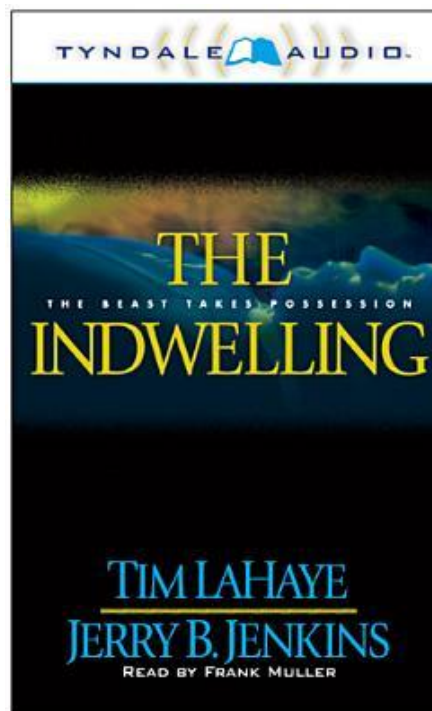




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"The Indwelling, " book number seven in the best-selling Left Behind series, marks the beginning of the second half of the seven year Tribulation period. The question of who killed Nicolae at the end of book number six, "Assassins, " will be answered. Readers will experience the horrors of God's judgment and the hope of salvation as they follow Rayford, Buck, Chloe, and the rest of the Tribulation Force in heart-stopping action.

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Jeff Bowman says

bad dialogue. very slow plot progression. Signs of racism and bigotry.

Geoff Battle says

Whereas the last few entries in this epic series regarding the End of Days have been somewhat wearisome, The Indwelling offers both lighter and darker tones in equal amounts and is ultimately more refreshing for it. The witty banter evidences the authors having some fun and just in time to save the Left Behind series from becoming a chore. The action takes a back burner, although there is still one memorable set piece, and the focus is twofold. Initially there is still the big reveal regarding the Assassination from the last book and in the other two thirds there is the set-up and execution of the Indwelling - the transference of Satan. With some unforeseen twists along the way The Indwelling is interesting from start to close with plenty of adventure and intrigue. There are still some characters with too much seemingly redundant narrative, building them up for future parts, however considering there is no big finale the authors have produced a decent mid-series book.

Melissa Cunning says

I find I just seem to soar right through each book of this series because I haven't been able to put it down! And I love the lessons and teachings I learn as I go! Oddly enough, It's Chaim Rosenweig I still question throughout all this. There's something just not right there, even if he is a believer now. I rally hope Buck doesn't wind up sacrificing himself for him, because he's already come way too close!

My hatred for Carpathia just keeps growing and growing! I mean, how dare he use Jesus' words as his own after the indwelling! It left a bitter taste in my mouth.

I am confused about Chloe's choices surrounding Kenny though. I'm not sure we'd see eye to eye. I understanding not wanting your child to die at the hands of the GC, but I'm not sure she's fighting for him the right way either.

And where will this end with Hattie? She's in hiding as much as The Tribulation Force (supposedly) so where's her inside information coming from?

After 7 books, I'm shocked it only bring us to the half way point of the Tribulation. I'm so intrigued to find out where this will lead and how it will end!

Neil says

This was a crazy book. I would rate it between 2.8 stars and 3 stars, rounded up to 3 stars. It takes place over

a very short period of time (like, maybe a week, at most). It introduces a bunch of new characters, builds on some introduced at the end of the last book, and further develops the main characters. Overall, I think I enjoyed it more than I thought I would; maybe I rate it 3.1 to 3.3 stars, rounded down. I do not know. It has a couple of moments I would call "intense, action-packed" as I could "feel" the tension of the moment. Most of the book, though, is verbiage. A lot of conversations. People flying and talking. People driving and talking. People walking and talking. People running and talking. People fleeing and talking. People sitting and talking. People standing . . . well, you get the point. A lot of talking.

(view spoiler)

(view spoiler)

Quite a bit happens in this book. (view spoiler)

It was a crazy book, mostly because the Tribulation Force was trying to find missing members, reconnect, and gather back together at a centralized location. I did enjoy reading it; it was slow in some parts and definitely moved fast in other parts. (view spoiler) I am kinda looking forward to the next novel; I think I stopped reading the series around volume nine or ten. The cover on this book was decent; the cover on the next book is kuh-RAY-zee! On to the next novel.

Karol says

I found myself enjoying the character Chaim Rozenzweig in this one. I still find the characters one-dimensional and pretty shallow in their relationships. I especially dislike Rayford, Chloe, Hattie and Leah. So why did I keep reading? Simply because the interpretation of prophecy by these authors is so interesting and compelling.

Brenda Humphreys says

Every book in this series is very interesting and I am really learning a lot. In my daily bible reading I come across passages about the end times, and now I understand them. I like the characters in the book, especially the ones that are close to the antichrist. In this book the antichrist dies and the characters in the book try to figure out how exactly he died. Also the statue of carpathia is made . I enjoy the suspense and great storytelling while keeping to the facts the bible reveals.

Ashton says

This book was somewhat redeeming compared to the last one. It continues the exciting stories of the believers and brings Rayford back to where he should be. I dislike that the author felt it was necessary, for

whatever reason, to totally change Rayford's character but I'm glad to see that he is back to his normal self so he's a believable character again. The story moves forward at a good pace in this book and I was pretty much glued to it ever time I picked it up, only stopping when I had to.

I have found something that I dislike about the series in general, though. The main characters often meet other believers for a brief period of time and then these characters often die soon after. I understand that this is a dangerous period and that death is a common theme. I actually have no problem with characters dying. What I am developing a problem with is that none of the main characters die. It is unrealistic to see that so many other people die while they are mainly protected from the worst of it. It just doesn't make logical sense. This is a theme I'm noticing throughout all the books, not this one in specific, however. This book was pretty interesting and I don't have any specific complaints about it.

Carla René says

By now, not only were the editorial mistakes but the grammar mistakes getting on my nerves, but the story seems to simply fall apart in this installment.

The plot for this one was that Nicolae dies and upon his resurrection, becomes "indwelt" by Satan himself. That, I have no problem with, because that's Scriptural.

But what I did have the problem with was the now-normal strained plot twists. As readers, we're expected to suspend a part of our disbelief, but Jenkins takes things too far and expects way too much of us as readers with his insidious reasons as to why things happen. I understand that due to logistics, one camp can't know what the other is doing or else they would die, but he is now obviously way in over his head, trying to incorporate technical jargon that strains that disbelief to its breaking point. Instead of leaving some of this to the imagination of the reader, which will keep us engaged, he makes stupid character statements such as, "But you have GOT to remain where you are. We need you in this position, since you must be available to change databases once a team member travels to another country."

Is he SERIOUS?? Change databases?? Apparently Jenkins assumes the rest of us are too stupid or complete ludites that we wouldn't have the foggiest clue what a database is, or that in this particular context, that statement is the dumbest thing that could've come from the man's fingertips.

It annoys me when ANY author, Christian or otherwise, assumes ignorance or stupidity on the part of the reader, and Jenkins is apparently of that camp. Suddenly, things that didn't bother me in the first four books are really ripping me a new one now, and I just want to jump through the book and throttle him.

Stepheny says

While things get harder and harder for our Tribulation Saints, the story gets darker and darker. Each trial and tribulation is proving to test our group members in different ways forcing them to search for a strength they don't know if they have. If you plan on picking this series up, I would stop reading this review because there are potential spoilers ahead.

In our last installment Rayford was having an internal struggle with himself. Dealing with grief and anger he decided the only way to appease these feelings was to murder the Antichrist. Leaving both Leah and Buck stranded in different parts of the world, he goes rogue and purchases a gun on the black market. Not just any

gun, but one that is guaranteed to have devastating effects on its target. This gun, coincidentally, is the same on the Antichrist used to murder the two witnesses in Jerusalem.

Rayford, having made up his mind, attends the Gala with the intent to kill Carpathia. Only the gun won't fire when he has an open shot. Then he gets bumped by someone- was that Hattie? Couldn't be! She's been captured by the GC and is being held against her will! The gun goes off. Chaos ensues. There is madness everywhere as people flee the area. Assassins left off with us not knowing who actually killed Carpathia. As there were a few different people with ample opportunity to pull the proverbial trigger, it's the ultimate cliffhanger and whodunit.

Unfortunately, the Indwelling does not come right out and give away all the secrets. The first few chapters go over the details of what may or may not have happened. Then as the story unfolds, it is finally revealed somewhere in the middle of the book. But the GC is still spinning its own web of lies and laying the murder at the feet of Rayford Steele. After all, there is video evidence of him aiming a weapon at Carpathia.

As everyone else is out on secret missions, Chloe and Tsion are tasked with holding down the fort. The two of them are caring for Chloe and Buck's son, Kenny. Trying to make sense of all that is being played out on national television about the murder of Carpathia and Rayford being the accused, Chloe comes to a very difficult decision. She informs Tsion of her intentions and asks him to carry out her plan in the event that she is unable to. So distraught at the mere thought of her son being taken into GC custody, she intends to kill her son and then herself if their safe house is discovered.

The GC community is planning for the grandest of all funerals. The Tribulation Force is once again scattered everywhere. There is an extreme amount of pressure and stress on all of them for their own reasons. On top of that they are concerned for their brothers and sisters who are spread so wide. The time is coming where the believers are going to be forced into hiding because they will require a mark to make purchases in the GC. Those that are hiding their identities as believers are coming to terms that their lives are soon to be turned upside down.

We have some major revelatory moments in this one. An out-of-this world experience for one of our believers. An almost-rebirth of another. A fresh start for two. And a brand spanking new believer. But amidst all of this, we lose yet another valued member.

These books continue to captivate me. Right time, right place kind of thing? Who knows? All I know is that I am enjoying the ever-loving shit out of them. I had to take a brief hiatus while I read another book with some pantsless people but I can't wait to get back into it. As I have already said before, I am excited to see where the series goes.

Mallory says

After the killing of Carpathia, everyone is either on the run or in hiding. As the world pours into Jerusalem for the funeral, Rayford looks to make his escape, having been named the Global Community's number one suspect. Meanwhile, the entire Tribulation Force waits in dreadful anticipation for Nicolae's inevitable reincarnation. I feel like Hattie's storyline has petered out and I'm wondering why so much focus is still on her character. I did appreciate the discussion that revolved around one central character over motives for conversion. It was a good highlight to show that not everyone has the same reasons for coming to Christ, but that doesn't make their decision tainted or less pure. The Lord knows the heart of every individual.

Favorite quotes: "...religion is man's attempt to reach God, while Jesus is God's attempt to reach man."

David says

After getting wrapped up in the characters and feeling the need to find out what happens to them was the only reason I continued to read all the books in the series. The authors definately knew how to draw someone in and keep it just entertaining enough for them not to put it down and never think of it again - barely. I read the series for it's fiction appeal, not the biblical meanings, so was a bit disappointed in the writings. If the authors had cut some of the scripture and backstory each book could have been condensed, or there could have not been 12 books, minus the three prequels that came out also. But, they sure knew how to sell books, which seems to be part of the reason there are so many.

Naomi Bowen says

I wanted to look like this one. After all, it had exciting elements - the mystery of who killed the Antichrist, the exposure of the safe house, more well-known characters coming to faith, heavenly visions & Satan himself coming to dwell in Carpathia the Antichrist.

But this book fell a bit flat for me. The writing's often slow & the characters quite bland (Chloe in particular is getting on my nerves)

But the book isn't terrible & has some thought provoking points.

Kevin Godfrey says

What this book portrays is not nearly as scary as when it actually happens as the book of Revelation reveals. The Antichrist will someday be indwelled by Satan and this will mark the beginning of the Great Tribulation. It is important to realise this is a work of fiction that probably doesn't do justice to what will actually happen but it is still a good attempt to give a glimpse of this terrifying time that is to come.

Alexander says

This was the seventh installment to the Left Behind Series and by far the most intense. A very intense book that will keep you reading until the very end.

Pros

Intense

Suspense

Clift hangers

Easy to ready

Character and plot interactions

Cons

A few slow spots

Joanna says

I'm not sure how I originally started on this series. I believe the 7th book was priced through B&N as a bargain so I figured I'd snag it. What I didn't know when I bought it that though it fell under a category I usually read (fantasy, sci-fi, etc... I no longer remember which) it was also classified as a christian book.

Had I known that, I more than likely would not have picked up the first six, as I do not consider myself a part of any denomination, falling between being a complete athiest and agnostic. With that said I am not ignorant to religions. I did take several world religion classes in college and though I found them interesting I never believed in them as more than, although not always good, interesting stories nonetheless.

So, do I like the series? From a purely fictional end-of-the world science fiction standpoint, yes. I found them easy reads. Were the characters memorable, no. Did it teach me things about the so called end of days, of course. Do I know how acurate it is? Not a clue.

The only issue I have with the books is when the characters postrate themselves on the floor and spew scripture. I found myself rolling my eyes and skipping those pages. Like I said I'm not a religious person, so I have no interest in people devoting their entire being, body and soul, to the big G.

If it was a little less godly and more sci-fi I would have given the books in the later series 3 stars, but I got tired of feeling like I was getting brow beaten into believing in JC and God...or else.

Donald Owens II says

The seventh and last nail in the coffin of my youthful premillenialism. I can't imagine now why I slogged through seven of these contrivances, but that was a long time ago. Bad writing doesn't fix bad eschatology. But it sometimes reveals it.

Valerie says

I know I would probably be complaining if everyone came out of this with their lives, but it's tiring to get invested in a character only to have them die, even if you have only just gotten to know them. I feel this book was much better than the rest. You came into it with more questions than the other books, such as where was Hattie, will their safe house finally be discovered (because, let's face it, it was a bit too obvious for me), and how long could the believers actually keep working for the GC without getting caught? I was surprised at who really killed Carpathia and I found the character development even more profound in this one than others: Rayford had to face why he wanted to be the one to kill Carpathia, Chaim's reluctance against Carpathia without being a believer, Chloe's fear and plan of keeping her baby from the enemy, how Albie will fit it. And finally they leave the safe house (if it were me, I'd have been out of there ages ago). Due to the fast pace of the book and the small time frame it covered, I didn't want to put it down.

Oceana says

3.5/5

I started off uneasy about this book. It triggered me to get my Bible out and investigate with my mom what Revelation says about the Antichrist and his death. The twist sure was tricky!

I am more than interested to pick up the next book now!

Gayle Gordon says

Borrowed from Commerce Public Library.

I gave this fewer stars because I found too many inconsistencies in it from the other books. I noticed that a little in the last couple of books, but it wasn't too bad. This one just has too many continuity errors, factual errors, plot holes, unexplained things that should be explained, and characters talking and acting out of character. I even double-checked to make sure it was written by the same guys! I hope the other books improve because I would like to get to the end of this series. I'm still enjoying the story.

Kathy says

There's an old joke about St Paul leading the newly deceased through heaven and as they stop at each door, you can hear a party going on inside. "That's the Methodists," he'd explain. Or, "That's the Episcopalians." Finally, he came to a door that was really quiet. Inside were people praying. "Shh," he said, "That's the Fundamentalists. They think they're the only ones here."

THAT'S what this series of books reminds me of. I DON'T believe there is only one and true way to God, and to heaven, but I am interested in the author's interpretation of Revelation. I just wish he'd hurry up and get to the end.
