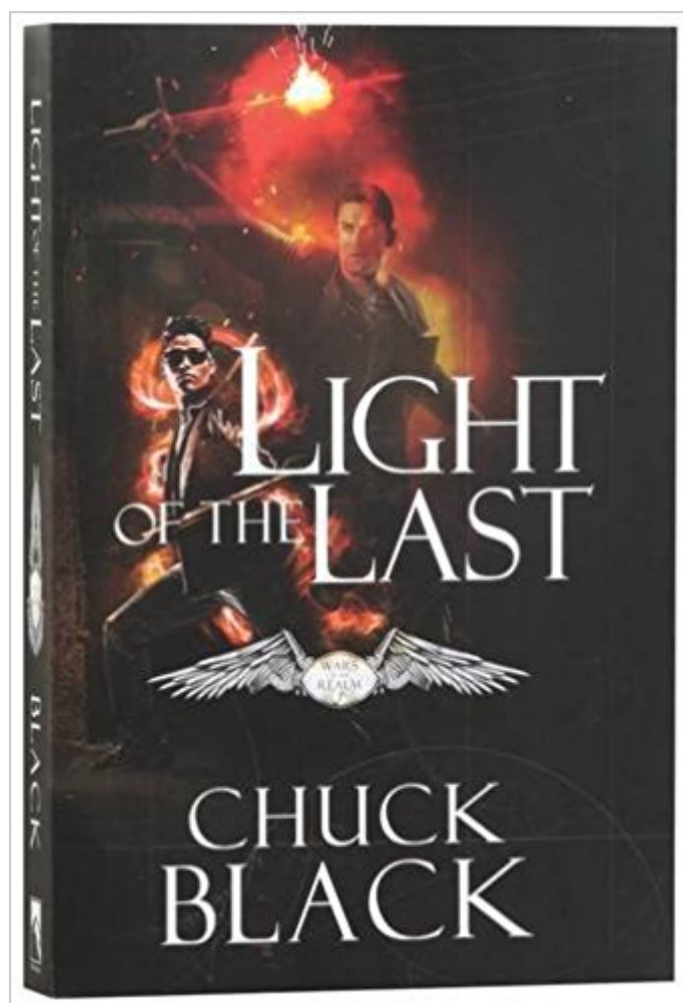


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Synopsis

To Fight What Others Can't See You Must See What Others Don't See After an accident left him temporarily blind, Drew Carter didn't just regain his sight. He now sees what others can't imagine an entire spiritual realm of mighty beings at war. Forget the gift, Drew just wants his life back. Part of that involves Sydney Carlyle, a woman he is inexplicably drawn to. When he's offered the chance to become a CIA agent, it seems the way to redeem his past. The only problem his visions of the supernatural realm are increasing in frequency. It's up to the warrior angel Validus and his hand-picked team of heavenly agents to protect the unbelieving Drew. Validus now knows that the young man is at the epicenter of a global spiritual war, and the angels must use a millennia of battle experience keep Drew alive, for the Fallen want him dead. Surrounded by spiritual warriors and targeted by demons, Drew's faced with an impossible decision that will forever alter the destiny of America...and his own soul.

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This is a speculative work of fiction not intended to confuse or diminish the truth of God's holy and inspired Word. Where the Bible is silent, I have taken literary freedom to construct a

fictional account of the angels of heaven and their association and interaction with each other and with humanity. The intent of this book is, through fiction, to open our eyes to the reality of spiritual warfare as described in Scripture. I have made every attempt not to contradict the Bible in any way but rather to use it as a foundation upon which to inspire serious contemplation about our eternity and ultimately to give honor and glory to God. The Readers Guide that follows will carefully delineate the truth of God's Word from the fiction of this story. Please take the time to read and understand it so that there is no confusion regarding solid biblical doctrine. --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

Chuck Black is the author of more than a dozen novels, including the popular Kingdom Series and The Knights of Arrethtrae series. As a design engineer, he's invented or co-invented 11 patented construction products and spent eight years in the Air Force traveling the world as a tactical combat communications engineer and an F-16 fighter pilot. Chuck and his wife, Andrea, have six children and live in North Dakota.

I read Cloak of the Light when it first came out. I loved every second of it, even when I moved onto the second book and parts of it seemed a bit unnecessary. But when I began reading this book, doubts crept in. Would this book finish the trilogy in a complete and satisfying way? Would it be filled with unneeded filler? Would it live up to the first one, and would it surpass the second? I need not have worried. This book is everything you want it to be. Yes, there are a few stereotypical situations (CIA training, Mission Impossible-esque endgame, SPOILER the guy becoming a Christian), but these are more than made up for by a lovable yet flawed hero, mature story-telling, and a creative plot. I really enjoyed how Chuck Black tackled challenging issues in real and meaningful ways. What are citizens to do when faced with widespread catastrophe and corruption? When a government fails, how should the people respond? Who is the highest authority when employed in a government position - the POTUS, or the Lord? Should radical Islam be treated in a manner befitting its horrific results? Does global unity warrant the loss of national sovereignty? All these and more were answered in a varying degrees, more so than I thought possible in this genre. The plot is creative and highlighted specific instances of angels vs. demons and humanity vs. humanity. Our hero, Drew Carter, must cope with his abilities and rationalize what he is seeing. And yes, he does turn into somewhat of a super hero at some points, but that is balanced by the realization that compared to the higher angels and demons, Drew is not nearly equal without faith in Christ. The angels, while again somewhat stereotypical, were personable. The stakes were raised, and the ending is one that

will satisfy you and leave you thinking long after you read the final page. On a spiritual level, I believe that while Chuck Black did take some liberties, there was nothing that jumped out at me as directly contradicting Scripture. Not only that, I believe that it enhanced some thinking on specific biblical topics that I already had. Very thought-provoking! The steps Drew took to becoming a Christian, while somewhat clichéd, nevertheless were believable and extremely satisfying. Yes, there are a couple times when you have to suspend reality, if only for a short while. The microbots were a bit convenient, and the villains were not fleshed out as well as they should have been. Fitting the LASOK into glasses in such a short time and the fact that Sydney just happened to have a degree in microbiology seemed a little far fetched, but all of these things were cleverly handled in such a way that I wasn't distracted by them as I raced toward the top-notch climax. So, is *Light of the Last* a perfect book? No. Is it the conclusion I was looking for? A resounding yes. *Light of the Last* is a fitting end to an excellent trilogy, and I couldn't ask for more from a Christian thriller.

I loved *Light of the Last*! In my opinion, this book is the best in the *Wars of the Realm* trilogy. Although I really enjoyed the first two books (*Cloak of the Light* and *Rise of the Fallen*), I felt that Chuck Black rushed in depicting the main character's - Drew Carter - life and the plot. Not so with *Light of the Last*. Black does an exceptional job in communicating the emotions that Drew feels and all the complications in his life. Black describes what Drew is feeling in detail, what is going on and why, and what his salvation means to the world. Also, you can really see that Drew is struggling to find out if God truly exists in contrast to science, evidence, and all the terrible things that occur in the world around him. The plot is explained in further detail so that the reader can grasp what is going on in both the human and angel/demon realm and why Drew is so relevant to both the realms. Most of the book is based on the realities that we face today, but it contains some things that would normally never occur like a device allowing you to see into another realm and a man with the ability to see angels and demons with the naked eye. Chuck Black was excellent in entwining Scripture and spiritual warfare into the book. *Light of the Last* is not too complicated to grasp and not a simple read either. There were some parts in the book where I had no clue what was going on in terms of technology and secret agencies, but there were only a few of those. The last few pages left me a little puzzled and it took me awhile to understand the meaning of it all, but it wasn't a sad ending where something tragic happened. Black didn't kill off any of the really important characters which I was really relieved about. Overall, it was an amazing book. If you are looking for an action-packed, suspenseful Christian book, I would totally recommend *Light of the Last*!

I'm 75 yrs old and never read fiction. I was told about the series by another adult and so I bought all three books in the Wars of the Realm series. WHAT FUN!!! The author has a great imagination, or is it revelation. I finished the three book series in less than a week. A few days later I read all three books again. Chuck Black's descriptions of the angelic (spiritual) realm, while tying it to the plot's human characters on earth in today's world, tugs at the reader's own imagination challenging us to much reflection. I highly recommend the reader to get all three books and to read them in order. Good reading! Have fun! (I have sense shipped two more sets to friends)

My children have read many books by Chuck Black, so they were excited to see this new series come out. In fact, my son and I actually read Light of the Last at the same time and were comparing notes which caused the other children to get interested in reading it. Since I had not read Book 1 or 2 of this series, when I started with this book, the third of the series, it did take me a little bit to get acquainted with all of the characters. However, from the first page, your attention is captured, and you are pulled into the story. This isn't just a story of adventure, suspense, and a little bit of romance, it is also about the spirit world. While the Bible doesn't give us a lot of details about angels, the author did an admirable job in describing how they might be. I believe reading this book caused me to be more prayerful. It certainly makes me more aware of what could be going on in the spirit world around us. I recommend this book for not only teens, but also for adults. One fault I had with this book was the use of the word "heck," which I don't allow my children to say and which I didn't think was necessary for the storyline. I received this book from Blogging for Books for this review.

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