The Chronology of Valinor

Valian Year

0  Iluvatar made the Ainur of whom those that came to Arda are known as the Valar: Manwe, Ulmo, Aule, Oроме, Tulkas, Osse, Mandos, Lorien, Melkor, Varda, Yavanna, Vana, Nessa, Uinen, and Nienna

500  The Lamps that were created by Aule to light the whole world are destroyed by Morgoth. The rest of the Valar move to the West and built Valinor.

1000  The Valar brought into being the Two Trees of Silver and of Gold that gave light unto Valinor.

Morgoth lived in Middle-earth and built a great fortress in the North

2000  "Noontide of the Blessed Realm," Varda creates the stars and places them in the sky. Some of the Valarindó (Maia) move to Middle-earth

2000-01  Iluvatar's eldest children, the Elves awaken. They are found by Orome and those that wished to, followed him to Valinor. Morgoth was captured and imprisoned in Mandos.

2001-02  The Teleri dwelt on the island of Tol Eressëa in sight of Valinor and built the city of Alqualonde.

−2500  The Noldor invented and began shaping gems; Feanor, son of Finwe fashions the Silmarils using the light of the Two Trees.

2900  Morgoth was pardoned and released. Feigning friendship and obedience, Morgoth lived among the Valar and the Eldar. He lusted for their gems and especially the Silmarils, so devised lies and spread suspicion among the Elves.

2950  Feanor and his household become quite corrupted by the deeds of Morgoth and were therefore exiled from Valinor. Morgoth, being found out for his evil deeds, went into hiding.

2990-01  Morgoth and Ungoliant destroy the Two Trees and steal the Silmarils from the house of Feanor and slew Finwe and many other Elves — defiling Valinor and began slaughter in the world. Escaping the Valar, he returns to his stronghold in the North of the Hitherlands and gathered about him his evil servants — Orcs and Balrogs.

2991  Feanor persuaded his people to follow him out of Valinor to recover their realms on earth and war forever on Morgoth to reclaim the Silmarils. At that meeting, he and his sons swore their dreadful Oath to slay or pursue any soever that held a Silmaril against their will.

2992  The march began and when the need for ships arose, the Teleri would yeild none to them, thus befell the dreadful battle about Alqualonde, where the Kinslaying took place. Feanor's band overcame the Teleri and stole their ships.

2993  The marchers came upon a high rock where Mandos appeared to them and spoke the Doom of Mandos. He offered them an ultimatum — to return to Valinor or to have evil fortune and disaster befall them. However, with the exception of Finrod and his followers, they pressed on.
2994 The Noldor reach the North. Feanor and his company take the ships and sailed east, leaving Fingolfin and his party behind in the ice.
2995 Feanor came into Beleriand and entered Dolomen and camped in the land of Hithlum.
2996 In the First Battle of Beleriand, they defeat a band of orcs. Feanor dies, wounded by a Balrog. Before he dies, he reminds his sons of their Oath.
2997 Maedhros, eldest son of Feanor, is captured by Morgoth who threatened to torture him unless the Noldor went away—either back to Valinor or deep into the South.
2998 Morgoth hung Maedhros by his right wrist with a steel band above a precipice upon Thangorodrim. Fingolfin and the sons of Finrod (those left behind by Feanor) almost reach the North of the World.
3000 The Valar made the Sun and Moon and placed them in the sky. At the first Rising of the Sun, Iluvatar’s second set of children awoke, Men. With the first Moonrise, Fingolfin set foot upon the North and marched right through the land of Morgoth and met with the house of Feanor with little love, so the house of Feanor moved South.