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- Season 1—all episodes
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- Season 3—all episodes
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- Film: *Thirdspace*
- Season 4—remaining episodes
- Film: *In the Beginning* (see note below *)
- Season 5—stop after episode "Objects at Rest"
- Film: *River of Souls*
- Film: *The Legend of the Rangers*
- Film: *A Call to Arms*
- *Crusade* (see note below **)*
- Film: *The Lost Tales*
- Season 5—episode "Sleeping in Light" (see note below ***)

* Note regarding *In the Beginning*: Technically, this film doesn't take place between seasons 4 and 5. However, that's the best time to watch it, as that's when it aired and it contains many spoilers about the first four seasons, so watching it any earlier than that will ruin a lot of surprises for you.

** Note regarding *Crusade*: This series is presented in the wrong episode order on DVD, and should instead be viewed in the following order (endorsed by the show's creator), as the DVD order makes no sense whatsoever and seriously decreases viewing enjoyment:

- "War Zone"
- "The Long Road"
- "Ruling from the Tomb"
- "Appearances and Other Deceits"
- "The Memory of War"
- "The Needs of Earth"
- "Racing the Night"
- "Visitors from Down the Street"
- "Each Night I Dream of Home"
- "The Path of Sorrows"
- "Patterns of the Soul"
- "The Well of Forever"
- "The Rules of the Game"

*** Note regarding the *B5* finale, "Sleeping in Light": This really should be viewed last, for a number of reasons. For one thing, it takes place after all the movies chronologically. For another thing, *River of Souls, The Legend of the Rangers, A Call to Arms, Crusade and The Lost Tales*, though all enjoyable to some degree, are a drop in quality from the regular series, so watching the *B5* finale last means you get to end on a powerful and beautiful note that will leave you satisfied... whereas if you watch it before the films, you'll end your viewing on *The Lost Tales*, which is the weakest of the films and will leave you feeling disappointed. Plus, "Sleeping in Light," without giving anything away, provides closure for the entire saga, so it makes sense to see it after everything else.

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