tale of Years (Chronology of the Westlands)".



North Ithilien was the northern part of the land between the Anduin river and the Ephel Dúath mountains in Tolkien's books, known for being the "Garden of Gondor" despite being a war-torn borderland. This area was home to the Field of Cormallen. Located between the river Anduin to the west and the [Mountains of Shadow \(Ephel Dúath\)](#) to the east. It was also known as the "Land of Many Fountains" due to its many streams and waterfalls. It was considered a beautiful area of Gondor, filled with diverse flora, but was largely abandoned due to being a borderland near Mordor. The Field of Cormallen was a plain in North Ithilien where the battles took place.

Battles associated with this War between 490 & 550 TA

1. September 490 TA - Ambush on the Field of Cormallen – An army of Easterlings surprise a large scouting party of Gondorian Soldiers
 - a. 15 bases of Easterlings
 - b. 8 bases of Gondorian soldiers
2. June 500 TA – 1st Battle of the Cormallen Fields – Prince Tarostar attacks the Easterlings on the occupied Field of Cormallen
 - a. 20 bases of Easterlings
 - b. 15 bases of Gondorian soldiers
3. May 541 TA – 2nd Battle of the Cormallen Fields - Prince Tarostar, now King Rómendacil I of Gondor, attacked the Easterlings in an attempt to drive them from the Fields of Cormallen
 - a. 30 bases of Easterlings
 - b. 25 bases of Gondorian soldiers
4. October 550 TA – 3rd Battle of the Cormallen Fields – King Turambar attacks the Easterlings in a final attempt to drive them out of Gondorian territory
 - a. 20 bases of Easterlings
 - b. 30 bases of Gondor soldiers