



THE FORSAKEN



The last bastion of humanity's salvation on Samaria – if you believe the word of their religion – are the people of New Ashkelon. Called "Forsaken" on account of the betrayal their ancestors' suffered hundreds of years ago, these members of the Prevailer Council's theocracy are fighting a constant battle on all sides to further their idea of civilization. By following the tenets of the Creator as decreed by the ruling Prevailers, the Forsaken do their part in preparing their armies to expand and defend the territory of New Ashkelon.

There are many facets to the armies of the Forsaken. At its center lies the government's own army, the backbone of New Ashkelon's armed forces, the legions of the Forsaken military. These brave souls work under various types of leadership, but always at the behest of the Prevailer Council. What matters is that Forsaken soldiers go to battle for the betterment of New Ashkelon in forces loyal to those who have been trusted with command. Forces of the Forsaken fall into two primary categories – the central army of the Prevailers and those loyal to the commands of the Saints.

The grand army of the Prevailers has always been primarily focused on defending the territory of New Ashkelon. Volunteers and conscripted citizens are armed and trained to follow the commands of the clergy; from their locally elevated Shepherd to the booming orders of the Grand Templar himself. There are miracles of faith and technology to be found within the

Prevailer army, both of which are powerful tools to motivate the Forsaken.

Individuals canonized by the Council to serve as holy generals in their crusading armies, the Saints handpick their followers and train them to do battle the way they prefer. Each Saint looks upon the undertakings of the Forsaken in a different light, but they all hold humanity and its survival as a priority. Among the most traditional of Saints there is the charisma and cleverness of Saint Mark, the stout resilience of faith found in Saint John, and the vengeful spirit found within Saint Mary. Riding a line of scandalous practices are Saint Luke, encased in a mechanical suit that actually keeps him alive, the psychic phenomena of the recently elevated Saint Joan, and the forgotten high-technologies of Saint Isaac.

There are also the heretical followers of a dark time years ago, learning the tenets of a forgotten and heretical Saint, Saint Johann – who claimed to have been betrayed, but could have been just as much the betrayer – who kept a cult-like following that still exists in the shadowy places of New Ashkelon. The Followers of the Heretic believe in the darker science of grafting as the key to humanity's salvation, even if discovery is under penalty of death.

The Forsaken are a force for humanity's survival, so long as humanity believes in the rules and codes of the Prevailer Council and their fiery Creator.