## Market upgrades

#### Farm

Wood cost 60 -> 75 (revert) Food amount 175 -> 250 (revert) Build time 30s -> 24s (revert)

With walkable farms it is easier to hide behind walls making ranged units less oppressive. Chancing farms efficiency scaling didn't have enough difference to be a worthwhile change.

#### Farmer (revert)

Work rate 0.4725 -> 0.45

## Market (revert)

Wood cost 120 -> 150

Walkable false -> true

### **Domestication (revert)**

Food cost 140 -> 200 Research time 80s -> 40s

## Plow (revert)

Food cost 200 -> 250 Food amount +75 -> +100 Research time 100s -> 75s

#### **Irrigation** (revert)

Research time 120s -> 100s Food amount +150 -> +125

### Woodworking (revert)

Research time 80s -> 60s

#### **Artisanship** (revert)

Research time 100s -> 80s

#### **Craftsmanship** (revert)

Research time 120s -> 100s

Effect removed Woodcutters +1 attack

#### **Stone Mining**

Research time 80s -> 30s (revert) Food cost 120 Stone cost 80

## Siege Craft (revert)

Research time 90s -> 60s

## **Gold Mining (revert)**

Research time 80s -> 50s

## Coinage (revert)

Research time 30s\*5 -> 60s Gold cost 20\*5 -> 100 Food cost 40\*5 -> 200 Tribute efficiency 90% -> 100% Bonus gold yielded 25% -> 5%

> No need to do such a massive overhaul to market upgrades. Changing to match AOE:DE

#### **Pottery**

Research time 90s -> 60s

Pottery wasn't within the first ones to be researched and when it was researched the close by berries were most likely already gathered.

## General changes

## Lion/Alligator

Food amount 130 -> 120

Resource decay rate 0.4 -> 0.5

Getting food from double lions or some extra from Alligators were suppose to be small bonus and not a notable economy advantage.

#### Slinger

Training time 30s -> 28s Reload time 1.7s -> 1.5s

Changing to match AOE:DE

#### **Bowman**

Range 5 -> 6

Line of sight 7 -> 8

Training time 30s -> 26s

Now Bowmen can kill Axemen much easier even if enemy is using some Slingers with them.

Changing to match AOE:DE

## **Improved Bowman**

Reload time 1.5 -> 1.4

Improved bowman cant' be used against the earliest Cavalry rushes ensuring that they aren't too strong first unit.

## Scale Armor Infantry (revert)

Food cost 125 -> 100

Gold cost 75 -> 50

#### **Scale Armor Archers**

Food cost 150

Gold cost 100

## **Scale Armor Cavalry**

Food cost 175 -> 200

Gold cost 125 -> 150

Furthermore increasing cavalries armor cost to make the switch from fast to slow units even more favorable.

#### **Chain Mail Infantry**

Food cost 150 -> 125

Gold cost 100 -> 75

### **Chain Mail Archers**

Food cost 175

Gold cost 125

## **Chain Mail Cavalry**

Food cost 200 -> 225

Gold cost 150 -> 175

Keeping the cost curve in line with Scale Armors cost change.

## Camel Rider (revert)

Training time 35s -> 32s

Changing to match AOE:DE

#### **Scythe Chariot**

Armor cavalry -6 -> -4 (revert)

Armor base melee 1 -> 0

Scythe doesn't need any bonus against melee units.

## **Scythe Chariot (upgrade)**

Research time 220s -> 150s

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#### Scythe Chariot, War Elephant & Armored Elephant

Blast width 1.6 -> 1.5

Changing to match AOE:DE

## War Elephant (revert)

Training time 55s -> 50s

Armor base melee 1 -> 0

Changing to match AOE:DE

## **Armored Elephant (revert)**

Training time 55s -> 50s

Requirement Coinage -> Iron shield

Changing to match AOE:DE

## **Chariot Archer, Chariot (revert)**

Attack priest -3/-1 -> none/-2

Armor cavalry -6 -> -4

## **Priest (revert)**

Armor priest -5 -> -9

Changing to match AOE:DE

#### Long Swordsman

Hit points 110 -> 120

110 was odd number and 120 isn't too strong.

#### Cataphract (upgrade)

Research time 110s -> 100s

110 was odd number and 100s isn't too short time.

## **Academy**

Wood cost 175 -> 150

Build time 45s -> 60s

Changing to match AOE:DE

## Hoplite, Phalanx, Centurion

Movement speed 0.95 -> 1.0

#### **Aristocracy**

Movement speed +0.2375 -> +0.25

Now there is still clear difference between Swordsmen and hoplite movement speed.

This allows even better base defense or proxy Academy.

#### Jihad -> Zealotry

Movement speed +0.3 -> +0.11

Bonus hit points +15 -> +20

Research time 40s -> 60s (revert)

Changing to match AOE:DE

Having faster villagers than cavalry allowed too easy transition from one base to an other.

## Martyrdom -> Sacrifice

Changing to match AOE:DE

#### Logistics

Bonus removed All barrack units +1 LOS

Changing to match AOE:DE

## Hill country, Inland (revert)

Removed All changes reverted

Changing to match AOE:DE

#### **Nobility**

Bonus All cavalry units, chariots and Camel Rider +15% Movement speed -> +8% movement speed Food cost 175 -> 250

Gold cost 120 -> 180

Having more expensive fast units late Bronze Age upgrades makes switching to slow units more favorable.

## Scout, Cavalry, Heavy Cavalry, Cataphract, Camel Rider, Chariot, Scythe Chariot & Chariot Archer Movement speed 1.74 -> 1.852 (2.0)

#### **Horse Archer**

Movement speed 1.91 -> 2.037 (2.2)

## **Heavy Horse Archer**

Movement speed 2.09 -> 2.315 (2.4 -> 2.5)

The 13% movement speed penalty was too huge. Now this is still notable but allows wheel to get it's full movement speed bonus back without making villagers to exceed fast units movement speed.

Heavy Horse Archer has 2.5 movement speed in DE.

#### Wheel (revert)

Movement speed +0.55 (50%) -> +0.7 (65%)

Research time 60s -> 75s

Walking long distances to place proxy Barracks, Academies or Siege Workshops took too long making slow units too hard to use offensively.

There wasn't enough time for Cavalry to do it's damage.

### **Heavy Slinger (upgrade)**

Requires Bronze Age, Logistics Food cost 180 Gold cost 120

Research time 90 seconds Research location Barrack

Effect Upgrades Slinger into a Heavy Slinger

## **Heavy Slinger (upgrade effect)**

Hit points 25 -> 35

Armor base melee 0 -> 3

Range 4 -> 5

Available for all civilizations that have Bronze Shield and Slinger.

Countering Slingers with low upgrade Chariots was too easy and strong way to deal with them.

#### Heavy Slinger (12/4)

Available Carthaginian, Choson, Egyptian, Greek, Hittite, Palmyra, Persian, Phoenician, Roman, Shang, Sumerian, Yamato

Unavailable Assyrian, Babylonian, Macedonian, Minoan

#### Improved Bowman & Composite Bowman

Armor Slinger -4 -> -2

## **Elephant Archer**

Armor Slinger -4

#### **Chariot Archer, Horse Archer & Heavy Horse Archer**

Armor Slinger -5 -> -4

With Bronze Age Slinger upgrade the extra range and hit points is good enough to compensate for the additional damage. Changing to match AOE:DE

## Water units, siege units, towers and walls

## Stone mine (revert)

Stone on block 200 -> 250

Now that Ballista Tower is weaker the smaller amount of stone on maps isn't necessary.

## Siege Craft (revert)

Villagers attack towers +10 -> +30
Villagers attack walls +35 -> +40
Changing to match AOE:DE

## Watch tower, Sentry Tower & Guard Tower (revert)

Build time 80s -> 72s Reload time 1.3 -> 1.5 Stone cost 135 -> 120

Changing to match AOE:DE

Reload time wasn't best way to balance things, using stone cost only is less fussy.

#### **Ballista Tower**

Projectile speed 5.2 -> 4.9 Reload time 2.0 -> 3.1 Stone cost 135 -> 120 Build time 80s -> 72s

Changing to match AOE:DE
Balancing out the decreased stone cost.

#### **Small Wall**

Armor walls -185 -> -175

## Cavalry, Heavy Cavalry & Cataphract

Attack walls -175 -> -165

Keeping the +10 damage after reverting Medium wall

## Villager

Attack walls -185 -> -175

Keeping the max damage vs medium wall same without making this any stronger against small wall.

## Medium Wall (revert)

Armor walls -175 -> -165

## Medium Wall (upgrade) (revert)

Food cost 100 -> 180 Stone cost 180 -> 100 Changing to match AOE:DE

## Fortified Wall (revert)

Hit points 625 -> 400

## Fortified Wall (upgrade) (revert)

Food cost 150 -> 300 Stone cost 350 -> 175 Changing to match AOE:DE

#### **Stone Thrower**

Attack walls -5 -> 0 Attack buildings -15 -> -10 Blast width 0.6 -> 0.65 Projectile speed 3.28 -> 3 Reload time 5.0 -> 5.375

> Now Alchemy helps Stone Thrower to destroy buildings with one less shot. Stone Thrower wasn't good enough counter to Composite Bowmen. Changing to match AOE:DE

#### Catapult, Heavy Catapult

Projectile speed 3.28 -> 3 Reload time 5.0 -> 5.375 Blast width 1.0 -> 1.2

Changing to match AOE:DE

#### **Ballista**

Projectile speed 5.2 -> 4.9
Reload time 3.0 -> 3.1
Changing to match AOE:DE

#### Helepolis

Projectile speed 5.2 -> 4.9
Reload time 2.0 -> 1.95
Changing to match AOE:DE

#### Ballista & Helepolis

Attack Towers, Walls, Buildings set: none Changing to match AOE:DE

#### **Trireme**

Projectile speed 5.2 -> 4.9
Reload time 2.0 -> 1.89
Changing to match AOE:DE
Keeping in line with Helepolis.

#### All ships

Armor flame -30 -> none
Changing to match AOE:DE

### Scout Ship, War Galley & Trireme

Training time 76s -> 70s
Armor slinger -2 -> none
Changing to match AOE:DE

## **Light Transport & Heavy transport**

Training time 96s -> 75s

Changing to match AOE:DE

#### Fishing ship (upgrade)

Research time 50s -> 51s Changing to match AOE:DE

#### **Catapult Trireme**

Projectile speed 3.28 -> 3.1
Reload time 5.0 -> 5.3
Changing to match AOE:DE

## Juggernaught

Projectile speed 3.28 -> 3.1
Reload time 5.0 -> 5.3
Blast width 1.0 -> 1.2
Changing to match AOE:DE

## Juggernaught (upgrade)

Food cost 1200 -> 1300 Wood cost 550 -> 700 Changing to match AOE:DE

### Fire Galley

Attack base melee 12 -> 24

Attack flame, Towers, Walls, Buildings set: none

Changing to match AOE:DE

## Alchemy

Bonus damage for Stone Thrower, Catapult, Heavy Catapult, Catapult Trireme & Juggernaught +2 -> +6
Now Centurions without Chain Mail die from three shots instead of four.

## Alchemy; fire galley

Attack flame, Towers, Walls, Buildings set: none Attack base melee +3 -> +6 Changing to match AOE:DE

## Stone Thrower, Catapult, Heavy Catapult

Attack villagers None -> 0

## Villagers (all)

Armor villagers None -> -5

Now catapults can still kill villagers with a one shot.

## Civilization changes

#### Coinage

Enabled for all civilizations (Egyptian, Hittite, Macedonian, Palmyra, Shang, Sumerian)

### **Assyrian**

Bonus removed Villagers +10% movement speed

New bonus Villagers +3 carry capacity

Technologies enabled Fortification, Irrigation

Faster villagers were too strong at repelling rushes.

Changing to match AOE:DE

### **Babylonian**

Bonus Stone Thrower, Catapult, Heavy Catapult +30% blast radius -> +20% Blast radius Technology disabled Heavy Cavalry

Technologies enabled Metallurgy, Irrigation

Changing to match AOE:DE

DE has bigger blast width and the 30% bonus with it was too great.

## **Egyptian**

Bonus Priest +2 range -> +3 range

Bonus Gold Miners work 30% faster -> 20% faster

Changing to match AOE:DE

#### Greek

Bonus War Ships move 25% faster -> All ships move 20% faster Changing to match AOE:DE

#### Hittite

Bonus Catapults +66% hit points -> +50% hit points

Bonus Scout Ship and War Galley +2/3/4 range -> +3 range

Technologies enabled Guard Tower, Ballista Tower, Fortification, Armored Elephant, Aristocracy Changing to match AOE:DE

#### Macedonian

Technologies enabled Guard Tower, Ballista Tower, Irrigation Changing to match AOE:DE

## Minoan

Technology enabled Irrigation

Changing to match AOE:DE

## Palmyra (needs rework)

Bonus removed Starts game with +4 headroom

Bonus removed Town Centers work 10% faster

New bonus Market upgrades have no food cost

Technologies enabled Battle Axe, Broad Sword, Chariot Archer, Architecture, Cavalry, Heavy Cavalry,

Catapult, Heavy Catapult, Ballista, Ballistics, Ballista Tower, Fortification, Alchemy

Technologies disabled Plow, Engineering

Camels were too forced.

Staring headroom bonus was problematic.

Faster uptime gave less time to collect food making Palmyra almost as dependent of a good start as it used to be before.

#### Persian

Technologies enabled Fortification, Alchemy

Changing to match AOE:DE

#### **Phoenician**

Technologies enabled Ballistics, Ballista Tower, Fortification Changing to match AOE:DE

#### Roman

Technologies enabled Architecture, Fortification Changing to match AOE:DE

## Shang

Technology disabled Aristocracy Technology enabled Irrigation Changing to match AOE:DE

## Sumerian

Technologies disabled Metallurgy, Craftsmanship
Technologies enabled Bronze Shield, Alchemy, Chain Mail, Heavy Horse Archer
Bonus Farms have +75 food -> +125 food
Changing to match AOE:DE

#### Yamato

Bonus removed Villagers +10% movement speed
Bonus All Cavalry units cost -25% -> -20%
New bonus Villagers +3 carry capacity
Technologies disabled Broad Sword, Tower Shield
Technologies enabled Composite Bowman, Aristocracy
Faster villagers were too strong at repelling rushes.
Scout rushes were too strong.
Changing to match AOE:DE

# Bug fixes

Pottery

Required but didn't deduct resources.

Elephant Archer
Shown attack was 5+1 and not 6.

Babylonian

Slinger wasn't disabled