* The current campaign is set around y861.
* About y832, a priest and scholar named Gruden Jaans began studying the Bostonian Church’s apocalypse which is known as The Reckoning.
* In the Reckoning, the Deceiver returns to the world and the Father puts him down in an epic final battle that consumes the world. The faithful are saved and spirited off into the kingdom of Stratus and the pagans and heathen are left to burn.
* The Reckoning is not a well known part of Bostonian theology. It is not widely written about or discussed. There are many reasons for this:
  + They fear the reaction of the rank and file clergy and the commoners when they learn that their beloved gods are ultimately going to destroy the world.
  + Not all theologians agree that the Reckoning exists. Many question the motives and the sanity of the prophets who wrote the passages in the Reckoning Book.
  + The book itself focuses on the darker aspects of humanity and makes several claims that most of humanity is under the sway of The Five. It is an unflattering portrayal of most aspects of Bostonian culture, including the nobility whose support the Church needs to maintain its wealth and power.
* After several years studying obscure texts, Jaans understood the conditions that would precede the Reckoning and realized that it was imminent.
* Moreover Jaans, being a cynical priest who had seen much corruption in the Church and the nobility, saw the wisdom of the Reckoning Book; humanity was under the sway of The Five and the Reckoning would cleanse the world.
* In y838, Jaans brought his findings to the elders of the Church in a secret meeting called the *Convocation to Consider the End of Days*.
* About 30 priests attended the meeting. The Grand Father and all 12 archbishops were there, along with other notables and scholars.
* Jaans presented his findings that the Reckoning was at hand and that the Church needed to prepare its parishioners to be judged. He even went so far as to imply that the Church should take steps to hurry the Reckoning so that this generation would see it.
* Grand Father Richelau dismissed Jaans’ theories about the date of the Reckoning and was angered at the thought of the Church taking steps to trigger it. He ended the Convocation and though he did not accuse Jaans of heresy on the spot, he did quietly list him for sanction.
* Only a few days after the Convocation, Jaans disappeared. The official word was that he left the priesthood and became a monk to get in touch with his faith. In reality, Jaans was killed because of his extreme ideas.
* The sanctioner sent to kill Jaans was named Elebrand and he, like Jaans, had been exposed to the worst of the corruption in Bostonian society. So, though he completed his mission, he saved Jaan’s writing and ultimately decided to continue his work, becoming the true founder of the rogue sect of the Church called the *Reckoners*.