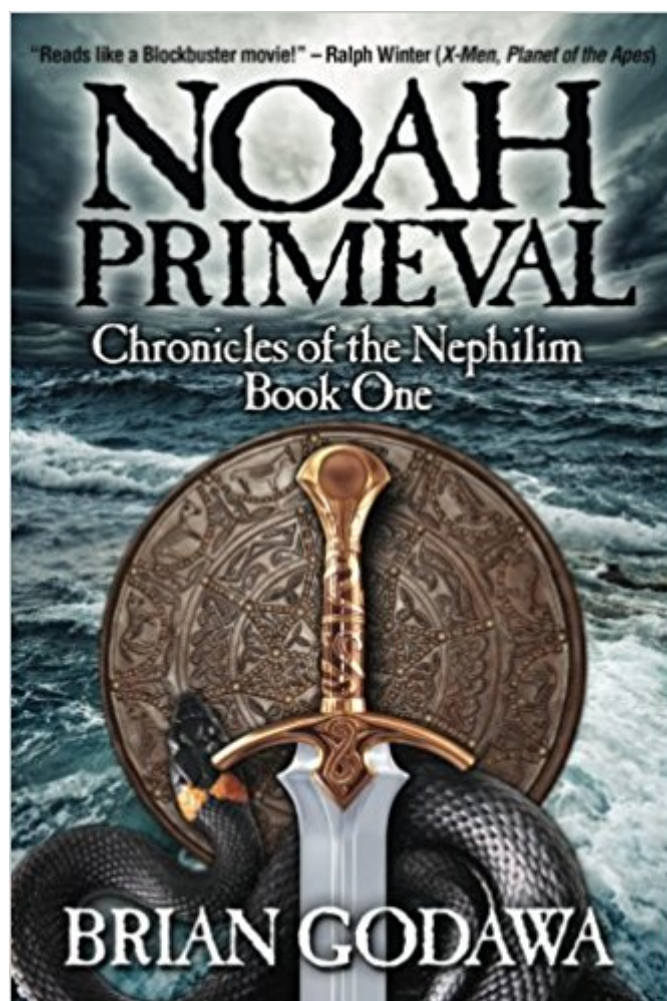


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Synopsis

Nephilim Giants, Watchers, Archangels. This is Not Your Sunday School Noah's Ark. Noah Primeval is a speculative retelling of the Genesis Bible story of Noah for a new generation. In an ancient world submerged in darkness, fallen angels called Watchers rule as gods and breed giants called Nephilim. Mankind is enslaved to evil. Noah, a tribal leader, has been prophesied by his ancestor Enoch to save humanity from coming destruction. To rise against this supernatural evil and rescue his family Noah will need an equally supernatural army. But he also has to finish building his big boat. Noah Primeval is the first book in the exciting Biblical Fantasy series, Chronicles of the Nephilim. It's Biblically and historically faithful, with added ancient imagination. You will learn the origin of the Nephilim giants and the Watchers of Genesis 6. Many of the strange oddities of the Bible will finally begin to make sense. You will learn about a storyline thread in the Bible often overlooked: The War of the Seed. Learn About the Historical and Biblical Research Behind the Novel There seems to be a Nephilim craze these days. A great interest in the Watchers and the book of Enoch and Giants. Lots of books out there about the End Times and Nephilim in the modern day. But Noah Primeval and Chronicles of the Nephilim Biblical Fantasy Series tells the original story from the ancient past that all began with Genesis 6. Author Godawa shares the scholarly research that undergirds the fictional adventure. Noah Primeval has appendices that provide an explanation of Biblical concepts in the novel such as the Sons of God, Watchers, Nephilim, Giants, Leviathan, and the ancient Mesopotamian Cosmography in the Bible. Beloved Bible Story Reads Like Watching a Movie Noah Primeval is written in the spirit of The Chronicles of Narnia and The Lord of the Rings, blending fantasy and mythopoeia with history to retell the Biblical narrative with a fresh perspective, making it come alive in a new way, while staying true to the original spirit of the Bible story. It's like connecting the dots and filling in the story between the lines of what the Bible tells us. A NOTE ON THE AGE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE NOVELS Some Christians have asked what "rating" the novels have in terms of the portrayal of sex and violence. I would say the series is rated PG-13. The Chronicles do deal with evil behaviors that would be appropriate for mature teens and above. The violence in the Chronicles is like the book of Judges. The sexuality is like Song of Solomon, alluded to poetically, but obviously. The description of sexual evil is like Ezekiel 16, sometimes shocking, but never glorified. There is an occasional profane word or vulgarity like in Ezekiel 23, revealing spiritual wickedness.

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"Wizard schools and teen vampires are child's play. This is the origin of sorcery and vampire tales. Noah Primeval will keep you on the edge of your seat with its primal struggle of good and evil. It reads like a Blockbuster movie!" - Ralph Winter, Producer, X-Men, Planet of the Apes "A great, spiritual fantasy full of thought and imagination. The cinema-like action and suspense will keep you turning pages until you are finished, while the themes and concepts will remain long after you're done." - Bill Myers - Bestselling Author, The God Hater "A stirring tale of gods and men that confronts us with biblical reality through mythical fantasy. Noah Primeval is what Tolkien called "sanctifying myth" that we need in our own place and time." - Michael S. Heiser, PhD, Hebrew and Semitic Languages Academic Editor, Logos Bible Software

Godawa is known as an author who both entertains and educates. Inspired by Michael Crichton's novels, Godawa has adapted his Hollywood screenwriting background into his prose style to create a reading experience that is like watching a movie. Also similar to Crichton, Godawa has sought to provide the scholarly research that undergirds the fictional adventure. Noah Primeval has an additional 100 pages of special appendixes that provide an explanation of Biblical concepts in the novel such as the Sons of God, the Nephilim, Leviathan, and the ancient Mesopotamian Cosmography in the Bible. Noah Primeval is written in the spirit of the book of Enoch, The Chronicles of Narnia, and The Lord of the Rings, blending fantasy and mythopoeia with history to retell the Biblical narrative with a fresh perspective, while staying true to the original spirit of the

story.

I purchased this book less than a week ago for my son and I to read, and six days later we finished it. I recommend the young adult version for the older child. We loved this so much I purchased the rest of the series. I am thrilled that Brian Godawa pulls it altogether staying with the word for his foundation. This book really sheds light on the reason for the flood, and who the real enemy is. You can't sugar coat what they were doing, and the corruption of all of creation. If we let the History channel tell us who the Annunaki where, we'll all for the alien deception of them seeding us here, but if we know the truth about them, that they are the fallen angels, then we won't fall for it. We will know thy enemy. This book is fabulous mixing truth with fiction! Couldn't put it down! It makes me hate the fallen ones even more. I didn't know there were young adult versions of these books, so I skipped some of it, while I read to my 10 year old. I got the others in the young adult copies. Looking forward to an excellent journey through the series. Thank you Brain for writing these, you truly are gifted. My son wanted me to read instead of watching a movie every night.

I didn't really care for the way this book was written at all. The story line just didn't seem to flow to me at all: it jerked from place to place and from person to person. I think it glossed over too much of the real horrors that had to be happening in the final days before the Flood, if what we are living through right now is any indication. I think this story could have been epic with better writing and characters being filled out more, but for my taste it just fell short. I won't be buying the second part of the series, I'm afraid.

I think my son may have said it best. As I was telling him about this book, he responded, "Dad, that sounds like all the best parts of the entire Percy Jackson series in one book!" And that was when I was only 1/3 of the way through the book. I have come to greatly appreciate Brian Godawa's writing. Yes, this is a work of fiction and there is literary license taken. However, Godawa has thought out his license very well. Each decision he made was very tactical to bring the historical/cultural background of the Scripture together with the narrative of the Scripture. So you see how the ideas weave together to tell a very compelling story. One aspect of this story - and no spoilers - I was very impressed with his handling of Ham/Canaan. He created a very believable background story for this son of Noah - and even for the name. So much confusion on this issue, but he gives a very plausible explanation for how this could have worked out. I am very much enjoying reading Godawa's works and exploring all the creative ways that he has knit together the cultural context of

the ancient Near East with the historical narrative, demonstrating what this story really would have meant to the ancient Israelites.

I love the premise of these books and was REALLY hoping for an excellent Christian fiction series. Brian Godawa would be well served to go back and re-write his books with the concept of "show don't tell". The book is one endless "tell". I have pretty high standards for good fiction and this one didn't cut the mustard.

I can't remember when I read a book that contained such an exciting story. It contained heroes, villains, monsters, demons, angels, adventure, suspense, thrills, war and a plot that is much more unpredictable than one would expect. The tag line is "This is not your Sunday School Noah's Ark" which is either a crack on Sunday School or a comment on how different this version really is. I think it's the latter. In this version Noah is a young man that is leader of a nomadic tribe that worships the True God (Elohim) and hides from the evil world that is controlled by fallen angels that have set themselves up as gods. Not only are the demons and demigods bad news the demons have mated with women to create the giant Nephilim and even bred animals with humans to create a superior race of soldiers. Noah and his small band are way outnumbered and outweaponed. Does this stop Noah? Read the book and find out. As for the Biblical interpretations of Brian Godawa I'm not buying most of it (not because of Sunday School but because of my own research into the fascinating topic). He explains some things before the story starts and has given over 100 pages of theology at the end of the book to explain where he has received his viewpoints. I give him a hearty thumbs up for the explanations even though I disagree with a lot of them. Brian has also written an extensive and informative article entitled "Retelling Biblical Stories for a Modern Audience". The link on his website doesn't work but if you search the title it will come up. I suggest reading it if you question whether this book is for you (or even if you don't). In my opinion this book is more of a fantasy than reality but as any good Jewish/Christian fiction should be, God should be lifted up and evil exposed for what it really is. This book clearly does both of these. Brian originally wrote this story as a screenplay but then decided to turn it into a book to get the interest going. To do this story as a movie correctly it would fall into the BIG budget category. When reading this book it's easy to picture it as a movie, however it would be more graphic than I would be willing to watch. It would be hard to keep the rating under NC-17 or at the R level. I didn't find the book necessarily graphic but what one can creatively work around in novel form it may not be so easy to do on the big screen. Highly recommended. 1 Star = Pathetic 2 Stars = Fair 3 Stars = Good 4 Stars = Excellent 5 Stars = Life

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