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A Dark Hero Returns to Diablo® III — Rise of the Necromancer™ Now Available

The definitive gothic fantasy hero reemerges in Diablo III: Reaper of Souls®

Console gamers can now possess the ultimate co-op action-RPG in one complete package with the Diablo III: Eternal Collection™, available digitally at a special introductory price

IRVINE, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Sanctuary's fallen warriors have long awaited this moment: the necromancer has finally returned to send them back into battle against the demons of the Burning Hells. Blizzard Entertainment today announced that the [Rise of the Necromancer™](#) pack, which summons the iconic necromancer class into *Diablo® III: Reaper of Souls®*, is now available digitally in-game on PC and through the online Blizzard Shop, PlayStation®Store, and Xbox One Store.

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The necromancer rises to join the heroes of Sanctuary in the fight against Diablo. (Graphic: Business Wire)

Necromancers are grim spellcasters who draw upon the power of blood and bone and raise terrifying armies of undead minions from the remains of their vanquished foes. These brooding men and women are masters of the dark arts who seek to preserve the balance between the forces of life and death in Sanctuary—even if it requires detonating several thousand demon corpses along the way.

In addition to a new class, the *Rise of the Necromancer* pack contains a macabre assortment of curiosities to support any aspiring practitioner of forbidden magic, including:

- | The grotesque Half-formed Golem in-game pet
- | Cosmetic Wings of the Crypt Guardian for all your *Diablo III* characters
- | Two additional character slots

- | Two stash tabs (PC only)
- | Necromancer portrait, banner, sigil, and accent, and Blood Master pennant

Acolytes of the dark arts can also unearth the most closely guarded secrets of the Priests of Rathma by studying the Book of the Necromancer at Diablo3.com/Necro. This archive chronicles the shadowy history of the necromancers and contains a grimoire of their spells, runes, weapons, and armor—an ideal resource for anyone who plans to take the necromancer through the challenges that comprise the Season 11 journey, beginning July 20.

"We're excited to continue our celebration of the 20th anniversary of *Diablo* by reimagining one of the community's all-time favorite classes in the *Rise of the Necromancer* pack," said Mike Morhaime, CEO and cofounder of Blizzard Entertainment. "We look forward to seeing a new generation of necromancers exploring Adventure Mode, discovering new character builds, and exploding corpses in Greater Rifts throughout Sanctuary."

The Night of the Necromancer celebration kicks off tonight at 5 p.m. PDT on [Twitch](#) as senior game designer Travis Day joins Nerdist's Jessica Chobot as she raises hell on a new necromancer, streaming her play experience from a haunted location. After teaming up, Chobot will be left to fend for herself as she attempts to survive from dusk till dawn.

Console gamers who have yet to experience *Diablo III* can acquire a legendary treasure starting today in the form of the digital-only *Eternal Collection™*, which includes the *Rise of the Necromancer* pack, *Diablo III*, and the award-winning *Reaper of Souls* expansion for PlayStation 4 or Xbox One. This expansive all-in-one collection is a perfect jumping-in point for anyone who might have missed out on the definitive couch co-op gaming experience.

The *Rise of the Necromancer* pack is now available for Windows® and Mac® PCs, as well as on PlayStation 4 and Xbox One, for \$14.99 USD. The epic *Diablo III: Eternal Collection* bundle is currently available to PlayStation® Plus members on PS4 and Xbox Live Gold members on Xbox One through July 3 at a special introductory price of \$39.99 (reg. \$59.99 SRP). On PC, newcomers to Sanctuary can take advantage of special celebratory savings of up to 50% off on *Diablo III*, the *Reaper of Souls* expansion, and the *Diablo* Battle Chest. Visit [the Blizzard Shop](#) for more information.

Diablo III: Reaper of Souls and the *Rise of the Necromancer* pack are fully localized in English, Brazilian Portuguese, European and Latin American Spanish, French, German, Italian, Polish, Russian, Korean, and simplified and traditional Chinese. To learn more, and to try *Diablo III* for free on PC, visit the official website at www.diablo3.com. For screenshots, videos, artwork, and other media, visit the [Blizzard Entertainment press site](#).

With multiple games in development, Blizzard Entertainment has numerous positions currently available—visit jobs.blizzard.com for more information and to learn how to apply.

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* Sales and/or downloads, based on internal company records and reports from key distribution partners.

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