

# **The Imperium**

It is the 74th millenium and mankind has spread throughout 3 galaxies. 650 centuries ago the terrible Wars of the Crown split mankind asunder and dragged it down the level that is described as "stone age". If it were not for the long forgotten outposts and planets, man would have been killed off by the hundreds of alien races that opposed the Imperium. From the border planets came the people that time forgot, the Ancients. Only through their courage and leadership and advanced technology came the salvation of mankind. Billions died in this war, and millions more died from the lethal radiation weapons of the aliens. The official death toll from the Wars of the Crown is 23,567,640,000. Today, in the wartorn ravages of the 74th millenium, the Ancients are regarded as gods and there are many cathedrals and shrines dedicated to the worship of them.

## **The technology.**

From the Ancients came a wide array of technologies, from simple food replicators to the advanced "Star Drive." All this and much more helped the Imperium to expand as fast as it has. At the old rate of expansion it would have taken at least another ten to eleven millenium to conquer the rest of the galaxy, let alone reach and populate two other galaxies. Also from the Ancients came the devastating weapon known simply as the "Angel of Death". This weapon has brought death to 4 alien races that threatened the Imperium. As well it has been used to scour entire worlds of life because the population became affected with the lethal disease "Alien Rot". This disease can be used to control an entire planet's population by taking over the victim's mind. Many of the technologies the Emperor decided were too dangerous, even though the Ancients had been using them for thousands of years without a problem.