



Qualdris was first settled by the Jarin, who arrived in the region about 1200 BT. The area that is now Kaldor saw the greatest flowering of Jarin culture and nowhere else on Hârn were they better established or more numerous. They fought loyally beside the elder peoples against the Lythian invaders, but after the Battle of Sorrows in 683 BT, they faced the Lythians alone. Around the Kald River, the Jarin proved to be sufficiently numerous to retain much of their heritage, gradually evolving a hybrid culture as various Lythian peoples were absorbed.

By the first century TR, a mosaic of fiercely independent petty states were scattered across the region. One of these was Hele, ruled from the hill fort of Kanhele on the site of present day Qualdris. In 113, Hele and most of the other petty kingdoms submitted to Lothrim the Foulspawner, agreeing to pay him tribute. After Lothrim's death in 120, a period of chaos ensued as local warlords fought over the bones of his empire. Within two decades, however, this region had largely stabilized and the four kingdoms of Nurelia, Serelind, Kephria, and Pagostra had risen from the turmoil.

Pagostra was founded by Hain Parlis, who traced his ancestry to the lords of Arwn, one of the tiny kingdoms on the fringes of Lothrim's empire. Little is known about him, although he seems to have been an energetic and efficient ruler. He improved the defenses of his realm, building a stone keep at Qualdris in 140. Construction of the walls stopped in 184 when Hain's successor, Orsin, swore fealty to Serelind in exchange for aid against the Pagaelin during the Migration Wars.

In the fourth century, Qualdris was home to Fierth, the bastard elder brother of Aidrik II. A ruthlessly ambitious man, Fierth was supported by several Kaldoric barons who believed that, if king, he would grant them greater autonomy. This resulted in 15 years of civil war before the Battle of Kiban and the execution of Aidrik put Fierth on the throne. Fierth made Qualdris his primary seat and finished the castle walls. The long interruption during construction and the fact that different stone was used gives the curtain wall two distinctly different colors.



Location: Oselshire,
Kingdom of Kaldor, K6

Holder: Earl of Osel, Clan Meleken

Liege: King of Kaldor

Population: 610



TAXES

Property: 6% per annum (residential)

Property: 5% per annum (business)

Hawking: 9% of goods' value

Bonding: 1% of goonds' value per month

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