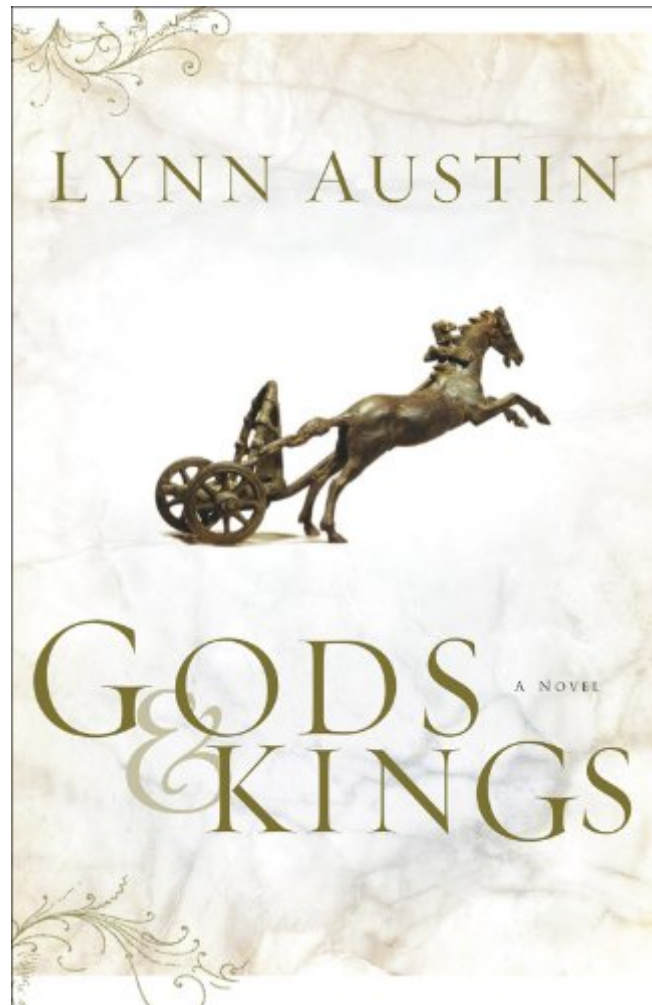




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Customer Reviews

In my opinion, most religious fiction is not very good as everyone is just too nice or the scenes just aren't realistic as it's not "Christian" to write about how people really are. Lynn Austin, on the other hand, does a really nice job of fictionalizing a brief passage of the Bible into a full-length novel, and gets you into the heads of the characters. The imagery and scenery are very realistic and, for example, I could imagine me walking the dusty streets of the Middle Ages. The thing that struck me the most was this book really got me thinking and getting more out of the story than a random section of the 28th chapter of the book of Second Chronicles and makes me want to read the next

one in the series: with the volume of books I read on a monthly basis, having one stick with me and recalling various sections of the book long after I read it (about a month ago) is, to me, impressive and tells me this was really a good book. I initially got this book during a Kindle free promotion and, as I write this review, the price is now \$5.38 in the Kindle store - you will certainly get a lot more than \$5.38 in entertainment value if you get this one!

Lynn Austin has written some of the best Bible-historical novels I've seen. My entire family - husband and all our grown kids - read this series, one after the other. "Are you almost finished with that one? I can't wait to get into it!". I learned more about the Old Testament during this period from this series than in all my 35 years as a serious Bible-reading Christian. It's eye-opening on so many levels that it functions as a sort of devotional as well - I was able to identify areas in my own life that needed improvement, became more aware of things to avoid in my own life, and was, again and again, impressed by God's amazing involvement in the lives of individuals, all throughout history, as well as in my own. I would think a complete atheist would enjoy these too, if they like historically accurate dramas that include intense relationships, terrible adversity, romance (not at all overt, but beautifully portrayed) and an overall uplifting story. Give me ten starts and I'll click all ten of them for this series. Most libraries have them, too!

Lynn Austin has written a wonderful novel of Christian historical fiction at it's best. This novel is a page Turner from the first page to the last page. This novel can stand alone, but I will read the next Book #2 Song of Redemption. If you enjoy Christian Historical Fiction, this is for you.

Absorbing, thrilling, emotional, thought provoking, on base with scripture. I got this first book because it was free. I have since purchased all her other books in this series and am presently on Book #3. I have to pace myself in reading or I will be through them all very soon. These books hold your interest, gather your imagination to the forefront and then brings you to reading the actual story in the Bible. I am so impressed with the accuracy in her writing, truly a talent. She has brought these stories to us through her thoughts and ideas but I feel she was really inspired in her writing. I am a fan from the very beginning. Having read some of her other books, I find the Gods and Kings to be the best yet and there are so many more to go. In my humble opinion, if you like good clean books to read with intrigue, love, hate, terror, sweetness and reality, get her books. You will not be sorry. I read them at night when all is quiet and I can really get into the story, then next thing I know it is well past midnight. So very glad I got this series and this is one that I will read and re-read again. Love

the story and the talent of this lovely author, Lynn Austin. Thank you for bringing this beautiful story to us.

First of all, I love the writings of Lynn Austin. I wasn't sure how I would feel about a book based on the Bible and historical accounts with fiction added, but I must say that Ms. Austin removed all doubts! What she managed to do was to develop a story around Biblical accounts of King Ahaz and his son Hezekiah that was exciting, heartbreaking, and completely touching. By using her historical research and creating situations that would have been real during that time period, for instance the sacrificing of children to the god Molech, served to cause me to 'feel' the weight of living in a society such as that. She managed to take Scripture and develop the Biblical characters in a way that made me feel connected to them in a real and personal way. She brought the Bible alive, and as long as one understands that fiction is used only to 'fill in' and enhance the actual events, but no Biblical facts were changed in any way, they will be completely thrilled with the Gods and Kings series.

When you compare the Bible and this book, it is like you are right there with them at the same time. It is so nice to think about what they could have been thinking or feeling so many years ago. This book makes all of them so human but still I can't wait to see some of them in Heaven. Wow! When I put the book down, I find myself reading it over and over again because it is such a fascinating read from beginning to end. But, I have to go on to see what Hezekiah does next, as king. God is Good. Well written.

Who would have thought life had turned so dark back in the days of the Prophets. I feel there is a message is for America and the way we have turned from the love of God to the love of self. My heart aches for our country, this is a prophetic picture where we may wind up.

One of best book series I've read. In fact, my entire family is reading the series and we are all enjoying it, from my teenage daughter to my husband. It relays the story of King Hezekiah in a gripping way. It will draw you in and leaving you wanting to read the next book as well as your Bible and it will challenge your own faith in God.

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