



Death Breathes New Life into Sanctuary

More than 2.7 million players join the crusade against the Angel of Death with the launch of Diablo® III: Reaper of Souls™

IRVINE, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Malthael claimed that no one could stop Death . . . actually, *Diablo® III* players have already stopped Death more than 1.5 million times and counting. On March 25, players the world over launched a crusade against the fallen angel with the release of *Diablo III: Reaper of Souls™* for Windows® and Mac®. As of the first week of the expansion's availability, more than 2.7 million copies have sold-through online and at retailers worldwide.*

Players, community personalities, and members of the press joined Blizzard to celebrate the expansion's release on the evening of March 24 at launch parties in Seoul, Taipei, Warsaw, Stockholm, and Los Angeles. The icy grasp of the Angel of Death reached players around the world through live streams from several of the events, with total *Diablo III* views on Twitch on launch day alone exceeding 2.4 million.†

"With *Reaper of Souls*, we wanted to emphasize all the things that Diablo gamers have always loved about the series, from the dark gothic setting to the piles and piles of epic loot," said Mike Morhaime, CEO and cofounder of Blizzard Entertainment. "We're excited to see that players are enjoying the changes we've made to the game, and we look forward to achieving our Paragon levels alongside everyone else in the weeks and months ahead."

Reaper of Souls continues the *Diablo III* story with a challenging new act that takes players from the legendary city of Westmarch to the unhallowed halls of the Pandemonium Fortress, culminating in an epic battle with Malthael, the Angel of Death. The expansion also adds the unstoppable Crusader class to *Diablo III*'s roster of heroes, and increases the game's level cap to 70, adding several powerful spells and abilities for the original five hero classes.

Other new features in *Reaper of Souls* include Adventure Mode: a new game mode that allows players to choose their own path across Sanctuary in total freedom; Bounties: randomized objectives that award gold and experience; Nephalem Rifts: fast-paced randomized dungeons offering endless replayability and heaps of loot; and the Mystic: a powerful new artisan who provides gear-customization options.

Diablo III: Reaper of Souls is available for purchase in retail stores throughout the U.S., Canada, Europe, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand, Southeast Asia, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macau, as well as digitally around the world via the game's official website (<http://www.diablo3.com/reaperofsouls>). The expansion will launch in Russia and the CIS, and at retail stores in Mexico, Chile, and Brazil, on April 15. *Reaper of Souls* has been fully localized in English, German, French, Latin American Spanish, European Spanish, Korean, Traditional Chinese, Russian, Italian, Polish, and Brazilian Portuguese.

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*Based on internal company records and reports from key distribution partners.

†Source: Twitch.

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