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In the Mood for Doom

A survey of Tolkien's paradoxical use of the word "doom" in The Lord of the Rings. Does doom mean "judgment"? Does doom mean "fate"? Does doom mean both at once? Doom is a really important Tolkien word. We'll look at the raw "doom" data (a tally of every time Tolkien uses the word in the LOTR), then we'll dive into specific examples of how Tolkien uses the word to mean predestined fate and/or free will.

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