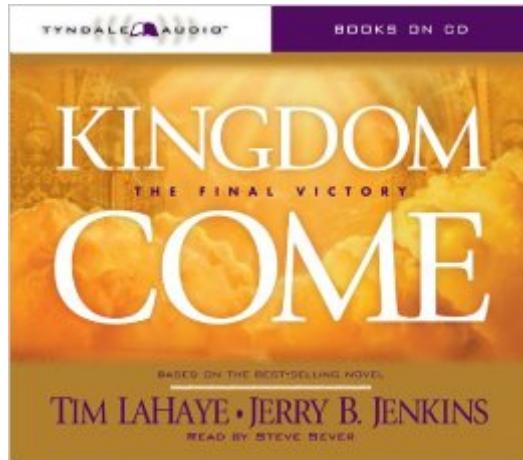


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# Kingdom Come: The First Victory (Left Behind Sequel)



## **Synopsis**

The horrors of the Tribulation are over, and Jesus Christ has set up his perfect kingdom on earth. Believers all around the world enjoy a newly perfected relationship with their Lord, and the earth itself is transformed. Yet evil still lurks in the hearts of the unbelieving. As the Millennium draws to a close, the final generation of the unrepentant prepares to mount a new offensive against the Lord Himselfâ •sparking the final and ultimate conflict from which only one side will emerge the eternal victor.

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## **Customer Reviews**

The tribulation is over and the millennium is beginning. Christians who have died have returned to earth in their glorified state to help those Christians who are still alive rule the earth. The earth's population is made up entirely of adult Christians and children who haven't yet made up their mind. There is a huge need to evangelize the children, so Chloe and Buck, both glorified, set up a day care. They children play games and learn Bible stories. Rayford, the only surviving member of the original Tribulation Force, reunites with old friends and works to further Christ's kingdom by doing whatever is needed. 100 years in, he leads a group that sets about revitalized Egypt after it is judged for turning from God. But in the background, there is resistance building. Calling themselves The Other Light, they set about convincing unbelievers that, if enough of them believe, Satan can win when he is freed. Is there anything our heroes can do to stop them? Okay, I'll admit I have had a love/hate relationship with these books. Some books I've loved, some I've hated, and some I've

loved and hated. This book definitely falls into the hated category. After some boring set up, we advance to almost the 100 year mark, where we spend almost the entire time. There really is no central villain to the story, which makes the conflict very weak. As with GLORIOUS APPEARING, there are long passages that are direct quotes from the Bible but do nothing to advance the story. And this includes three times they stop their story to tell us a Bible story quoted almost completely from the Bible. The characters seem even weaker than normal, too. And that leaves out my biggest complaint.

I was unsure what to expect with the 16th and final book of the Left Behind series. Prequels never seem to be as good as the original, and the only prequel book I thought should have been written was "The Rapture." Still I was pleasantly surprised with this final book. I actually think they should have made a sequel trilogy of the Melenial kingdom instead of a trilogy on pre-rapture. I loved the private story of Kenny and Kat and even though they became the main characters, they included many of our favorites from the original series. They kept it exciting by making us doubt the loyalties of some of the main characters, but it's not overdone either. They also tackle some big and popular issues and questions people have with God. Such as, "If he is all powerful and all loving why do people still go to Hell and why doesn't he fix all of my problems." I loved that this book tackled such issues, and as Abdullah did, treated those asking with love and respect. The one thing I didn't like with the book was the portrayal of Jesus. He just lives in the temple like an untouchable king and does not seem to have much interaction with believers. He quotes himself a lot from the Bible and when he isn't quoting himself, he talks in flowery language like he popped out of the NIV version of the 4 gospels. I understand if they did anything else people may think of it as sacrilegious, but Jesus was as relatable as possible 2,000 years ago, and I happen to think he will be exactly that same way during the Melenium. He is God but that doesn't mean he has to talk the such distinguished snob. I think Jesus will be one of the most relatable persons you'd ever meet, and I can't wait to meet him in person. But I hope he won't be as boring as he was in this book.

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