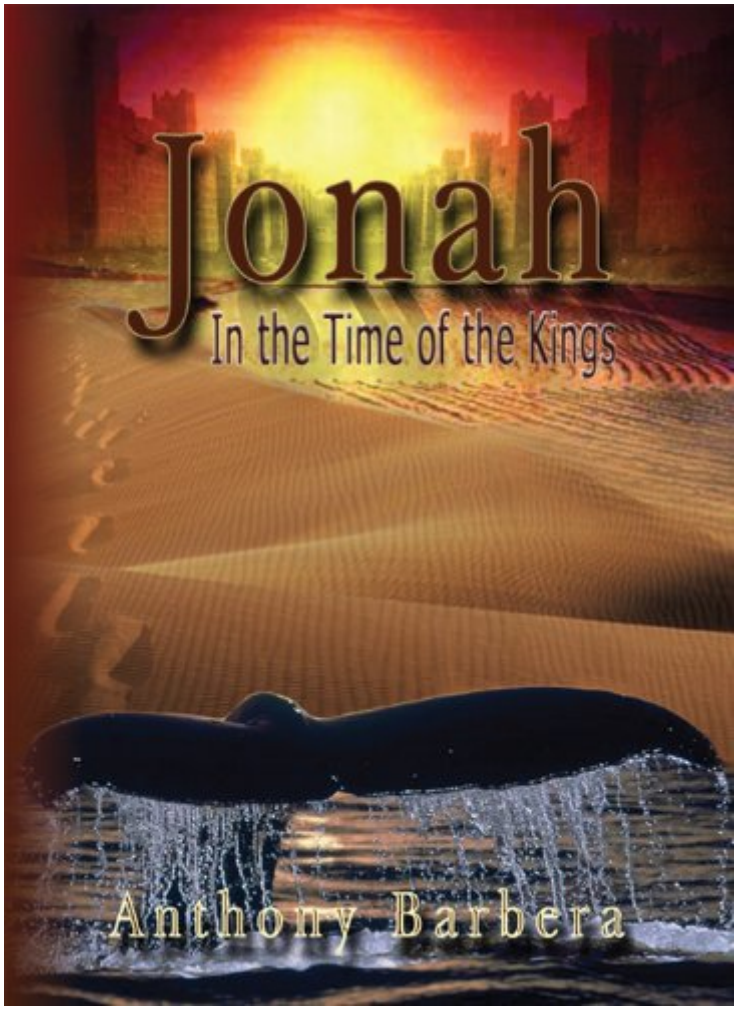
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In 762 BC the Lord sent the prophet Jonah to the most wicked and violent city on the face of the earth. Jonah persuaded a king, moved an empire and redeemed himself. "Jonah In the Time of the Kings" takes you on a daunting and miracle-filled journey from deep within the whale's belly, over 500 war-torn miles, and into the heart of the sinful ancient city of Nineveh. Illuminating one of the Bible's greatest stories of transformation and based upon actual biblical and historical events, Anthony Barbera fills in the details by building a moving portrait of Jonah, a prophet who lived in a time shockingly similar to our own. Amidst battling kings, the politics of fearsome nations and a family left behind, the story reveals the very heart of God and His love for all mankind. Meet the King and Queen of Nineveh. Experience Jonah's fears brought on by the threatened attacks of the Ninevite war machine against his homeland of Israel. Savor the story of Jonah the man, his family, his passions and his relationship with his Lord Almighty. Appreciate why Jonah was a lot more like you and me than you ever imagined!

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Customer Reviews

This book is a work of fiction, based on the book of Jonah which is 4 chapters (about 15 pages), a verse in 2Kings 14:25 and the short book of prophet Amos. Author has compiled a great novel that brings us in the midst of cruel Assyrians (inhabitants of Nineveh - in today's northern Iraq) which conquer ancient Syrians that in turn want to invade divided Israel and Judea. This book is a great read and I recommend it to anyone who want to tap his toes in the time of Jonah.However, I would not recommend this book to a very young audience, due to the war scenes. It's a sad "coincidence" that today we face the same cruel scenes in the same location of ancient Nineveh. Will there be today's Jonah that will go to northern Iraq or Syria to preach repentance?My only complain about this book is that the author insists on using the title "prayer house" (instead of synagogue), which sounds unnatural and denotes the word "church" (i.e. western protestant church). At one point protagonists bring their first fruits offerings to the town's "prayer house" in Wednesday and Sunday. Now that crosses the acceptable line. If author is interested, there are books (i.e.Ã Â The Jewish Gospel of John: Discovering Jesus, King of All Israel) that explain ancient synagogues as something more than a "prayer house" or a "church" as we know it today.

I really liked this fictionalized story of Jonah from the Bible. The author used the Biblical storyline well, adding good historical writing, and adding his bit of fiction to color in the lines of the story. In the Bible, the book of Jonah is four chapters that tell the story concisely and I liked that I felt I could more fully understand some of the aspects of what happened. There is a romantic angle that, as far as I know, is pure fiction, but it doesn't take away from the value of the Biblical parts that are true.There are a few places in the book that the author describes Assyrian violence toward their enemy that is gruesome and a bit more than I want to imagine. Nevertheless, I believe the descriptions to be accurate, because they were truly a vicious, evil people toward their enemy and I'm sure the actual truth of it was probably even worse. I just don't like to see pictures of that horror in my mind. In spite of that, it DID help me understand even more fully why Jonah was so adamant about not wanting to go and preach to the people of Nineveh.The book helped me to gain some interesting and helpful insights into Jonah and the Assyrian people. I very much liked this book and feel I know much more about Jonah now than I did before I read it.

Wow! ItÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s so good! Not only did this book get me back into the habit of reading again, but took me on a wild adventure from Gath Hepher, to the sea, to the desert. I know the story of Jonah backwards and forwards; itÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s one of my favorite Bible stories. However,

this version gave me a different view of the story. It explored JonahÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s character, his family and friends, added depth to the story that most of us only know from text, and reminded me the trip from the sea to Nineveh was not easy for Jonah even if the Bible didnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t mention what the trip was like. It also reminded me that Jonah was never alone, not just because of his fiancÃƒÂ© and his friend Amos who was also a prophet, but because God was involved and was protecting him all the way through.On a personal level, this book reminded me the need I had to pray continually at a time when I wasnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t praying that much. It also reminded me that God is not about to leave me in the dust; HeÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s got me and is going to protect me, just as He did Jonah (hopefully fish arenÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t involved this time).It was so good a story that I felt sad finishing up the story. I highly recommend this book. Even if you know the story of Jonah already, like I did, this masterpiece is worth it. Reading it, youÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ll either feel like youÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢re back in the Bible times or that the Bible has come to life around you. God bless you Anthony Barbera, and to all you readers, may God reach you through this story.

Great book, I was very pleased with your interpretation and bringing life the story of Jonah .one of the greatest prophets in the Bible. I will Continue reading more of your books

A well researched and written book, "Jonah" stays true to Biblical fact, which is very important to me. I look forward to reading more by this author.

I don’t usually write reviews but this book deserves one. I wasn’t sure what to expect when I started reading and was pleasantly surprised.As little is written about Jonah this book filled in the blanks in a believable and likely way.This was an easy read and kept my interest to the end.

At first I was overwhelmed by the wars and torture of captives but then I got into it and wanted to know if Jonah and Naomi ever got together...Naomi was so out there for her times...and Jonah was real....doubting and believing...I loved the writing and story...thank you

Well written and brings out the culture of the day very clearly. I loved theBible insights that the nook brings out.all of this done wirh humour is the icing on the cake. Would like to read more of this author of Biblical fiction.

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