

BEYOND THE STEPS OF STONE

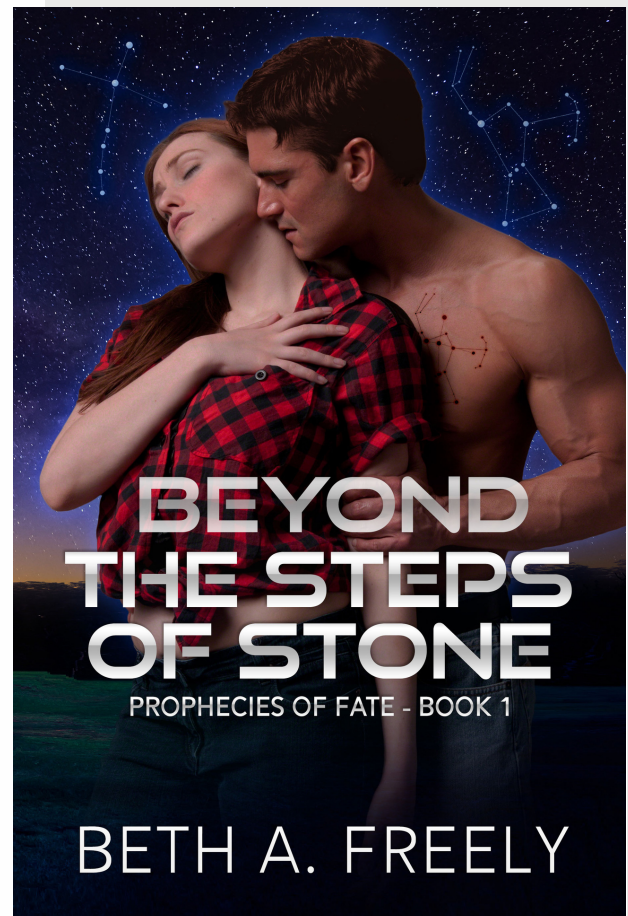
Synopsis: Army Ranger Colonel Morgan Langtree has awoken from cryogenic stasis to discover that her own world has become alien to her. Earth, now a virtual Garden of Eden, is both beautiful – and dangerous. Now responsible for all of the survivors of the Area 51 base, Langtree sets out to discover what happened to her world...

...and why they slept for 1,500 years longer than intended.

Following her late commanding officer's instructions, Langtree and her team set off for the Belize Valley Area and the city of Lamanai. She finds a thriving society based on Central American Indians of millennia before in the remains of the city as well as the Lamanai's gods.

Enter Lord Jericho Juriath, the charismatic leader of a race of aliens known as the Allorvians. He has brought the remainder of his people to Earth, a planet his own ancestors helped seed long before the birth of Christ. Earth was to be a safe haven, a thriving planet his people could settle on, disappearing into human society. But, like Colonel Langtree, Juriath has found a world devoid of cities and technology. With too many riddles that need solving – and a prophecy he's not sure he believes in – Juriath is left wondering what happened.

Both leaders are forced to make a choice: forge an alliance with one another or go their own way. Can they move past their differences and find love, securing the prophecy that will save both of their people before the Allorvian's enemies find them? Or are they doomed to repeat history and become slaves to a race older than time?



Excerpt

Jericho briefly closed his eyes, opening them to gaze down at her. His own controlled rage was barely in check. Isaiah was right. Their link was already so strong that their emotions bled into one another. "I can spare you this if you tell me the truth. Please, Morgan. Do not make me do this." His eyes met hers as she looked up at him insolently. Mordecai moaned at their feet as she pushed his hand further back in defiance. "Let him go and I will make sure you are not harmed," he insisted, his blue eyes pleading, although the rest of his face was a perfect mask.

Morgan shook her head. "Swear to me right now that my people and the people of Earth will not be harmed," she replied softly. "You swear it right now on everything you hold dear, and I will walk to that table and let her do her thing."

Jericho's nostrils flared and he nodded. "I swear on the love I have for you that no harm will come to you or the people of this world," he stated quietly.

Morgan's eyes locked with his. "How do I know you mean it? That you love me?" she whispered.

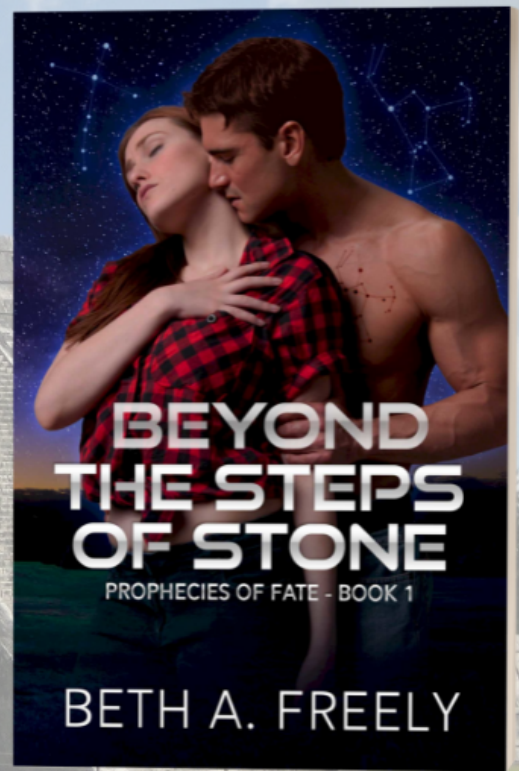
"Because even through all of this, I have not removed my armband from your arm. Because I still intend to make you my wife. We are already connected. You feel it the same as I do." He leaned in to whisper. "Please. Help me save both our people. Once we do that, we can fix this between us."

His breath was warm on her ear, and it sent a shiver through her. "We need to talk about your manner of proposal...among other things," she whispered back.

One Army Colonel. One alien leader. One prophecy.

The fate of Earth is in their hands.

Can they come together in enough time to save it before an old enemy arrives?



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"The Loch" is her third novel.

"Beyond The Steps Of Stone" is her most recent novel.

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