

THE ROAD TO CARRHAE

Crassus' ill-fated invasion of Parthia · 53 BC

I · THE AMBITION
Wealth has made Crassus powerful. Now he seeks the military glory that will place him beside Caesar and Pompey.

II · THE MARCH
Ancient accounts tell of statues weeping blood and ominous signs warning against the expedition. Crassus marches regardless.

III · THE EAST
Crassus reaches Syria and prepares his invasion. Before him stretches a land Rome has yet to conquer.

IV · THE WARNING
Parthian envoys demand an explanation. Crassus promises to give his answer in their king's own capital.

V · THE RESPONSE
The invaders will find no cities waiting to surrender. Across the plains, Parthia's horsemen gather for war.

VI · THE KING
Orodes entrusts Surena with the defence of Parthia. His horsemen will meet the legions on their own terms.

VII · THE TRAP
At Carrhae, arrows tear into the Roman ranks. The legionaries can neither catch their enemy nor escape his reach.

VIII · THE PRICE
The campaign ends in catastrophe. Crassus and his son are dead, his eagles captured, and Rome's dream of conquest lies broken.



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