

HISTORICAL TIMELINE

Before Nosgoth's
Recorded History

- genesis of the Pillars of Nosgoth
- formation of the Circle of Nine, sorcerer-guardians sworn to protect and serve the Pillars
- the Reaver is forged

over 500 years before Blood Omen: Legacy of Kain

Nosgoth's Early History

The Vampire Purge

- Nosgoth's vampire population increases
- the order of the Sarafan is formed to counter the vampire menace
- the human Raziel is born, and becomes a Sarafan warrior-priest
- the vampire Vorador slaughters six of the Circle for their sponsorship of the Sarafan crusade
- Raziel of the Sarafan dies in combat, and is entombed with the Sarafan martyrs
- the Sarafan crusade ceases

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History preceding BO:LoK

The Corruption of the Pillars

- Kain travels nearly 50 years into Nosgoth's past
- Kain assassinates the young King William the Just, who will become the Nemesis
- Kain discovers another Time Streaming Device and returns to Nosgoth's present

- Mortanius, the Guardian of Death, is possessed by a dark entity
- Ariel, the Guardian of Balance, is murdered; the human Kain is born, destined to take her place

- Ariel's murder triggers a chain of events, resulting in the corruption of the Circle, and the decay of the Pillars

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Events of BO:LoK

- the nobleman Kain is assassinated

- in the underworld, the necromancer Mortanius offers Kain the chance to avenge his murder
- Kain accepts the offer, and is reborn as a vampire

- Kain hunts down and destroys the corrupt Circle Guardians, restoring each of the Pillars in turn

- Kain meets the ancient vampire Vorador



Altered Historical Timeline

Events of Blood Omen: Legacy of Kain

- Kain discovers the Soul Reaver within Avernus Cathedral, and claims it for his own

- Kain joins forces with King Ottmar's Army of Hope, to confront the Legions of the tyrant Nemesis

- the Armies of Hope are decimated; Kain activates the Time Streaming Device, and is propelled nearly 50 years back in time

- Kain returns to present-day Nosgoth... and discovers that assassinating William 50 years ago triggered a renewed vampire purge

- Vorador is executed; Kain is the only surviving vampire in Nosgoth

- Kain confronts and kills Moebius, the Guardian of Time

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- Kain confronts Mortanius, the final Guardian, at the Pillars

- Mortanius is destroyed as the Dark Entity possessing his body emerges; Kain defeats the Dark Entity in combat

- with Mortanius' death, all but the Balance Pillar are restored

- Kain realizes finally that he is the Balance Guardian, and therefore the last of the Nine

- He must choose between sacrificing himself to heal the world...
...or preserving his life and ruling Nosgoth in its damnation

- Kain refuses the sacrifice, ensuring the Pillars' collapse



Era following BO:LoK

400 years after Blood Omen: Legacy of Kain

- the events of **Blood Omen 2**

roughly a century later

- Kain sets the ruined Pillars as the seat of his new empire, and the unrestored Balance Pillar as the base of his throne

- Kain raises his six vampire lieutenants from the corpses of the Sarafan martyrs; Raziel is reborn as a vampire

a millennium passes

- Raziel evolves, growing wings — for this transgression, Raziel is executed by being cast into the Abyss

centuries later

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Events of Soul Reaver

- Raziel is revived by the mysterious Elder God at the bottom of the Abyss and is reborn as a reaver of souls

- Raziel returns to reap the vampires' apostate souls and take his revenge on his vampire brethren and his creator, Kain

- Raziel confronts Kain within the ruins of the Pillars Sanctuary; Kain attacks Raziel with the Soul Reaver, his ancient sword — the blade is destroyed on impact. Now a wraith blade, the Soul Reaver intertwines with Raziel and becomes his symbiotic weapon.

- Raziel pursues Kain through Moebius's ancient Chronoplast time portal, and is plunged into Nosgoth's past. **Soul Reaver 2** begins...