a summary of the Atreides’ overarching goals in Frank Herbert's *Dune* series:

1. **Seize and Control Arrakis**: In *Dune*, Duke Leto Atreides accepts the Emperor’s assignment to rule Arrakis, intending to take control of spice production and resist the Harkonnen influence.
2. **Avenge and Reclaim Power**: After Duke Leto’s betrayal and death, Paul Atreides rises to avenge his father, reclaim Arrakis, and overthrow the Emperor, establishing himself as the new ruler and initiating a religious crusade (jihad).
3. **Solidify and Expand Influence**: In *Dune Messiah*, Paul grapples with the consequences of his rule, seeking to maintain control over the empire and his religious followers while facing opposition from political and religious factions.
4. **Shape the Golden Path**: In *Children of Dune*, Paul’s son, Leto II, assumes leadership to secure a stable future for humanity, even if it means transforming himself physically and ruling with near-absolute power.
5. **Ensure Humanity's Survival and Freedom**: By *God Emperor of Dune*, Leto II’s transformation into a hybrid being culminates in his attempt to safeguard humanity’s long-term survival through strict control and his eventual sacrifice, setting the foundation for a future of freedom.

These steps represent the evolution of the Atreides’ legacy from personal revenge and power consolidation to a broader focus on humanity's survival.

* **Paul Atreides as the Messiah**: Paul rises as the prophesied leader Muad'Dib, leading the Fremen to overthrow the Empire, sparking a galaxy-wide jihad in his name that brings both power and unintended consequences.
* **Alia Atreides as the Abomination**: Alia, burdened with ancestral memories from birth, struggles with inner voices and eventually loses control, becoming an Abomination dominated by her ancestor, Baron Harkonnen.
* **Leto II Atreides as the God Emperor**: Paul’s son, Leto II, merges with sandworm biology to become the near-immortal God Emperor, enforcing a strict, tyrannical rule known as the Golden Path to guide humanity toward a future of survival and freedom.