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After selling nearly two million copies since its release in August 1999, "Assassins" is now available in trade paper! The seven-year Tribulation reaches its halfway mark in the sixth book of the blockbuster Left Behind series, "Assassins." Nicolae Carpathia is assassinated, setting the stage for the Great Tribulation.

## Assassins Details

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### Stepheny says

Book 6 shows us a *much* different side of Rayford. Rayford is consumed by rage. Where is this anger coming from? From all the loss. He lost his first wife and son to the rapture, his best friend and confidant, his second wife and a few other members of his Tribulation Force. It seems to never end, and he has had enough. He knows who is responsible. It's the Antichrist, Nicolae Carpathia. And Rayford, filled with the grief and rage he feels, knows what he must do. Being the leader of this group means he must burden himself with the murder of Antichrist.

Rayford is short with his friends and family. He is rude and ruthless. His temper is near the breaking point. All the strain and stress of the last couple of years are weighing him down. But who can he turn to? Tsion is leading an online following in the millions. Buck and Chloe are new parents dealing with their own problems. He is mistrustful of their newest member. There is no one whom he can unload this burden on. This is *his* problem and his alone.

We have two relatively new believers who are acting as spies in the Global Community. One a pilot and the other a computer whizz. Between the two of them, the Tribulation Force is able to know what is going on, what is being plotted and what has actually transpired. The world is now filled with fake news, propaganda if you will. The Global Community is spinning stories out to explain away things that they do not want to believe happened.

While on a mission together, Rayford and new member Leah, encounter the sixth Trumpet Judgement. The Horsemen of the Apocalypse. These horsemen carry death with them in the manner of fire, smoke, sulphur and deadly snake strikes. Only the believers can see these deadly horsemen though, leaving the Global Community pointing fingers at the Tribulation Force and their followers.

The Global Community wants to celebrate its success over the last couple of years by hosting a Gala in Jerusalem. A wild party filled with sinful behavior. Imagine a nudist hippie festival turned orgy if you will. Drugs and sex and all sorts of dancing. Our Tribulation Saints are obviously appalled by this going-on. Things at this Gala get a little crazy. There are 4 murders that transpire as is prophesied in the book of revelations. I won't go into the details too deeply here, but I will say that there is a truly remarkable moment. Some members of the Tribulation Force get to witness first hand the resurrection of two of the murder victims. This one will leave you with the mother of all cliffhangers.

Have I told you how fucking exciting these books are yet? I mean, come on already! No, they're not perfect. But aside from Harry Potter, what book or series is? Just kick your feet up and stick your nose firmly between the pages.

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### Amanda says

Apparently I am not quite in line with many of the other reviewers, but in my opinion this was not as good as the other books in the series. While I found the other books to be mostly fast-paced and suspenseful, "Assassins" seemed to drag in several places. It seemed like the authors were just trying too hard to make

some things come to life. For example, to pull off some of the events that occur in the story, the characters need to use some extremely sophisticated technology that hasn't been invented yet. Whenever that happens (and it happens fairly often), the authors go into a long tangent to explain the "whats," "hows," and "whys" for whatever technology they are using. It's almost as if they are trying to say, "See? We're not making this up. It COULD work!" Also, some of the characters go into some kind of "funk" and it is never truly explained what is happening with them. When you follow a set of characters through six books and something is glaringly wrong, you want to know why. Anyway, I still liked it okay, and I'm glad I read it so I can move on to the next book.

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### **Grampy says**

Due to my personal belief in the Bible, I have found this entire series to be extremely entertaining and sometimes a little scary. I strongly recommend reading the series in chronological order, or there will be a lot of details that won't make sense. I realize atheists, agnostics, other religions, and even some Christian sects will scoff at the whole concept of the series, and that is their prerogative. I still think they might find the books entertaining, regardless of their theistic leaning. I definitely recommend reading these books.

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### **Neil says**

This was an okay book. I would rate it 2.5 - 2.7 stars rounded up to 3 stars. Its pacing is not quite as "even" as the earlier books. It has some really bad "time jumps" in it; it was really obvious in this book that the authors really needed to do a better job of indicating the passage of time in these books. The character development was weird for a couple of characters [more like a regression, of sorts]. It was an okay book; it was clearly building up to the "ending" [and its subsequent "cliffhanger ending" that the authors went for].

About the "time jumps" and passage of time: it was almost horrible in this book. (view spoiler)

I did not necessarily like the character development (or lack thereof) or character regression that went on in the book. (view spoiler)

This book did have quite a bit going on in it, to be honest. There was "international intrigue," open rebellions, attempted assassinations and successful assassinations throughout the book, and more prophecy being fulfilled. (view spoiler)

One thing that I do like is the book's cover. I love the book's cover! It is beautiful! I think, so far, I have

enjoyed all but one of the covers (I was not a big fan of *Apollyon*'s cover, to be honest). This book's cover, with the "sniper scope" view of Israel, was pretty cool.

(view spoiler)

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Overall, I think I did enjoy reading the book a second time around. I know I was not fond of all of the character development (or regression) that occurs, but it is fitting in terms of the plot and the growing intensity of the situations faced by the Tribulation Force members. (view spoiler) It was an okay book; it had the occasional "good" moment with plenty of "weak" moments. On to the next book in the series.

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### **Alex says**

Somehow this book wasn't nearly as bad as the others. It's still rife with problems, though; the kid referenced in my last review is now 14 months old, even though by the end of the book it's 3 years, six months into the Apocalypse. Now, this might not seem like a big deal BUT: the parents don't meet until after the Rapture, and they didn't marry (and certainly weren't having premarital sex) until at least a year and half after said Rapture, probably slightly longer. Okay. we have two years. Add nine months assuming she's pregnant on the wedding night. Two years and nine months. Subtract three years and six months from two years and nine months and we get... 9 months! BUT as we figured out in the last review Chloe was pregnant for 13 months so the baby can only be 5 months old, certainly not old enough to be walking around and saying "granddaddy" and that kind of stuff. LEARN MATH! JUST BASIC MATH! MY GODS DOES YOUR GOD PROHIBIT BASIC MATHS? AND IF SO HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN ^&^@\*#%@& ISSAC T^@\*%^@(^@^&@ NEWTON!?!?!

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### **Naomi Bowen says**

The action in these novels continue to accelerate. Biblical prophecies come to pass. People die. People are saved. There's a cliffhanger that makes me very glad I already have the next book. You can feel this one is a game changer.

Some of the writing is still pretty slow. (There's a painful scene where a character explains a joke. Writers, trust your readers. They're cleverer than you think)

Test books like these against the Bible, always They're fiction, the Bible is the truth. It's good to think on these subjects because no-one knows how soon the end of the world might be.

Finally, this book is a reminder we can't hide our sin behind God & His word. People have done this through history (Crusades, persecution) God will have His way, not you. The ends don't justify the means. Vengeance is His!

A powerful series.

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## **Victor Gentile says**

Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins in their book “Assassins” Book Six in the Left Behind series published by Tyndale House Publishers gives us the most thrilling tale yet: Assignment: Jerusalem, Target: Antichrist.

In the Bible book of Revelation it is clearly prophesied that the antichrist will suffer a head wound and die. Captain Rayford Steele wants to be the one who kills Nicolae and fulfills this prophecy. However, he is not the only one who wants Nicolae dead. In the meantime, Nicolae is working to restore order from all the damage that was done from "The Rapture"; he is rebuilding roads and airports and a cellular/solar satellite phone system--all designed to help him become supreme ruler of the world.

The members of the Tribulation Force are fugitives hiding at the safe house where they fear they may have been compromised while at the same time the world is facing more judgement that wipes out a third of the remaining population.

Dr. LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins provide a fictional background for the real events that the final book of The Bible, Revelation, speak about: the end times. The Biblical accuracy in “Assassins” is flawless and the story is a page turning thriller. There are wonderful themes: salvation, faith in what you cannot see and who is in charge despite appearances to the contrary. I do not recommend starting this book late at night because it will cost you sleep as you will not want to put it down. Mr. Jenkins is an excellent writer and knows how to twist your nerve endings as he tightens the suspense. I am looking forward to book seven in this series.

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## **Amy T. says**

While this book continued the tradition in the series so far (this is book 6) of being engaging and interesting, I would say this book was not as good as the last three books in the series, which have been absolute gems. Hence, only 4 stars. Nevertheless, the book was still great and was crafted into quite a good story. The characters did not see a lot of growth in this book and some even regressed a little. Some parts seemed a bit clunky, but the story remains well-researched and fascinating. The cliffhanger at the end definitely got me. I can't wait to read the next one and find out what will happen as the Tribulation takes a new and forboding turn!! I love how this book really gets me thinking about the book of Revelation and the truth that many of us forget to face within God's word about the upcoming end times.

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## **Paul Lunger says**

Book 6 of the Left Behind series is perhaps the best in the series thus far. In "Assassins" we find the various members of the Tribulation Force under attack & fighting for their lives in various parts of the world. We also witness the arrival of the 6th Trumpet Judgement of 200 million demonic horsemen who wipe out a third of the world's population in addition to Rayford Steele's intended quest to assassinate Carpathia. The story moves extremely quickly & keeps the events of the prior stories moving along at a rapid pace. Granted there is a 3 month gap in the timeline toward the end of the story, but it serves as a necessity rather than bore us with the details of the deaths of more than 1 billion people. LaHaye & Jenkins do an excellent job with the paranoia factor of the people who still don't believe & that of the Antichrist (Carpathia) himself who is still convinced that these events can be explained away. A very daring & interesting entry in this series that really hasn't missed a beat & is now at it's midpoint.

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## **Nicole says**

I read what I did of this series because it was one of the few books my then-husband would read, and I wanted to be able to discuss books with him. I won't be reading more of these books, or re-reading any of the ones I already read, and reading them didn't help give me and my ex-husband anything interesting to talk about anyway since he didn't want to hear the ways in which my opinion on the series varied from his.

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## **Renee says**

*Assassins* , the sixth book in the *Left Behind Series*, presents an interesting moral dilemma. The Tribulation Saints know from their study of Scripture that someone will assassinate the Antichrist. Which is convenient since several characters become so enraged at Carpathia that they're willing to be the ones to do it. However, Rayford Steele is now a believer. His growing anger at and hatred of Carpathia represent sin in his life that needs to be dealt with. Since Rayford isn't willing to repent, he subjects his loved ones to periodic outbursts of anger. He attempts to justify his murderous rage by claiming he is only acting out what Scripture says must be done. He will not resolve his inner conflict until book seven.

The plot of this book grows a bit complicated as old and new characters fight to survive, work to foil the Antichrist's plot, and struggle to protect their loved ones. Among the goings on, I noticed an interesting aspect of the story concerning the visibility of spiritual forces. More judgments pour out on earth during this section--a plague of death by fire, smoke, sulfur, and deadly snake strikes carried out by 200 million demonic horsemen. *However, only the believers can see the horsemen. All who have closed their hearts to God see only nature's forces.*

This reminded me of a story from II Kings about the Old Testament prophet Elisha. The King of Syria discovered that Elisha had revealed his secret war plans. So he sent his great army against one man, Elisha. Elisha's servant saw the army and cried out, "*Alas, master, what shall we do?*"

Elisha said, "*Don't be afraid. Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.*" Then he prayed for God to open his servant's eyes. Immediately, the servant was able to see the spiritual realm—which usually passes unseen in our world—and the horses and chariots of fire God had sent to protect His prophet.

*Based on such stories, the authors imagined a great gift for the Tribulation saints: the ability to discern what's really going on in the world around them—no matter how many others remain blind. Whenever I see God's Name maligned and yearn for a little vindication, I remember their special ability. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have that gift today?*

*I reviewed this book for the Tyndale Summer Reading Program.*

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### **Christopher Selmek says**

I am beginning to be disturbed by LaHaye's Christian fantasy world. Most of the characters spend the whole book being angry and threatening violence again the leader of the Global Community, who is guilty of lying and manipulating people. In other words, he's exactly like any other politician. Most of the book he doesn't even appear, just delegates the work of government. When he does appear, LaHaye glosses over huge sections with "a lot of people gave speeches" ... "and then an earthquake happened," while devoting entirely too many words to how much the Christians want to kill the anti-Christ. It's not even good writing, and it probably encourages Left Behind fans to think their bad behavior is excused because they know they are the good guys. The first book was good, but this is the worst one I've read so far.

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### **Kassi says**

Of all of the "Left Behind" books, this has been the one that disappointed me the most - and also the one which had me grasping for the next book the most, thus earning a 3/5 rather than a 2/5 which I had been planning on giving it up until the last 50 pages or so.

Where it failed: Some of the newer characters were so flat that they were hard to tell apart. I started losing memory for who was what and it seemed as though the same person answered to many different names and genders even. By the end of the book, though, each person's role was a bit more clear to me and thus, their characters (hopefully) will become more developed by the end.

Also, I thought that Chloe was acting out of character a lot. All the rest of the main characters thus far were very vivid, though and that's what kept me reading (besides the whole mystery attached with this book).

And that's where it "got" me, making its rating go up to 3 stars rather than 2. The whole book was a massive build up, padded tightly with so much flat filler and such that it was almost hard to get through, yet by the end of the book? You STILL don't know who did it! Wow. I think that was an amazing risk - and one that worked in this case. Mediocre at best as a work of "literary acclaim", but near-perfect as a device to keep the reader reaching for the next book in the series.

I am anxious to start and finish the next one for sure. This book also beautifully depicted the author's ideas of one way that the prophecies in Revelations would come to fruition. This series is a very entertaining read and it's nice to have "light reading" that also remembers to me my Christianity.

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**Alyssa says**

The book was really slow, but the ending...? OH MY WORD!!!

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**Oceana says**

This book was too slow in parts. I think the next one might have more action(I hope).

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