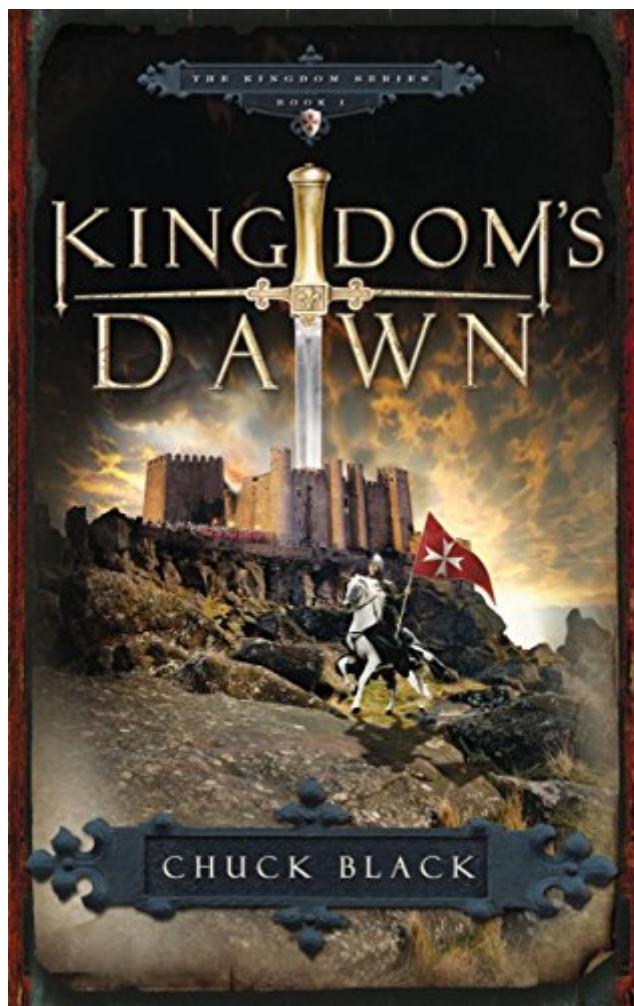


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# Kingdom's Dawn (Kingdom Series)



## Synopsis

A Riveting Medieval Parallel to the Bible Good and evil clash. Leinad and Cedric are determined to not only survive, but claim hope and victory! In Kingdom's Dawn, Leinad and Tess, along with all the kingdom's people, must escape slavery by the powerful Lord Fairos. Kingdom's Hope finds them free and arriving in the Chessington Valley. But when they forget the king, will Kergon and the Kessons capture them for good? After many years, Kingdom's Edge finds Cedric living a hopeless life until a stranger appears with powerful words of a new kingdom and a grand army. Finally, Kingdom's Reign marches you through the danger of earth's last days as the evil dark knight threatens to defeat the prince once and for all. Swords, knights, and battles define these captivating tales that parallel biblical events from Genesis to Revelation! He's just a young man, but that doesn't change the truth. He was chosen. Sixteen-year-old Leinad thought he was a common farmer's son, nothing more. He wondered why his father had trained him for years to master the sword • not exactly a tool of the trade for farmers • but one tragic event initiates a world of revelation. Only then does he begin to understand his calling • a calling no other man in the entire kingdom of Arrethrae can fulfill • a calling given him by the King himself. Teamed with a young slave girl, Leinad is thrust into adversity and danger • for the Dark Knight and his vicious Shadow Warriors will stop at nothing to thwart the King's plan to restore the kingdom. Leinad will need more than a sharp blade and a swift hand to fulfill his mission and survive the evil plots of the King's sworn enemies! Journey to Arrethrae, where the King and His Son implement a bold plan to save their kingdom; where courage, faith, and loyalty stand tall in the face of opposition; where good will not bow to evil • and the future of a kingdom lies in the hands of a young man. **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS INCLUDED** Story Behind the Book "When my six kids' eyes glossed over during a reading from the Bible, I paused to explain the significance of redemption to a sin-sick soul. I was rewarded with patronizing elephant nods and more blank stares. Shortly thereafter, I awoke in the middle of the night with a medieval story enveloping my mind. I wrote it down and later read it to my children. Their waning attention transformed into complete anticipation. I was amazed and disappointed. Why did it take a fictional story, not a Bible passage, to get that response? Then I realized • that is how Jesus taught! Parables are powerful! I penned the Kingdom series to help young people get excited about the supremely significant story of Jesus Christ and His mission to save mankind." • Chuck BlackFrom the Trade Paperback edition.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Since my passion for reading and fantasy stories came alive as a teen, I've always wanted to read a story like the Kingdom series. It took me years later well after these books were even published to stumble on them. I have to say it was worth the wait. The story is well crafted and not watered down as seen in most Christian books. Action was there, along with human joys and woes a hero of any story would encounter. Bad things happen to the main character with no end that could crush a spirit forever, but there is always a glimmering hope in each crisis this character faces to propel him forward. Chuck drew a fine line on the story's content limitations but I was nonetheless drawn to what would happen to the characters next. While I don't really approve of how thin this book is my hand compared to other fantasy novels on my shelf, the story was still very satisfying. Character developing was there but more content certainly would enhance the reading experience further. Overall, I enjoyed this book and am on the way to purchasing the remaining novels to this series.

Not since I read The Lord of the Rings have I been so riveted by a novel. This book is incredible. I

can't wait to devour everything else he's written. I'm inspired to read fiction again, thanks to you, Mr. Black. Keep up the awesome work. What would be the icing on the cake is if someone would make these into a movie series soon.

Clever allegorical Bible based fiction. Chuck Black gives kids a biblical worldview along with swords and the cosmic battle between good and evil. Good end of chapter questions for dialogue.

I love the fact my young teen is engrossed in fictional depiction of the Great Controversy between light and darkness founded in the scriptures. He is bombarded day after day with enticements to pursue dark fantasy in video games, TV, movies, commercials, etc... Now he goes to school and shares with the other kids how "cool" Kingdoms Dawn is, a saga of hope and light, and that they should try it! It's a great mental exercise to help boys cope with their own feelings of violence, fantasy, and conquest yet cultivate that experience within a well developed paradigm of chivalry and love. I also really enjoy the well produced audio cd's for trips in the car... wish they had an MP3 version!

The Kingdom Series was recommended to us as a way to strengthen our son's confidence not only in reading but in his knowledge of the Bible. I read this book before reading it to him and found myself so engrossed in it that I could not put it down. When reading this book, I think you will find yourself picking up the Bible to reread the stories from the old testament. And as you read Kingdoms Dawn, you will see how well Chuck Black spins a wonderful story of love, compassion, hardship, trials and tribulation. I hope you will find yourself remembering Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Noah, Moses, Joseph, and others as you read. This is a book for all ages, not just kids! I can't wait to read the next book in the series. I think these books would make a great middle school Bible study topic.

My kids love this series. Like the discussion questions in the back.

I got the first three books in this series after reading a blog of recommended reading for Christian tweens. I had my daughter read the first page and held my breath till she said, "It sounds good!" Now she is nearly done with the second book and loves them! I have gotten complete play-by-plays of the plot and characters and she's already asking for the next three in the series!

I bought this book for my 11-year-old son for Christmas. He finished it in two days and promptly announced that he was saving his money for the other 5 books. I am now reading it out loud to our whole family--4 kids, aged 4, 6, 7, & 11--and we are thoroughly enjoying it! We're almost to the end, and I may end up splitting the cost for the other 5 books with my son! I read one comment that said it was irritating that the two main characters represent several biblical characters throughout the Old Testament, but that didn't bother me at all. I'm not usually a huge fan of allegory (like Pilgrim's Progress), but this story is action-packed enough that it's really got me hooked. I'm looking forward to reading more!

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