

Triumph in Dust by Ian Ross

5 Stars

Castus returns to lead his army in battle against hordes from the east

Emperor Constantine had a visitor from Persia in his Imperial Palace, Constantinople. That envoy told him that the young king of Persia wanted to challenge the Roman Empire. The Roman government searched for the experienced commander to assist the Emperor, who knew the right man to be his Master Cavalry of the East. He called for the retired general living in Dalmatia. His name was Aurelius Castus.

Constantine and Castus fell out about the deaths of Crispus and Fausta. The Emperor asked for one more favour and promoted him to be the Master Cavalry and told him to go to Antioch and wait for him until the following spring.

Castus heard the news about the health of the Emperor from his wife Marcellina's letter. She was in the basilica in Constantinople during the Easter week when the tragedy struck. A little while later, the grand Persian army led by the king, himself, invaded the Roman Empire.

Castus and his army rode to Nibis on the edge of the Empire. Hell broke loose as Castus's army was outnumbered by the "almighty" Persian hostility. More revelations about the power struggle were unveiled as the story went by.

This is one of the greatest Roman military histories since Julius Caesar's siege of Alesia!

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