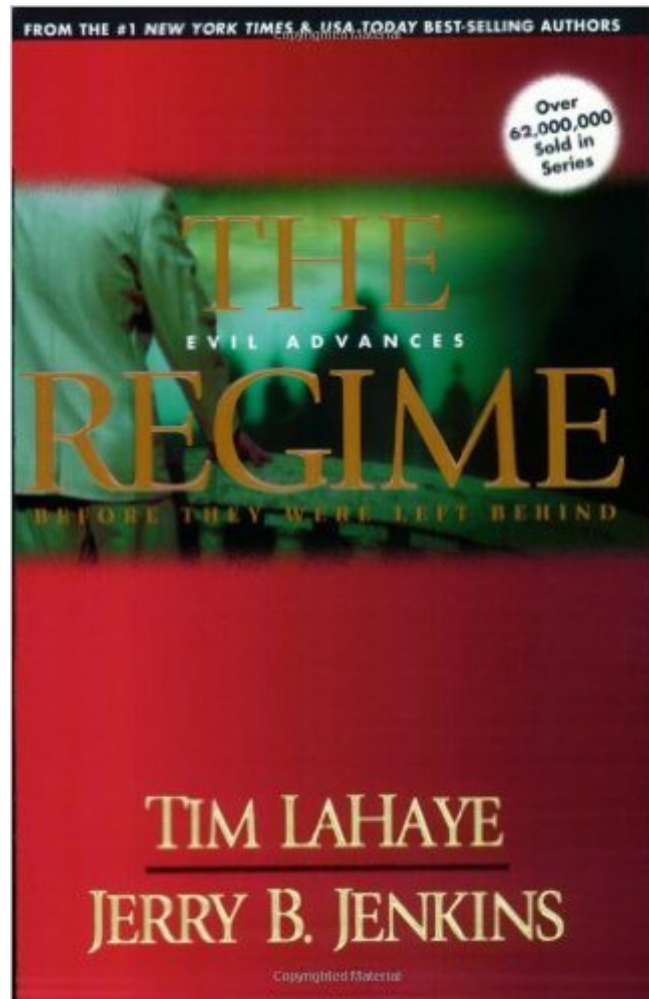


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Synopsis

Dynamic Romanian multimillionaire Nicolae Carpathia's sphere of influence steadily grows as he parlays his looks, charm, charisma, and intellectual brilliance into success in business and politics. But is it mere coincidence that those who oppose or offend him suffer to the point of death? Meanwhile, a young Buck Williams begins his journalistic career. Pilot Rayford Steele gains more responsibility at work and at home. Scientist Chaim Rosenzweig begins work on a secret formula that could change the world. All three go about their daily lives, unaware of each other or of the powerful young man from Romania. Around the world, the stage is being set for the cataclysmic event that will change the world forever.

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Customer Reviews

As part of the Left Behind series, this is one of the two prequels. This one picks up where The Rising left off and ends before the events in Left Behind. We basically have five stories interwoven together. First, we read of Rayford Steele's climb at Pan-Continental Airlines. Hattie Durham appears in the background. This story blends with Irene Steele's desire to join the New Hope church with her family. Here, the writers show us the mounting tension between Irene and Rayford as well as between Irene and Chloe. The arguments we read are arguments we hear (or use) every day. This helps connect us with the book's message. Rayford's professional life will blend into the story of Jordanian fighter pilot Abdullah "Smitty" Ababneh and his black market business. We learn that he and Rayford have a history, the extent of which isn't quite pointed out in later books. The fourth story

is about the continuing climb of Nicolae Carpathia. His rise to power is the other main story, and it parallels Rayford's professional rise. Aunt Viv's character seems already to be on Nicolae's nerves, which is odd given her position in later books. Also, Leon Fortunato enters the scene, but he seems more powerful, trusted, and intelligent than depicted in later books. Nicolae's story blends slightly with the last story: Cameron "Buck" Williams' rise as a journalist. We also see his getting the nickname. A discussion with Buck's brother shows a problem with the narration in that all the characters have the same "flow" to their speech as well as the same basic vocabulary. I would like to see more variation in character voices to help differentiate between them. Although the prequels don't follow a biblical timeline like the other Left Behind books, I would recommend this book if you have already read the others. This book does not stand on its own.

As with all books in this series, this book was excellent! I used to have the entire set (with the exception of the 3 prequels and the 1 sequel) but had given them away after I had read them all about 6 times. Then I got a craving to read them again, so I purchased a complete set including the prequels and the sequel. I also bought an entire set for my sister. These books are the type that you want to keep reading over and over. My sister just started on the first book and says she doesn't want to put it down! We both absolutely love the writing and the content. These books have blessed my life and I HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE ENTIRE SET TO ANYONE AND EVERYONE...ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE WAVERING ABOUT THEIR BELIEF IN GOD AND THE MESSIAH, JESUS CHRIST. IF THESE BOOKS DON'T WAKE THEM UP TO THE TRUTH, THEN THEY MAY HAVE ALREADY HARDENED THEIR HEARTS AGAINST CHRIST OUR SAVIOR AND GOD. God bless Mr. LaHaye and Mr. Jenkins as they have blessed countless people with these books.

The first prequel book dealt mostly with Carpathia's frumpy mother and while it was fun to read the conspiracy theory behind the whole plot surrounding her and her son Nicolae, you have to admit there wasn't much to connect with the original series. This prequel deals with Carpathia and you can see his true nature before he masquerades as a good guy to the world, in the original series. We get to see Rayford and Irene's married life and how stressful it really was. We get to see how good Buck really is at writing, so much so, a girl won't date him because she feels he is too in love with his career. Buck's mom dies and Buck does not make it until her funeral which upsets his family, esp. his brother. Someone said this book didn't have enough action, but I am not sure what they were expecting. This book takes place before billions of people disappear, before God pours out

supernatural judgments, before the Antichrist is possessed by Satan and wants all the Christians slaughtered. All of these events are very supernatural and exciting and cause for a very gripping story. Still, I don't see how you could expect to see the same type of action in the prequels, at all. It doesn't make sense. This story is about the personal lives of the main characters before the end times events occur, and while intriguing, they aren't full of too much action and suspense. It is unrealistic to expect anything more than that and for what we got from Jenkins is very well written and realistic story. I say good job, Jenkins. I really wouldn't care if he wrote a new book every year, you can get them for \$12 at Sam's Club. After all this time, call me crazy, but I feel I know the characters. That doesn't happen when you read just any book, that is a sign that the author is an excellent author and can make you connect with the characters. Again, A+ for Jenkins.

I have never sat down and read 14 books back to back before this series of books. I was enthralled from chapter to chapter and book to book - all the way to the end...I never got bored and I spent many nights staying up too late reading these books....they are wonderful!

This entire series is EXCELLENT. Tim LaHaye & Jerry Jenkins have delved into to the Gospels of the Bible and written the best (my opinion) fiction that is fact-based on what the Gospels teach us. I lost my original set of the 16 books of this series when I moved to another state. I was heart-broken to say the least. Thanks to the sellers on I have replaced every book at very reasonable prices. Thank you Tim LaHaye & Jerry Jenkins for bringing this series to us. I have read several of your books in this series at least three times. With each reading one sees more and more and understands a lot. I also have their book "Are We Living In End Times"this book may have been published in 2000... but for the 27 % of the Gospels that we don't spend time to study about...it's astonishing how much of this book reflects the world today in 2013. A MUST READ ALSO!

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