

Fingolfin

Fingolfin was the High King of the Noldor in Beleriand, second eldest son of Finwë, full brother of Finarfin, and half-brother of Fëanor, who was the eldest of Finwë's sons. His mother was Indis. He founded the House of Fingolfin which ruled the Noldor in Middle-earth. He was said to be the strongest, most steadfast, and most valiant of Finwë's sons, and some have named him the greatest warrior of all the Children of Ilúvatar.

Fingolfin was born to Finwë's second wife, Indis, after Miriel died, as was Finarfin. While they lived in Aman, there was always strife between the sons of Indis and the son of Miriel (Fëanor), mostly due to Melkor's treachery. However, Fingolfin would seek to forge a better relationship with Fëanor at every chance. Even after Fëanor threatened him with swords and was banished from Tirion, Fingolfin forgave him and tried to mend their relationship. This occurred very soon before destruction of the Two Trees and the Darkening of Valinor. After this event and Fëanor's decision to leave Aman, Fingolfin chose to follow him into exile, so as not to abandon his people.





Fingolfin led the host of the Noldor across the grinding ice of the Helcaraxë a perilous and treacherous journey where many were lost.



Fingolfin was slain by Morgoth in a great battle between the two but not before cutting off the foot of his foe who ever after walked with a limp. Thorondor, lord of Eagles flew down and carried Fingolfin's body away to be placed on a cliff overlooking Gondolin. Later Turgon built a cairn over the remains of his father.