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*New Tython and Malachor*

**New Tython: Praxeum Ruins**

The [Arca Praxeum](https://wiki.darkjedibrotherhood.com/view/Arca\_Praxeum "Arca Praxeum"). Once sanctuary to the Jedi of New Tython, now a hill of blasted rock and ruined halls. The site is clearly visible on approach from space, a streak of black amidst the green valleys East of Menat Ombo city. The Jedi believed it to be a place of safety and isolation, but the deep canyon walls could not protect them against the hate of Darth Pravus.

The steep valley is located in western [Owyhyee](https://wiki.darkjedibrotherhood.com/view/New\_Tython#Owyhyee "Owyhyee Continent"), a temperate region with mild summers and wet winters. Nowadays the riverbed is mostly dry, the watercourse having been diverted by rockfalls. The cliff faces and hilltops are nearly bare of vegetation, with only sturdy grasses and stunted trees surviving in the burned earth.

The ancient temple itself clings to a cliff overlooking the valley. All of its structures have been flattened, only a few columns and jagged stone walls defy the constant wind. Hollow classrooms and halls are open to the elements; the once great library, its roof collapsed, is now just a deep pit of concentric circular levels. Entire portions of the hill have sloughed off in landslides, revealing empty rooms from within the rock. At the bottom of the cliff a waterfall fills a black pool, a clearing surrounded by charred, dead trees.

Occasionally temporary encampments spring up at the entrances to the valley. During the day scavengers will rifle through the rubble in search of valuable artifacts. During the night the place is strictly empty. The practically minded will say this is because there is no reason to search the ruins in the dark, but the scavengers themselves are just as likely to tell stories of ghostly sighs, of uncorporeal cries that tell of the hate and pain that poured into this valley.

Possible images:

* <http://smaragdia.deviantart.com/art/Ruins-of-a-Temple-298959577> by Smaragdia
* <http://rukkits.deviantart.com/art/Ruined-Temple-441847383> by Rukkits
* <http://ekokun.deviantart.com/art/Inside-Cave-Ruin-Temple-532801116> by ekokun
* <http://nele-diel.deviantart.com/art/The-old-Temple-509535406> by Nele-Diel

**Malachor: Sith Temple**

From space, [Malachor](http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Malachor "Malachor") seems no more than a lifeless ball of ash. In the center of an open crater, however, lies the ancient Sith Temple. This colossal pyramid of black stone is the relic of a disastrous battle between the forces of darkness and light thousands of years ago.

Though the surface of Malachor has a breathable atmosphere, the air is dead still, and there is no sign of life. The caldera housing the Temple is a tableau of the terrible struggle that took place here so many millennia ago. Scattered through the causeways and crumbling boulders are the petrified figures of the foregone combatants, their hands raised eternally against whatever cataclysm took the life from their bodies. Some still grasp their Jedi weapons, though most likely the life is gone from them too. The pallid white light of the sun spreads unhindered through the crater, but it does little to illumine the intrinsic darkness of the stones.

The Sith Temple is not a place of the light side. It is said the very stones react to the touch of the dark side. The pyramid itself is seemingly inaccessible, though its blocked entrance is associated with an old saying: “Two must lift these stones, no more, no less.” Despite its undeniable age, the crater is littered with signs of a more recent calamity; ash and debris, columns toppled outwards from the Temple, broken arches. It is as though the millennial dust stirred, briefly, then returned to its repose under the sun.

Possible images:

* <http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/File:Great_Scourge_of_Malachor_aftermath.png> by Disney
* <http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/File:Malachor-sith-temple.png> by Disney

Note: the end of Star Wars Rebels - “Twilight of the Apprentice” *seems* to show the crust covering the Sith Temple being blown away. That is how I interpreted it here.