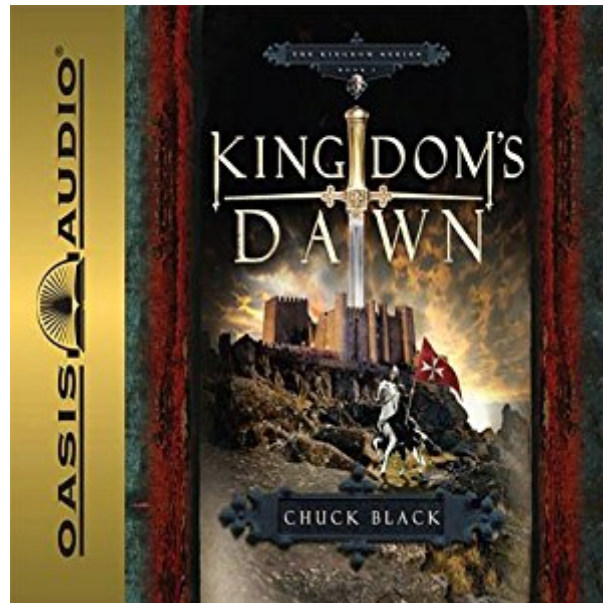


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# Kingdom's Dawn: Kingdom's Series, Book 1



## Synopsis

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 Arrethtrae 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 Arrethtrae in this multi-voice dramatization, 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. --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

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## Customer Reviews

I wasn't sure what to expect from this book. Biblical allegories are often lame, and you get the feeling the author is trying too hard. I didn't get that feeling here. The story is different and strong enough to stand on its own. Kids who are not familiar with the various Biblical stories will still be on the edge of their seat. And if your child is familiar with Bible stories, once they "get" what is going on, it adds another whole level of interest as they try to link the story they are hearing with the stories they already know. But, that usually happens after each episode, since some of the

segments are so tense they are completely lost in the story. I have three kids between 10 and 14, two girls and a boy, and they all love this book. "Please! One more chapter!" is a refrain I hear nearly every night. One thing to note - the author does not shy away from accurate descriptions of battle and torture. They are age-appropriate and not gratuitous, and Black seems to have a knack for just getting to the point where it might be a bit much and then backing down. It's a fine line, but I think he walks it well. The Bible is not all neat, clean, and tidy, and I'm glad the book is not either. Highly recommended.

I am a longtime medieval fantasy enthusiast, and a Christian. I am used to "Christian fiction" being either a good story that is seriously theologically flawed, or a bad, bad story that is theologically sound. Rarely do you find a book that is both a good story and theologically sound, let alone an entire series. I am also a medieval reenactor and practitioner of Western Martial Arts. As such my only suggestion might be a greater familiarity with medieval swordplay but I'm very picky and I admit that anything that seemed awry was more than made up for elsewhere. ;) My son is only three right now, but I am eagerly awaiting the day he is old enough for me to go through this series with him. Thank you Mr. Black for your service and ministry.

A few weeks ago, my wife and I had the opportunity to attend the Florida Homeschool Convention. It was a great convention, with lots of incredible workshops and great resources. While we were there, we took a walk through the vendor's area (actually, we took several walks through there...). My son was drawn to one particular table, holding a display of books... and swords. My kids looked at the swords, I looked at the books, but we didn't buy either. We had just moved to Florida, and extra funds were simply non-existent at the moment. As we browsed, though, I struck up a conversation with the guy behind the table, Chuck Black, author of *Kingdom's Dawn* (Kingdom, Book 1), and several other books. A year ago, I read and reviewed *Sir Rowan and the Camerian Conquest* (The Knights of Arrethtrae), the fifth book in Black's Knights Of Arrethtrae series. That series is the follow-up series to The Kingdom series, of which *Kingdom's Dawn* is the first. Chuck handed me *Kingdom's Dawn*, asking if I would do the same again. As Chuck and I talked, he explained to me that The Kingdom series, and *Kingdom's Dawn*, is written as an allegorical series of novels, attempting to capture the incredible story of the Bible. *Kingdom's Dawn* covers the book of Genesis, describing Leinad's adventures through life, including hearing about Creation, experiencing Noah's Flood, and living through the stories of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. Black has done an excellent job of capturing the essence of these stories, and inserting them into a storyline that captivates the minds

of young boys. This is a series of books that I will be completely comfortable allowing my son to read, as he strives to understand the Bible, his faith, and his role in this world. Chuck Black has developed an incredible resource with these books. The rest of the series will soon join them on my shelf. If you have younger children, especially boys, you should pick one up. It will be worth the cost, and whether your kids read it on their own, or you read it to them, it will be time well spent. I really enjoyed this book. It brought me back to my childhood, when knights and swords were commonplace in my dreams. And this weekend, I plan to begin reading it chapter by chapter to my boys. And in the process, teach them a little bit more of what it means to be a man, with such qualities as chivalry, compassion and faith. And it will be fun as we do it.

**Disclosure of Material Connection:** I received this book free from Chuck Black, the author, to read and review. 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."

I really enjoyed this book and was anxious to read the next in the series. As a teenager I highly recommend this book for all age groups. The author did a good job of portraying the bible in a medieval setting which made for exciting reading. This book goes from creation through captivity under the Pharaoh which in this book is named Fairoos. Great book! Highly recommend and I am so excited to see that the author has written more for a total of 6 in this series as of May 2007!

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