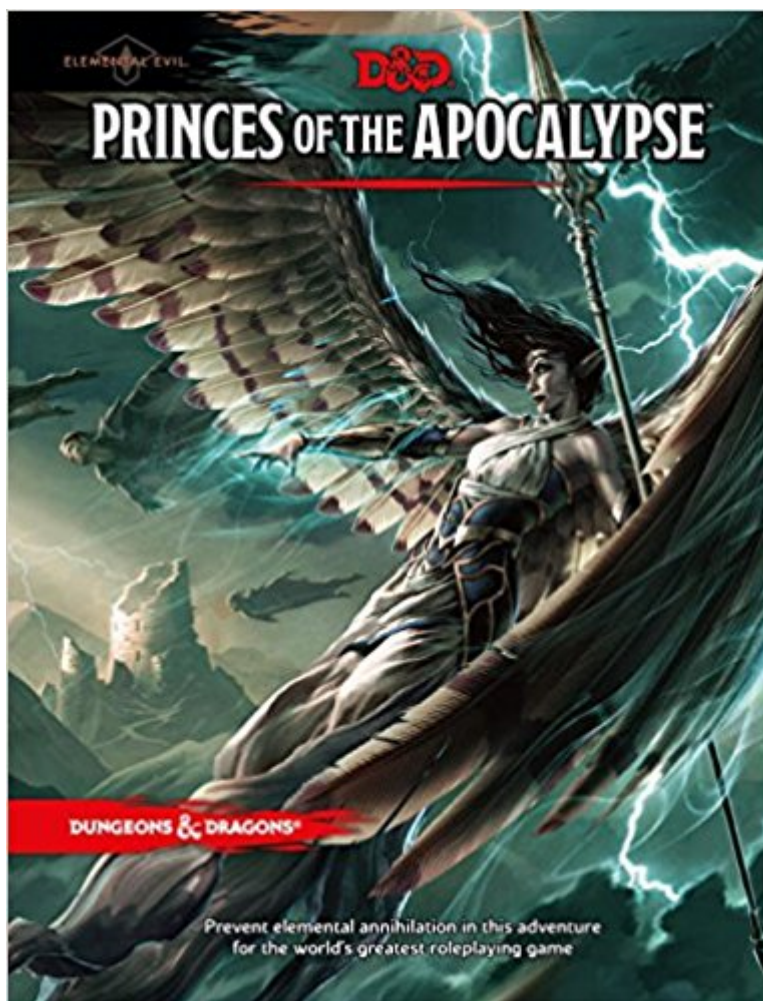




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Synopsis

Abolish an Ancient Evil Threatening Devastation in this Adventure for the World's Greatest Roleplaying Game

Called by the Elder Elemental Eye to serve, four corrupt prophets have risen from the depths of anonymity to claim mighty weapons with direct links to the power of the elemental princes. Each of these prophets has assembled a cadre of cultists and creatures to serve them in the construction of four elemental temples of lethal design. It is up to adventurers from heroic factions such as the Emerald Enclave and the Order of the Gauntlet to discover where the true power of each prophet lay, and dismantle it before it comes boiling up to obliterate the Realms.

An epic adventure for characters levels 1 to 15, the Elemental Evil story arc, Princes of the Apocalypse provides everything a Dungeon Master needs to create an exciting and memorable play experience.

Includes new elemental spells and the element-touched genasi as a new playable race.

Fans of the Dungeons & Dragons® Roleplaying Game can get a sample of what this product has in store for them through the D&D Encounters in-store play program.

Adventure design and development by Sasquatch Game Studio LLC.

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Customer Reviews

I am enjoying 5e and I think for the most part the books are good quality. Monsters in the back are not sorted alphabetically but by cult which actually is rather nice. Some spoilers ahead for players. I

ran this through to completion with my group and I'd say it ran fairly well and we all enjoyed it. It's a sandbox so you have some frustrating jumping back and forth in the book for references but overall it is not terrible. The dungeons are fun and have some interesting encounters. However I found that some of the encounters required the cults to be unreasonably naive especially near the end of the campaign which required a little bit of adjustment. As with any sandbox you need to either adjust dungeons to meet a party's level or forewarn them to run away or avoid things that are too strong for them. This does lead to interesting dungeon runs if your players are particularly stubborn though. The first fire temple dungeon will forever be known as hamburger hill in my heart. One beef I have with the setting is that you can play through the entire campaign to level 15 which is not an insignificant time investment and you only fight 1 of the princes. Personally I leveled everyone up to 20 after they killed their prince and then had them fight it out in a battle royale against all 4 of the princes at the same time. Naturally the party got some cool magic items to help them out. My last criticism is that the dungeon crawl can get a bit much. All the dungeons are interconnected so once you get underground there's really no driving reason to leave the dungeons especially if you are using the flag system. We decided to have a side quest day to switch it up a bit but really once you are in the dungeons it is just a huge dungeon filled with monsters without much to pull them out. I recommend this campaign for people who prefer a good sandbox and dungeon crawl. I do not recommend this adventure to groups that want a ton of social interaction with NPCs in towns in between dungeons, or always want to fight level appropriate monsters. Naturally a good DM can fix any of those issues it just requires a bit more work.

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they certainly succeeded. There's a great use of artwork here and I am a sucker for anything based on the elements to begin with. Loved seeing scenes from the book brought to life for this.

The Campaign

The campaign arc represents the meat and potatoes of the book. The core story is a Super Adventure meant to take characters from level 3 to 15, with a number of adventures in the "Alarms and Excursions" portion of the book that will help characters get to level 3 if you are starting from scratch. Another nice touch is a series of hooks you can use to bring players over who have finished running *Lost Mines of Phandelver*. The Elemental Princes are all wildly interesting antagonists, as are their cults, and the adventure paths your players will take may differ wildly from another table. I am happily surprised at the openness of this campaign. *Tyranny of Dragons* had a bit of sandbox to it but *PotA* does the better job of it. Especially because while the players are meddling there are ways for the cults they face to react to said meddling, as one would expect to be honest. Plus I love that the whole thing is contained in one book. Hopefully we see that more often going forward.

Additional Content

Along with a solid Campaign to run *WotC*, and their partners for this endeavor *Sasquatch Game Studio*, have presented a number of new player options as well. Within the pages there are a number of new magical items for the DM to reward players with, or ruin their day with if the items lay within the grasp of their enemies. We are also greeted with a bevy of new spells for the various classes that use them, most spells having a bit of that elemental slant to them you would expect from such a story. Lastly we have a brand new race for players to begin using, the elemental focused Genasi we know and love from previous editions. One of the cooler aspects of this additional player content is that you can find most of it, the Genasi details and the spells, in .pdf form on the *WotC* website. The magic items are adventure specific though.

In Conclusion

I continue to be a fan of the physical materials *Wizards* has been putting out. I love that they have been working with different RPG studios to create the content as well. Both *Kobold Press* and *Sasquatch Game Studio* have brought unique elements to their work they've done with the design team proper for *Dungeons and Dragons*. I like that trend and hope it continues. If you're looking for some great DM content or even an entire Campaign arc for your table check this book out, it's a great read and some solid adventuring!

A great pickup campaign for those who do not have a lot of time on their hands, but love and are good at DMing. Fun for the players as it does not railroad them, but gives them plenty of choices. I run a campaign with 7 players. Things did not go as the book seems to have expected them to, but is fluid enough to allow the DM to work through those kinds of things. I highly recommend this

campaign and other products published by Sasquatch Games (the creators of the campaign.)

Adding a great supply to the core game this adventure pits you against some powerful elements of DnD. One of the best sandbox adventures in 5th Edition the book has loads of flavor for the DM to enjoy and supply the players with an imaginative world.

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