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In *Agents of the Apocalypse*, noted prophecy expert Dr. David Jeremiah does what no prophecy expert has done before. He explores the book of Revelation through the lens of its major players—the exiled, the martyrs, the elders, the victor, the king, the judge, the 144,000, the witnesses, the false prophet, and the beast.

One by one, Dr. Jeremiah delves into their individual personalities and motives, and the role that each plays in biblical prophecy. Then he provides readers with the critical clues and information needed to recognize their presence and power in the world today.

The stage is set, and the curtain is about to rise on Earth's final act. Will *you* be ready?

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## **Marine Cwo says**

An Outstanding work that ministers to the body of Christ while perhaps simultaneously evangelizing to seekers of truth. May God continue to prosper the Turning Point Ministry and its faithful witness.

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## **Scotty says**

I want to encourage everyone to read this book!!

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## **Steve says**

If you were sitting in the pews at Shadow Mountain Community Church in El Cajon, California in the fall of 2014, the material published here would be very familiar to you. Or, if not, if you know anything at all about chapters 6, 11, 12, 13 and 20 in the New Testament book of Revelation, you'll be right at home with Doctor David Jeremiah and Tom Williams' "riveting look at the key players of the end times." This Jeremiah and Williams-penned, 273-page commentary is based on a seven-Sunday sermon series Jeremiah preached at Shadow Mountain.

Structurally, Jeremiah and Williams devote "one chapter to each of the most prominent players in Revelation---those who are the primary agents of the Apocalypse." Each chapter in this unique book is divided into two sections. The first is the dramatized account, written by Williams. That's followed by the second section explaining the scripture behind the dramatizations. In these ten chapters, you'll witness the exile of the apostle John, (the writer of Revelation). You'll also meet the Tribulation martyrs, the 144,000 Tribulation converts/evangelists, the two witnesses, as well as learn the identity of the dragon, the beasts from the sea and the earth. All of that is climaxed by the roles of the victor, the king and the judge.

For the biblical purists, Jeremiah advises, "nothing presented in the Bible has been altered. The dramatized elements are constructed firmly on the facts of Revelation. The stories merely fill in the gaps that Revelation does not address. They present possibilities about how the biblical events could play out. . . . These scenes cannot fill in the gaps with perfect accuracy, but they offer one possibility among many . . . " Jeremiah's hope is "that these stories will serve as a reminder that the book of Revelation isn't just theoretical; it's intended to depict real-life individuals and situations."

If you've read any of the sixteen Jerry Jenkins and Tim LaHaye's best-selling novels in the Left Behind series, Tom Williams' portion of "Agents of the Apocalypse" will also feel very familiar. Here you'll meet real characters confronted with a lot of action, fire and brimstone. A novel married back-to-back with non-fiction. You don't see that every day. I found Williams' dramatizations very believable. The only complaint I have is I wish Williams would've picked more plausible names for the Antichrist and his false prophet. Judas Christopher and Damon Detherow? Really? Think about it. We all know who betrayed Christ in the garden of Gethsemane. But to combine those two names into one satanic-controlled world dictator? We know that Satan's minions are known as demons. But really? To call the head of the Tribulation period's one world

religion using a misspelling of “demon” coupled with a last name that looks like “death row?” Isn’t that a bit over the top? Isn’t that a bit obvious? In my view, Williams was trying too hard to get the names to paint the essence of the major evil players’ true character.

Most readers should find chapters nine and ten the most frightening to contemplate. Or the most exciting. Depending on your own point of view. Or more importantly, depending on your own spiritual condition. In “The King,” we meet Eva McLennon and her two year-old daughter, Sophie. Here we find out what life could be like for those courageous Christians who’ll refuse to accept Judas Christopher’s number or worship the Antichrist during the Tribulation. In the following chapter, Morgan Wilson finds out what his real life was like when, at the Great White Throne Judgment, Jesus opens Morgan’s personal books of law, works, secrets, words, conscience and life.

If nothing else, you should come away from “Agents of the Apocalypse” with a more realistic view of the brevity of life. You’ll gain a new understanding of the length of eternity. More importantly, you’ll come face-to-face with the fact that every soul spends eternity somewhere. One of two places. Only one of two places. You and I get to choose where. Only you and I get to choose. Both choices have no end. Choose wisely.

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## A.C. Cuddy says

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Dr. Jeremiah has taken an interesting approach to writing this book. He tackles the 10 key “players” of the end times in a unique format for each chapter. Each chapter starts with a fictional story that brings about a dramatization to make the Scriptures come to life. He then brings the reader the Scriptures from the Book of Revelation, as well as other Scriptures, to explain and teach us about those key players. In my opinion, with the interesting use of dramatization and Scripture teaching together, the reader can most assuredly see how the end time events will come into place.

I especially enjoy the conclusion of this book: “As we conclude this study of the key players in the book of Revelation, only one question remains: Where do you fit into the story? Have you accepted the living water

that God offers in the person of Christ? If so, you can be assured that no matter what you may encounter in the days ahead, your earthly life and your eternity are in His hands. As a result, you are an overcomer. Let this book of Revelation be a glorious confirmation of the fact that you will never thirst again. If you have not taken a drink of that water, I encourage you to do so today. The Bible says, "Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13). Call upon Him and quench your thirst, both now and forever."  
(Page 273)

More about the book and read samples from the chapters: <http://www.davidjeremiah.org/site/age...>

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\*Disclaimer: I received a complimentary copy of this book from Tyndale House Publisher, in exchange for my honest review. All opinions are my own, and no monetary compensation was received for this review.

\*Reviews of this book were posted at the following locations:

Amazon, Christian Book, Deeper Shopping, Goodreads, and to be featured on my blog at <http://titus3.wordpress.com>

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## Michael says

The Book of Revelation has always been the scariest book in the Bible to me. Growing up, it was bad enough that my perception of God was flawed, now there is a book that talks about the impending disasters. Needless to say, I was not looking forward to reading any book that talked about the apocalypse or anything that related to the end times. However I am studying the book now with a couple of friends and this book really modified my views on the rapture, the Second coming, and the similarities of the Kingdom of dark and light.

As a Christian, most of what I been taught was tradition and not many spiritual leaders went into detail about the book of Revelation. In fact if they did, it was always centered about Jesus coming back, preparation stages, and so forth. Unlike any book I read in recent years, this book went into detail about the rapture, passages in the Bible that is hard to understand and used fiction people (based on real events), to paint a picture on what would occur.

For the first time, I was not scared to dive into the book and a lot of curiosity was satisfied. David Jeremiah book, Captured by Grace: No One Is Beyond the Reach of a Loving God is the best book I read in my entire life. That book summarized every line of the hymn, Amazing Grace with such vulnerability and clarity. On the other hand, with the same firm but gentle tone, this book leaves the reader intrigued to know what will happen when Jesus returns and dismisses myths that are taught in church.

Lastly this is the last book I will read for the year of 2015. I know I have read one other book ( I can't seem to stay away from books, it's the reader in me), but this is finally the last one.

Highly researched, details and recommended to all who wants a clearer and broader review of the end times!

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### **Thomas Walker says**

Great combination of fiction and non-fiction. I was skeptical of this genre fusion, but kudos to Thomas Williams who wrote the story line for this book. He did an amazing job. I don't like fiction, but I was intrigued with this book's format and content. This book brilliantly quotes the Word of God and then uses the Word like a screenplay to write a modern illustration and story line.

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### **Brandy Smith says**

One of the best books regarding the topic of Revelation I have read. Jeremiah really breaks the end times down in a way that helped me to understand the Scriptures even more.

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### **Kristy Grissom says**

I received a early copy from Tyndale Publishing House for a fair and honest review.

due to length of the review and the nature please check it out in its entirety at:

<http://wp.me/p4WOaj-42>

#### **Overall Impression:**

5 stars – It was amazing. If you are like me and love the book of Revelation this book is definitely for you. Even if you do not have much knowledge of this particular gospel please read this book. Times within our world are changing fast. Dr. Jeremiah and this book helps to put things into perspective in present times. He shows us how past prophecies are making themselves known and the visions the Apostle John were given by our Lord and savior can be used in present day. There was a passage inside the book regarding an Irish caretaker that resonated with me. A tourist asked the caretaker why he kepts the grounds so well if he wasn't sure when the owner would return. The caretaker simply replies; " I look after them as if I EXPECTED him to come today!" That is something ALL Christians should think about. If your Lord and Savior was to return today, would he be happy with what he sees?

\*\*\*I want to take this time to apologize if I have offended anyone by my views on this review. I was brought up Baptist/Presbyterian and I adhere to those beliefs. I do not think unkind of any other religion or your personal choice of savior. I have often questioned my pastor regarding my god and the multitude of religions. My pastor smiled and told me "Out of all the religious Gods out there, which God does not have a grave for you to go and dig up his bones." I have never questioned my faith again. I would never ask someone to question their own beliefs or faith. This review is done by me, for me based on MY BELIEFS AND MY FAITH AND MY GOD ONLY. I only know that one day my savior will return and I will be kneeling before him in all his glory, begging forgiveness for my sins for the right to sit by his side for the rest of eternity. As you see throughout this blog I am very openminded so I truly don't want to offend anyone by this review.

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**Joe Tabor says**

Excellent book!!! Brings the end times to life in a possible scenario

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**Kristy Hoffman says**

The best book on the book of Revelation that I've ever read. It made it much easier to understand. He has become one of my favorite christian authors.

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**Donna says**

Dr. David Jeremiah uses dramatization and scriptural interpretation combine to explain the End Times of Revelation. Excellent!

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**Amanda Geaney (Christian Shelf-Esteem) says**

In Agents of the Apocalypse, Dr. David Jeremiah breaks down the barriers that Christians erect when we attempt to read the book of Revelation. If you are like me and often find the cryptic, metaphorical, and highly symbolic language of the text to be a stumbling block to your own personal study, then Dr. Jeremiah's imaginative dramatization of end-time events may aid in your ability to wrap your mind around this prophetic work.

I confess that I was leery about the use of fiction to unlock the Truth of Revelation. When I began reading I felt that some of the stories were truncated, but by the fourth chapter I noticed that the author was layering them one atop another. In this way he could refer back to previous character interactions to depict how different players (agents) in the book were related.

Of the fictional portions, chapters one and ten had the greatest impact on me. Chapter one, "The Exile," is a call for Christians to stand up in the face of persecution. We live in an increasingly godless world where believers are mocked, martyred, and discriminated against. Through a creative depiction of a first century church, readers are challenged to persevere even unto death. Then in chapter ten, "The Judge," Dr. Jeremiah uses a man named Morgan to illustrate how God will judge our works and the motives of our hearts. From the throne of judgement, God speaks to Morgan saying, "Though you wore My name, you were an impostor, you said the right words, but your heart belonged to you." This scenario caused me to reflect on my motivations for ministry and to reevaluate how I reflect the love of Christ to others.

The true gems of this book were found in "The Scripture Behind the Story" sections within each chapter. It's here that the author dissects the book of Revelation using scripture to interpret scripture and presenting the most widely accepted interpretations of the passages. He also draws on the wisdom of trusted scholars and theologians to solidify our understanding.

Having studied Revelation before I poured through Agents of the Apocalypse in two days time. When I recommend it to others (which I am doing here) I will suggest doing a once through reading of Revelation to familiarize yourself with the text. Then to take this book chapter by chapter, maybe in a small group or a book club setting, and meditating over the Truths revealed. Agents of the Apocalypse is a rich and reward read sure to further your love and appreciation of God's Word.

\*\*I received this book for free as a member of the Tyndale Blog Network. I was not required to write a positive review. The opinions I have expressed are my own. I am disclosing this in accordance with the Federal Trade Commission's 16 CFR, Part 255 "Guides Concerning the Use of Endorsements and Testimonials in Advertising."

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### **Natalie Vellacott says**

I would have given this 5 stars for the chapters dealing with Heaven and Hell alone...but after reading *Agents of Babylon* which was even better, I have amended this rating to 4 stars.

The author has brought some possible end times scenarios to life with his fictional tales. He then explains each of the fictional stories using Scripture to back them up. He makes it clear that these are only possible scenarios and that there is much about the end times that we just don't know. He has the rapture of the church before the tribulation in his order of events.

This book is ideal for someone struggling to understand the prophecies in Daniel or the symbolism in Revelation. The stories help the reader to visualise end time events. Even though some details may not be entirely accurate due to there being many unknowns and some disputed facts, it is still effective in forcing the reader to acknowledge that these events will happen and that they are a reality for us now. It is easy to think of end time events almost as a fairy story like some think of the devil in a red costume with horns. It is also easy to live our distracted lives without paying any attention to what we should be preparing for. But the Bible tells us to be ready.

The style of this book is unusual but works well. The book is clean-there is no bad language or sexual content, there is some violence associated with the tribulation. The chapter on Hell, specifically certain passages, may disturb some readers, but the terrors and hopelessness of Hell are a reality and being reminded of it might spur people to greater evangelistic efforts.

I recommend this book highly as I believe it will get people thinking and hopefully preparing themselves for what is to come.

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### **Julie Durnell says**

This is well worth the read, giving a fictionalized story at the beginning of each chapter and finishing with scripture to back up the story. There are 10 "agents" with much reference to scripture mainly in Revelation but Old and New Testament as well. We are using this along with the dvd for a 10 week study in our Journey home group and everyone has been excited with the format and the knowledge of end times.



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**Kelly says**

Anyone interested in end times prophecy should read this well-written and insightful book.

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