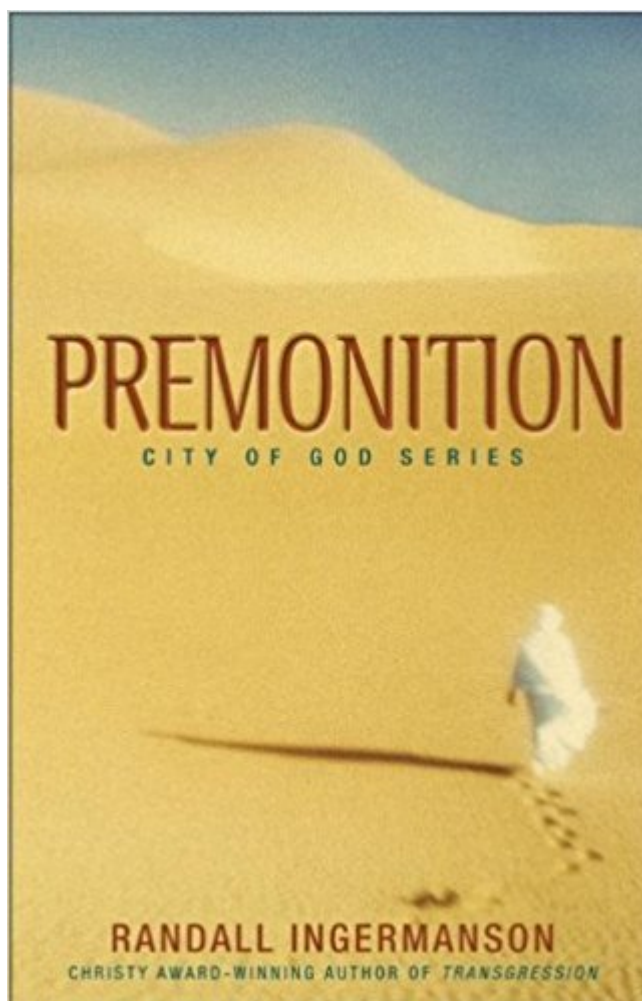


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The science fiction story elements are pretty much gone from the active plot line. They're just back story now to explain why there are two modern viewpoints walking around Jerusalem in the first century. And the apologetics have mostly been subsumed into the realities of how we actually chose to live our discipleship in our dailiness of living. Yet this second book in the series is well-worth reading. I was so breathless as I read the stoning scene when Yakkov blesses the guards and Hanan. Because of the careful construction of his thoughts and attitudes before we ever get to this pivotal scene, it was so powerful...so right...so shining an example of how the first century martyrs DID what so patently was not of Man! If ever I must face such persecution, I believe it will be remembering this fictional scene that will remind me to also follow my Lord's example. To give the words of my mouth the chance to unlock God's glory in my heart. An excellent read and well-worth any Christian's time who believes their faith is meant for more than one brief hour on a Sunday morning.

I read the series, this second book is a great read. The first book kept me up past 3 am because I just could not put my Kindle down. The second book was as interesting as the second and the third

was amazing! The whole series was a subject I love, Jesus and His followers. The beginning of the Christian faith, and the suffering that they all went through breaks my heart. There is so much joy in these three books on early Christianity, and so much sadness that I was moved to tears at times. The Bible is my favorite book of all time. I am an avid reader and there was so much history to keep me going back and forth. The author had to do a great deal of research to write such a great series. I am hoping for a sequel----- thank you so much for a great read!

I enjoyed the read, I love books that have time travel as the theme. This was good at making you think about its implications but it was not the plot. The story started well and had some very good parts. I was on a business trip and read it to pass the time. It was a free book on Kindle. The story does end well so you actually don't need to buy another. It is good enough however that makes you want to buy another book, which I did!. I am on the second book and enjoyed as far as I have gotten. I tend to read only on business trips so I will need to wait. The implications of going back in time and meeting biblical and historic figures is cool. The intent of going back to change things but not knowing if you really changed them or if it was always meant to be was also an interesting concept. The story is not deep and won't make you think on many levels. It will however give you a good read, entertain you and make you want to read the next installment.

I read this series out of order having obtained and read Premonition, Book 3 first. Then I read Book 1 and 2. I love history and many of the details of life in that time period have added to my understanding of the Scripture. The story gripped me right from the start. It was hard to put the books down. The author writes beautifully and with such reverence. I beg him and his publisher for a sequel, Book 4. I am not ready to say goodbye to Rivka and Hana, Ari and Baruke. All the characters were beautifully drawn. By this time you know that I highly recommend this series! I wish I could give it more than 5 stars.

In this 2nd installment, the narrative is thoroughly historically anchored. The narrative has evolved beyond the SyFy premise to progress with the dynamics of life in The City of God at the grittiest. Excellent reading. It sticks to you.

Excellent second step on this journey! The struggle to forgive the unforgivable is so relatable. Definitely looking forward to book 3. Jesus taught people using parables.. I am so grateful to have read this series, which like the parables allows us to see something with new eyes. This story

honors Jesus, is as moving as The passion of the Christ, and is a reminder that we see now only in part. Coming to know, love, and trust God is a long journey. At some point we each must choose how we will walk. Ingermanson has shown what obedience looks like, as well as the humility and Christlike love it takes to walk in obedience. If you find yourself stuck, or struggling, or lost perhaps reading this series will stir something the Holy Spirit is leading you towards but you cannot yet see. If not, it is a well written, thought provoking fictional story that you will likely enjoy reading anyway. I highly recommend this series.

As a student of sociology & theology, this series gives an intimate look at life in the first century; tying together history, science, mystery, theology, all while clearly displaying the human condition in every belief system. The story itself is fascinating & interesting; I've read the first two books in 3 days. The author, who I know very little about, has spun an inescapable story that won't allow you to put the book down! The clarity with which the author portrays all aspects of life in the first century AD is boggling, it seems as if the author had been there, come back to retrieve us so we can go experience it for ourselves. This perspective gives new understanding to history, new understanding to the New Testament, as well as a longing for the 'world to come'. A brilliant series, I highly recommend!

This is a wonderful book for anyone who is interested in biblical fiction. Set alongside significant events in both Jewish and Christian history, this book is the perfect blend of action, suspense, and a romance (with a little bit of supernatural thriller woven in). Ingermanson is a gifted writer who knows how to capture the essence of a time and place. One of the things I appreciate most about him is his ability to portray people and their faith in a realistic way. None of the characters are saints- all are real people who struggle with their faith in different ways, and uncover awesome biblical truths along the way. Although you could enjoy this as a stand-alone book, I would recommend that you read Transgression, the first book in the series first. So excited to start the next book!

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