

Finarfin

Finarfin was the third son and youngest child of Finwë. Finarfin's mother was Indis. His half-brother was Fëanor and his full brother Fingolfin. His sisters were Findis and Irimë. He married Eäruen, princess of the Teleri. He had four children: Finrod Felagund, Angrod, Aegnor and Galadriel. Orodreth appears as one of Finarfin's sons in the published *Silmarillion*. In Tolkien's later writings however he clearly is Angrod's son. Christopher Tolkien used an older form in the *Silmarillion*, but later described this as a mistake (Source: J. R. R. Tolkien (1996). in Christopher Tolkien (ed.): *The Peoples of Middle-earth*). Finarfin was said to be the fairest and wisest of Finwë's sons. Like all of Finwë's sons, Finarfin founded his own house. Uniquely among the Noldor he and his descendants all had golden hair inherited from his mother, so his house was sometimes called "The Golden House of Finarfin". After the death of Finwë, he departed with his brothers Fëanor and Fingolfin for Middle-earth, but turned back when Mandos pronounced the Doom of the Noldor. Finarfin became King of the residual Noldor.

