

B5 Universe Timeline

It was the dawn of the Third Age of Mankind. Ten years after the Earth-Mimbari war.

- 1100s The Minbari begin to travel in space.
- 1250 The Shadows rise once more and attack the races of the galaxy. Valen appears and rallies the force of Light; the Shadows are driven back to Z'ha'dum and defeated.
- 1700s The Centauri begin to travel in space and create a vast empire.
- 1947 Lightning hits a Vree spaceship in New Mexico. Ship crashes near Roswell.
- July 20, 1969 Neil Armstrong becomes the first man to step on the moon.
- 2061 Humanity establishes its first offworld colony, on the Moon.
- 2087 The Earth Alliance is established after WWII.
- 2113 The Centauri conquer the Narn.
- 2115 The existence of telepaths among Humans is confirmed by a scientific study.
- 2150 The Centauri Republic begins to decline. San Diego is destroyed by a terrorist nuke.
- 2156 A Centauri made trade vessel from House Jaddo makes contact with Humanity. Initially the Centauri claim that Humanity is a lost Centauri colony; this is disproved when Earth Alliance scientists obtain Centauri genetic samples. The Alliance purchases jump technology and jump gate time from the Republic and a jump gate is built in the Sol system. Over the next few decades, Humanity expands out into the galaxy.
- 2161 The Psi Corps is founded.
- 2169 Mars colony is founded. Over the coming centuries, the colony will grow increasingly frustrated with being ruled from Earth, and terrorism and riots pushing for Martian independence become a major problem.
- 2209 The Narn drive then Centauri off the Narn homeworld. Using captured Centauri ships and weapons, they embark on a period of expansion and conquest.
- 2228 The previously unknown Dilgar race discover their sun is going to go nova within a generation. They build a massive armada and attack neighboring systems, looking for a suitable planet to serve as a new homeworld. The Dilgar use biological attacks and weapons of mass destruction, inflicting horrible losses on the races they conquer.

- 2232 The Earth Alliance joins in the war against the Dilgar with the League of Non-Aligned Worlds. After almost a year of bloody war, the Earth Expeditionary Force and the League's Liberation Navy free the worlds conquered by the Dilgar. This war confirms Earth's place as one of the new powers of the galaxy.
- 2235 The Dilgar home system, Omelos, goes nova, wiping out the Dilgar as a race.
- 2245 The Minbari Grey Council's flagship encounters an Alliance exploratory group. The EAS Prometheus' captain fears that the Minbari are hostile. He orders his crew to fire on the alien vessel. The initial salvo severely damages the Grey Council ship, killing the Minbari leader Dukhat. Following this incident, the maddened Minbari launch a holy war on Humanity.
- 2247 By now, the Minbari have conquered much of the Earth Alliance. While casualties have been relatively light, the extinction of Humanity seems likely. Thanks to Minbari stealth technology, it is almost impossible for Human ships to successfully engage the enemy. Colony after colony has fallen and left to wait for bombardment from orbit. In desperation, all EarthForce and other armed ships are pulled back to the Sol system, where they form a defensive cordon around Earth.
- This is called the Battle of the Line. Despite attempts to jam hyperspace to prevent the Minbari jumping in within the cordon, the Minbari fleet arrives on top of the defenders. The tattered Earth ships are cut to pieces by the vastly superior Minbari ships.
- Just before the final point of victory, the Minbari surrender and withdraw. Against all odds — against all sanity — Humanity has won.
- 2249 To prevent such future misunderstandings from leading to war, the Earth Alliance President create the Bablyon Project, to provide a place for different races and governments to meet on neutral ground and discuss their differences. The centerpiece of this project will be the Bablyon station. The first Bablyon station is destroyed by sabotage during its construction, as a Bablyons 2 and 3.
- 2254 Bablyon 4 goes online. 24 hours later, it vanishes. In the wake of this bizarre disaster, the Bablyon Project is put on hold as no more funding is approved. The grand scheme is rescued by the Minbari, who agree to provide the necessary money to construct a fifth Babylon station, as long as they can nominate its first commander. They choose Commander Jeffrey Sinclair.
- 2256 Bablyon 5 goes online on March 9th and begins gearing up for operations.
- 2257 Bablyon 5 is declared operational on July 4th.
- 2257 Babylon 5 is officially dedicated to the cause of peace and diplomacy by Alliance President Santiago. The last of the ambassadors for the Babylon 5 Security Council,

Ambassador Kosh Naranek of the Vorlon Empire arrives. An attempt is made on Kosh's life seconds after he comes on board.

2258-2262 Time period of the B5 series.

2264 The Telepath Crisis. Byron's followers bring down the Psi Corps; a nuclear bomb destroys the Corps' main installation on Mars. The rules for telepaths in Human society are rewritten.

2266 The Drakh attack Earth using a Shadow planet-killer. When the attack is driven off by the ISA, they release a nanotechnological virus. This virus will kill all life on Earth within a few years. The planet is quarantined; the Victory-class starship Excalibur under Captain Gideon goes in search of a cure.