

Darrell Roche – Hannibal Against Ancient Rome 218-201 BC

We'll be plunging straight into the Second Punic War, with Hannibal and his elephants determined to smash the power and might of Rome, once and for all. The Carthaginian King Hamilcar Barca made his nine-year-old son, Hannibal, swear a blood-oath to the god, Baal, to destroy Rome, and as an adult, Hannibal devoted his life to achieving that promise.

We'll journey together with Hannibal's heroic and spectacular crossing of the freezing, snow-clad Alps from France into Italy. We'll be there at his victorious battles at Ticinus, Trebbia, Trasimene, and his utter destruction of Rome's mighty army at Cannae. We'll watch in horror as the women of Rome scream to their children, "Hannibal ad portas!" ("Hannibal's at the gates!"), as this unstoppable Carthaginian general swallows up the Roman juggernaut.