

The Silmarillion Film Project



Season 4

Session 4-01: Determining the Scope



Announcements

- Welcome Back!
- 6th Annual Signum Webathon: Saturday, October 13
- LAMoot: October 27
- MagnoliaMoot (Charlotte, NC): November 10

Brief Overview of the Project

- Season 1: The Creation of the World
 - The Valar are the main characters, and the story is the corruption of Melkor and meaning of might and leadership and collaboration
 - Season 1 ends with the War of the Powers and the Awakening of the Elves
- Season 2: The Elves find their Home
 - The first half of the season focuses on the elven migration, and the second half is the drama of the Noldor. The Valar play secondary roles in this story.
 - Season 2 ends with the Darkening of Valinor and the Flight of Melkor
- Season 3: The Rebellion of Fëanor
 - The season is split between the rebellion and fracturing of the Noldor, and the establishment of the realm of Doriath in Beleriand.
 - Season 3 ends with the arrival of Fingolfin in Middle Earth and the rising of the Sun (teaser for the Awakening of Men)



Overarching Story of Season 4

- The meeting of the Sindar and the Noldor will initially be peaceable, but as time goes on, the Sindar will discover the truths the Noldor are concealing about how and why they left Valinor. Thingol will ban Quenya (and shiny jewels).
- The teaser of the Awakening of Men with the rising of the Sun will eventually lead to Men entering Beleriand and meeting the Elves there.
- The Noldor war with Morgoth. They build realms and fortresses and hold a siege on Angband. Morgoth makes dragons. This leads to the Battle of Sudden Flame.
- The Eöl/Aredhel story
- Actual love stories: Galadriel/Celeborn, Aegnor/Andreth, Orodreth/some Sinda woman
- New characters: Glorfindel and Ecthelion, Orodreth, Young Zirak, Men, Petty-dwarves, (re-introduce) Eöl

Timeline of the First Age, Part 1



FA 1 Men awake in Hildórien.

2 Fingolfin camps beside Lake Mithrim.

5 Fingon rescues Maedhros from Thangorodrim, Fingolfin becomes High King of the Noldor in Beleriand.

6 Thingol grants permission for the Noldor to occupy the Northlands.

7 The Noldor hold a council. The Sons of Fëanor relocate to East Beleriand.

20 The Feast of Mereth Aderthad.

50 Ulmo grants visions of hidden places to Finrod and Turgon.

52 Nulukkidîn discovered by Finrod and begins to construct Nargothrond.

53 Hidden valley of Tumladen discovered by Turgon.

60 Dagor Aglareb ("The Glorious Battle"), Siege of Angband begins.

Minas Tirith constructed.

64 Turgon removes his people from Nevrast to Tumladen, construction of Gondolin.

65 Brithombar and Eglarest constructed.

66 Thingol learns of the Silmarils from Galadriel.

67 Thingol learns of the Kinslaying at Alqualondë, Quenya forbidden in Beleriand.

102 Nargothrond completed.

116 Gondolin completed.

150 Caranthir meets with the Dwarves of the Blue Mountains.

155 Orcs from Lammoth attack Hithlum.

260 Glaurung defeated in Ard-galen, Long Peace begins.

Timeline of the First Age, Part 2



310 Men of the House of Bëor enter Beleriand and are discovered by Finrod.

312 The Haladin enter Beleriand.

313 Marach enters Beleriand.

316 Aredhel leaves Gondolin and weds Eöl.

320 Birth of Maeglin.

322 Malach settles in Hithlum.

336 Malach leaves Hithlum.

355 Death of Bëor.

361 Birth of Andreth.

369 Bereg leads a thousand people southwards.

376 Death of Marach.

400 Aredhel and Maeglin return to Gondolin. Eöl kills Aredhel and is then executed.

Birth of Barahir.

402 Battle of Aglon Pass.

405 Hador enters the service of Fingolfin.

409 Conversation of Finrod and Andreth.

410 Ladros is given to the House of Bëor.

416 The House of Hador is given the lands of Dor-lómin to dwell in.

420 Death of Haleth. Birth of Hareth and Baragund. Hador dwells in Hithlum.

422 Forest of Brethil given to the House of Haleth. Belegund born.

432 Birth of Beren Erchamion

441 Birth of Húrin

444 Birth of Huor.

455 Morgoth breaks the Siege of Angband, Dagor Bragollach ("Battle of Sudden Flame"). Deaths of Angrod and Aegnor,

456 Death of Fingolfin in single combat with Morgoth.

Huor and Húrin in Gondolin

Emeldir, wife of Barahir, leads their people out of Dorthonion to Brethil.

Storyline Overviews



- Recall that Eöl did not appear in Season 3; he was last seen storming out of the great debate at Cuivienen. We will need to establish him in Nan Elmoth this season.
- The Fëanoreans take a back seat and are not the primary storyline in the early part of the First Age. The rescue of Maedhros, his ceding the kingship to Fingolfin, and the establishment of their realms in the East.
- The early part of the first age is the Finrod and Turgon show. Time to introduce their courts.
- Now is the time to introduce Galadriel to Celeborn, and let their relationship play out.
- Fingolfin as High King; we've given him some opportunities for growth; now it's time to see who he is as a leader of the Noldor.
- Thingol and Sindar/Noldor relations
- The corruption of Men in the East – do we hint at that? Do we send Morgoth or Sauron to make it happen?
- Cohesive dwarf storyline?



Where to end Season 4?

- Original plan: Fingolfin's duel with Morgoth after the Dagor Bragollach.
- Downside: Rushing through the story to reach that in 13 episodes means that the 'Long Peace' gets swallowed up, and Aredhel is bored in Gondolin as soon as they arrive. No sooner do we meet the Men, then they die in the very next episode. No time for side stories such as the Aegnor/Andreth romance or the petty-dwarves in Nargothrond or the dwarves (at all).
- Alternatives?
 - End with Thingol banning Quenya
 - End at the appearance of Glaurung
 - End at the meeting of Finrod and Bëor
 - Or...?



Questions for Next Time

- Session 4-02: Friday October 26th
- We will be talking about the Season 4 Frame!