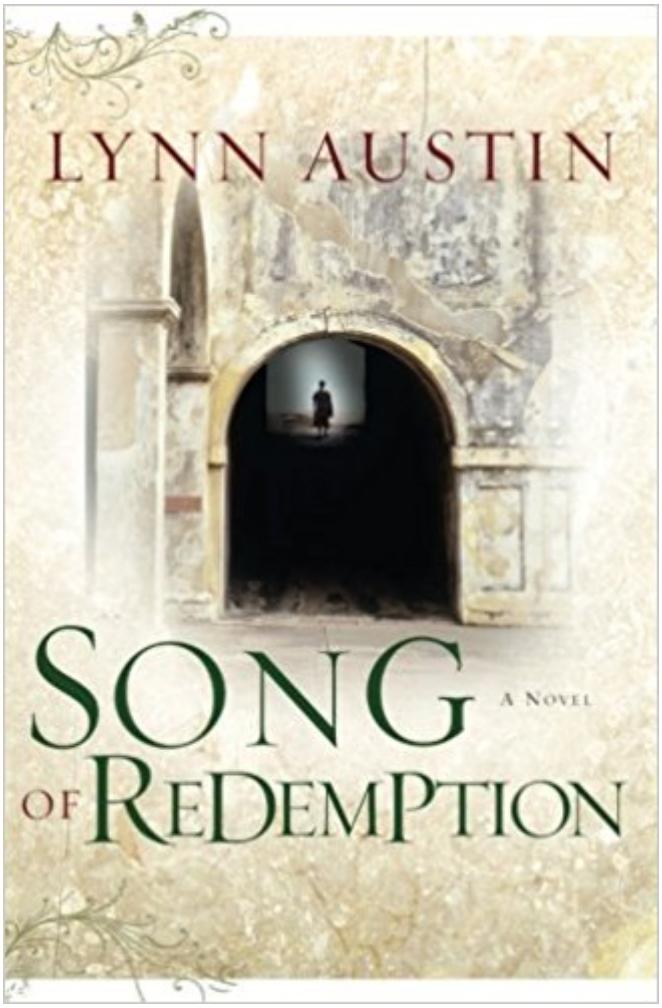
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What a talented Author. I have not been ableTo put these books down..I read Gods & Kings then went immediately into Song of Redemption !Lynn Austin’s historical and Biblical facts are obviously well researched but she goes beyondThis.....Bringing the characters alive in those settingsFrom

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Wow, I can't wait to read the next installment. Wonderful author. Lynn Austin is blessed with such a gift. Her story telling is inspiring as well as mysterious and full of suspense. Her novels stand alone, but if you enjoy reading Biblical Historical Romantic fiction these novels are for you. Five Stars!

Hezekiah was called by God. He made the right decisions although he had so many around him that were questionable. This is an incredible and hard love story but it's there. It's also brutal. At the end, I love that faith in God remained powerful than ever. Very emotional and well written.

The second entry in Lynn Austin's Chronicles of the Kings series, this page-turner is every bit as gripping as the first. King Hezekiah has replaced his father Ahaz on the throne of David, tearing down all the shrines and altars his father erected to idols in Judah.Hezekiah leads his people in returning to worship the God of Israel, and in so doing, Judah prospers. But he must also face the threat of the mighty Assyrian army that continues a reign of terror and slaughter, annihilating all who oppose them. Ahaz turned Judah into a vassal nation under his rule, paying yearly tribute to Assyria, but Hezekiah resists, believing God will protect him and his people.In addition to Hezekiah's test of faith, and the looming threat of destruction at the hands of the Assyrians, there is a secondary plot involving a young girl named Jerusha, who is abducted by the Assyrians early in the novel. For much of the book we see their cruelty through her eyes. Eventually, her life will intertwine with those in Hezekiah's inner circle, bringing the plot threads and this story to a very satisfying ending.What I like best about these books is the vivid way in which Ms. Austin brings the Old Testament to life. From the people, to the customs and setting, it's like stepping back in time. The message at the heart of each novel speaks to the soul--through trial and tribulation, God is true.

The first book in this series was more captivating, but this one is still very good. Both books have wonderful insight into the Bible passages covered. History is made by real people who made the same kind of decisions in the past as they make today, and what these books do is help us to understand the personal aspect of these stories. Hezekiah prepares for the dreaded Assyrian

invasion, while the Assyrians attack and drive out the inhabitants of Israel. Refugees flood Jerusalem with horror stories of their atrocities, and the city fills with fear.These are true stories, as the Assyrian hoard was completely without mercy, and delighted in torture and death. These depictions are frank and not overly graphic, but there is no way to sugar-coat genocide. Caution is advised!Hezekiah's wife loves him, but is tempted by her childhood gods, particularly Ashereth, and she is having trouble conceiving an heir, she begins to pray to the goddess. Hezekiah is ignorant of her idolatry, and is trying to stamp out all idolatry from the nation. Child sacrifice is still secretly being carried out at times.Hezekiah wants to be right with God, and he wants to love God and trust him like David, his ancestor, but he struggles with the atmosphere of fear in the city, as well as with his pagan upbringing. Since the situation in the city is hopeless, Hezekiah must learn to cast himself and his people on the protection of God. I see many similarities in today's political climate.I've enjoyed these books so far, and look forward to reading the rest of the series!

Oh my goodness. This series it so good. Lynn Austin is seriously one of the best christian authors out there. I can be very picky with books... but this one... it definitely hits the spot. There is just enough adventure, mystery, faith and romance to satisfy all readers. Most importantly, however, the author takes a great biblical story and sticks to the word which creating a whole world full of unique characters and experiences that are appropriate and believable for the time. The author also really builds on the characters and story... You can tell she did her research. Also... It definitely never has a dull moment. I'd pay for this series all over again. I have loaned the book out to any friend that would just take the minute to read the first chapter.... You won't put it down after that.

This series has been excellent. As I read this, I also read 1-2 Samuel, 1-2 Kings along with it and it was really exciting to piece things together. The pictures her words paint are vivid. I'm excited to start the next book.

I love this series and cannot wait to get the next one. It follows a lot of the bible but, the fictional parts are really good. Makes you really think about what it would have been like back then.

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