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God Of War 2 Trophy Guide

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Mastering the Challenges of Sparta: A Complete God of War 2 Trophy Guide

Few games in the action-adventure pantheon command as much respect as **God of War 2**. Originally released on the PlayStation 2 and later remastered for the PlayStation 3 as part of the *God of War Collection*, this epic sequel continues the brutal journey of Kratos, the Ghost of Sparta. For trophy hunters, the PlayStation 3 version offers a satisfying yet demanding list of achievements. This comprehensive **God of War 2 trophy guide** will walk you through every requirement, from story-related unlocks to the formidable challenge of the God Mode difficulty. Whether you are a returning Spartan or a newcomer seeking the platinum, prepare for a war like no other.

Understanding the God of War 2 Trophy List

Before diving into the arena, it is essential to understand the structure of the **God of War 2 trophy list**. The game features a total of 35 trophies: 1 platinum, 3 gold, 11 silver, and 20 bronze. The vast majority are straightforward, tied to the main story, weapon upgrades, magic, and the classic **God of War 2 trophy guide** staples like defeating specific bosses or finding all treasure chests. However, a few trophies require meticulous planning and skill, particularly those related to the Challenge of the Titans and the punishing God Mode playthrough.

One crucial tip for any trophy hunter: the game does not have a chapter select. If you miss a collectible or fail a challenge, you must start a new game or reload a manual save. Therefore, it is strongly recommended to follow a guide closely on your first playthrough, or keep separate save files at key points after each boss or area.

Story and Difficulty-Related Trophies

The backbone of any **God of War 2 trophy guide** is the progression through the main campaign. Many trophies are story-locked and cannot be missed. Others demand completing the game on specific difficulty settings.

Unmissable Story Trophies

As you play through the epic tale of Kratos's quest for vengeance against Zeus, you will earn several bronze trophies simply by advancing the plot. These include:

- The End Begins – Defeat the Colossus of Rhodes (Prologue).
- Crossing the Styx – Survive the River Styx sequence.
- Brothers in Arms – Free Atlas from his chains.
- Pegasus Unleashed – Use Pegasus to travel between realms.
- World Tree – Arrive at the Temple of the Fates.
- Awaken the Titans – Revive the titan Typhon.

- Justice for All – Defeat Theseus in the Labyrinth.
- Family Reunion – Confront Zeus at the end of the game.

These are all earned automatically during a normal playthrough. However, if you are aiming for the platinum, you will need to tackle the difficulty-based trophies as well.

Difficulty-Based Trophies: The Real Grind

God of War 2 features three difficulty levels: Mortal, Spartan, and God. Only one trophy is tied to difficulty, but it is a beast: **Godlike** (Gold) – Complete the game on God Mode. God Mode is unlocked only after beating the game on Spartan Mode, so you will need to complete at least two full playthroughs. Alternatively, you can beat the game on Mortal first to unlock Spartan, then use a glitch to transfer upgrades? No, the official path is sequential. In the HD version, you must finish Spartan to unlock God. To save time, most guides recommend playing your first run on Spartan Mode (which is equivalent to Hard) and collecting everything, then using your fully upgraded weapons and magic on God Mode. Note that on God Mode, enemies hit extremely hard and you take massive damage. **Pro tip:**Save your Rage of the Gods and magic for heavy enemies and bosses. Also, learn to block and dodge perfectly – one mistake can cost a fight.

Collectible and Upgrade Trophies

Kratos can upgrade his weapons, magic, and items using experience orbs. The **God of War 2 trophy guide** must cover these upgrade milestones because they are essential for several trophies.

Weapon and Magic Upgrades

You will collect red orbs throughout the game, which are used to level up the Blades of Athena, the Barbarian Hammer, the Spear of Destiny, and each magic ability (Typhon's Bane, Poseidon's Rage, Cronos' Rage, and Atlas Quake). To earn:

- Maxed Out (Silver) – Fully upgrade the Blades of Athena.
- Upgraded (Silver) – Fully upgrade all weapons (Blades of Athena, Barbarian Hammer, Spear of Destiny).
- Magic Master (Silver) – Fully upgrade all magic.

To achieve all upgrades, you must collect every chest and destroy every vase in the game. Fortunately, there is a known orb farming method in the Challenge of the Titans – but more on that later. On a first playthrough, be thorough. Smash every crate, open every chest, and use the Golden Fleece to reflect enemies for extra orbs.

Obtaining All Relics and Items

Two more important collectible trophies are:

- Treasure Hunter (Bronze) – Open all treasure chests in the game. There are 20 hidden chests (Muse Keys required) plus numerous regular large red orb chests. The Muse Keys open special chests that give permanent health or magic upgrades. Missing any means reloading a save.
- Eye of the Beholder (Silver) – Collect all Gorgon Eyes and Phoenix Feathers (there are 18 of each). These permanently increase health and magic bars.

These are best gathered in a single playthrough with a checklist. The **God of War 2 trophy guide** from online resources can help you map them out by area.

Combat and Skill-Based Trophies

God of War 2 rewards aggressive and varied combat. Several trophies require specific combat feats.

Challenge of the Titans Trophies

The Challenge of the Titans is a set of seven bonus challenges unlocked after completing the game. Each

challenge has a score requirement (e.g., 10,000 points) and a specific objective. Completing all seven challenges earns you:

- Challenger (Bronze) – Complete all seven challenges.
- Score Master (Gold) – Achieve the highest rank (Titan) on each challenge. This requires hitting a target score, often above 18,000 points for each.

These challenges are notoriously difficult. Tips for success: Use magic generously – Poseidon's Rage is excellent for crowd control in Challenge 1 and 5. In Challenge 4 (Protect the Weak), save your Spartan Rage and magic to kill the harpies quickly. In Challenge 6 (Slicing the Waves), use the Barbarian Hammer's shockwave to hit multiple enemies at once. It may take many attempts, but patience is key. Also, the Challenges are the best place to farm orbs for the upgrade trophies – replay Challenge 2 (Avoid the Furies) and focus on killing enemies quickly to earn orbs for your second playthrough.

Miscellaneous Combat Trophies

Other skill-based trophies include:

- Cyclone of Chaos (Silver) – Perform a 500-hit combo. Easiest method: Unlock the Barbarian Hammer and use its L1+Square attack (the hammer toss) on a group of weak enemies near a save point. Another method: The Spear of Destiny's L1+Square can also rack up hits on a single enemy. Do this in the Challenge of the Titans or during the fight against the Cyclops in the game.
- Unstoppable (Bronze) – Shove an enemy into a wall and crush it using the "Brutality" move (press O when prompted after a grapple). This is easy with ogres or soldiers near walls.
- Blood Bath (Bronze) – Defeat 1,000 enemies total across all playthroughs. This will come naturally if you play through the game twice and do the Challenges.
- Harpy Hunter (Bronze) – Kill 100 harpies. Harpies appear consistently in the Island of Creation and the Phoenix Chamber. Use the Blades' R1 juggle attack to snatch them from the air.

Boss-Specific Trophy Strategies

Several trophies are tied to defeating the game's memorable bosses:

- Colossus Down (Bronze) – Defeat the Colossus of Rhodes (story).
- Barbarian King (Bronze) – Defeat the Barbarian King (story).
- Theseus Takedown (Bronze) – Defeat Theseus (story).
- Euryale's Bane (Silver) – Defeat Euryale, the Gorgon sister. This boss appears after you obtain the Golden Fleece. Use the Fleece to reflect her projectile, then attack.
- Ichors of Tartarus (Bronze) – Defeat the Cerberus (story).
- Kraken Master (Bronze) – Defeat the Kraken (story).
- Zeus End (Gold) – Defeat Zeus and finish the game. This gold trophy is also required for the platinum, and you must beat Zeus on God Mode as part of the Godlike trophy.

For the boss fights on God Mode, learn their patterns. Zeus in particular has three phases. In phase two, use the Blades of Athena and the Hyperion Charge (L1+Square) to stagger him. In the final phase, you must use the Blade of Olympus and time your hammer strikes. Save your magic for when he summons clones.

Platinum Trophy: The Ghost of Sparta's Revenge

Earning the **God of War 2 platinum trophy** (**Ghost of Sparta**) requires obtaining all other trophies. This is a monumental task that can take 20–30 hours. The best plan is:

1. Play through the game on Spartan difficulty, collecting all Gorgon Eyes, Phoenix Feathers, and treasure chests. Fully upgrade all weapons and magic using orb farming in the Challenges.
2. After completing the game on Spartan, you unlock God Mode and the Challenge of the Titans. Complete

the Challenges with Titan rank (use online guides for specific scores).

3. Play through the game on God Mode. You can reload your fully-upgraded save from Spartan Mode (the game allows loading a completed save into a new game, retaining all upgrades). This makes God Mode slightly easier, but enemies still hit hard. Focus on survival and dodge often.

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