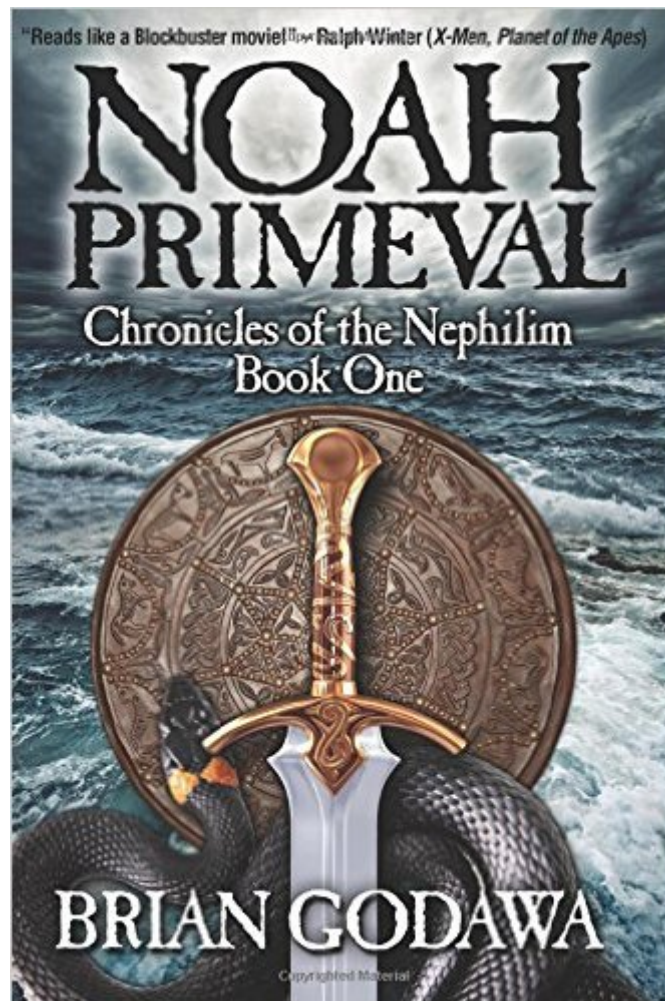


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Synopsis

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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Customer Reviews

I had listened to an interview with Godawa on Derek Gilbert's "View From The Bunker" webcast and it caught my interest. I'm about half-way through the book and can't put it down. Very well done. Good plot. While I love the story so far, the theology is going to take some time to sort through. But, so far, I haven't found anything that contradicts scripture despite being a largely "extra-Biblical" novel. Godawa has woven scriptural principles throughout while combining Biblical, Apochryphal writings and an edgy reimagination of pre-flood Noah and the depraved world he lived in. I would like to emphasize he paints a new picture of Noah compared to traditional views (which the Bible has not defined either, these traditional views are just tradition.) But, he does not redefine Biblical Principles of faith and righteousness and good and evil. So far, I give it 5 stars. Continued... After finishing the book, (I actually finished the book the day after I wrote the original review, sorry for the delay) I still love it. I would keep the 5 stars that I gave it half-way through. It's a fast paced book that reads like a screen play. It left me wanting more, I think that's a good thing? For the past month I have been continuing research on the subjects of the novel, I appreciate the information and leads the author provided in the appendices. I love a book that brings something new to the table and this book left me with some concepts that I had to dig deeper and research. I probably will be looking into this stuff for a while. I am looking forward to the next book in this series, I'll definitely read it. Disclosure: I did receive an offer for 2 free Kindle versions of Noah Primeval for friends from the author for reviewing the book.

Brian Godawa transforms the grandfatherly, gray-bearded Noah of Sunday School stories into a warrior chief who'd give Conan the Barbarian a good fight and won't take orders from anyone -- not even Yahweh. Working with the little the Bible actually tells us about Noah the man, Godawa fills "Noah Primeval" with details that are admittedly speculative, but within the bounds of Christian theology. And why not? The Bible has all of the elements a gifted author needs: Angels, demons, monsters, sorcerers, mighty kings, powerful warriors, gods, demigods, love, sacrifice, heroism, betrayal, and epic battles. Godawa's skill as a scriptwriter is evident; the novel unfolds like scenes on a big screen, and there are moments you will recognize as the place you'd stand and cheer in a movie theater. Others have favorably compared "Noah Primeval" to "The Lord of the Rings", and I would as well. Imagine Methuselah and Tubal-Cain as Legolas and Gimli, and you have the idea. It's a fresh and exciting take on a story we think we know. And for those who want more background, Godawa has included appendices in the back third of the book that delve into the mystery of the Nephilim and recent research into the Divine Council -- a concept that will change your understanding of the Old Testament. Highly recommended, especially for teens who may appreciate Godawa's high-energy approach to the story -- enough, hopefully, to read the scholarly research into the history behind it.

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 changing

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