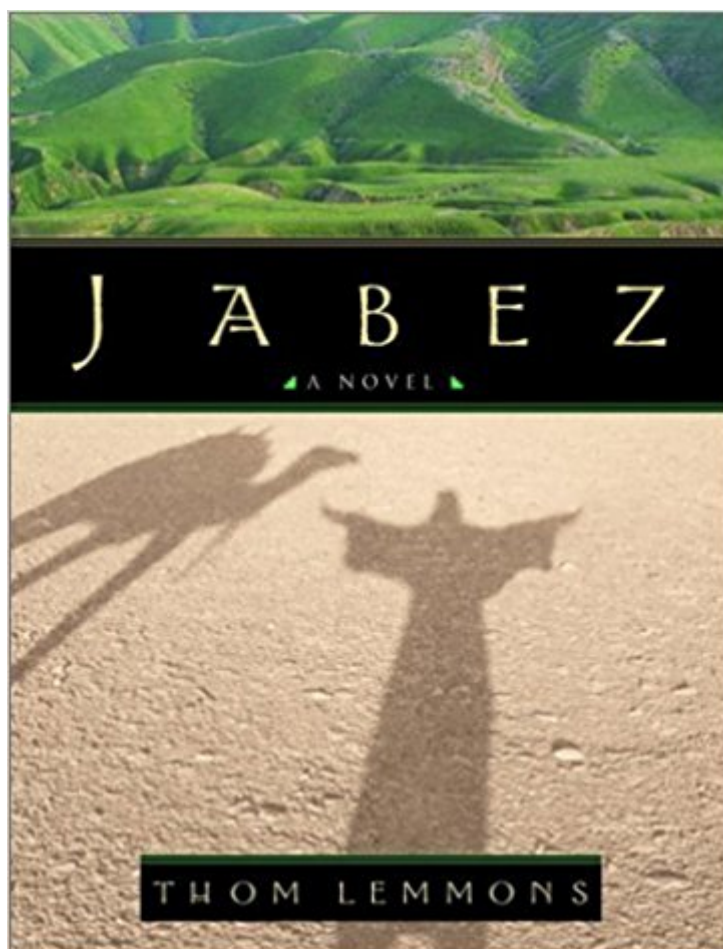


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# Jabez



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Thom Lemmons is a best-selling author of biblical era fiction. His novels include the Daughters of Faith series—Daughter of Jerusalem, Woman of Means, and Mother of Faith—as well as Daniel: The Man Who Saw Tomorrow, Jeremiah: He Who Wept, and Once Upon a Cross. A graduate of Abilene Christian University, Thom serves as director of ACU Press. He and his wife, Cheryl, have three children and live in Abilene, Texas.

I am well aware that we can never know the full stories of many of the people mentioned in the Bible. This novel is a fictional account of the backstory of Jabez. The story is well-told, interesting and accurate enough to make readers believe it actually could have happened as recounted here. It's also enough to send Christians back to the original Bible verses that tell what we really know of Jabez's story.

The only drawback to this great novel—it is only available on cassette tape. I have listened to it several times. The message fits our world today to a "T". I love this story and although it is a novel it is close to the Bible in accuracy.

It's a very life-changing book...

This novel made the Bible character of Jabez come to life. Jabez means pain. This is his life story. The narrative style pulls you into his life from page one and it is hard to put down until you have finished.

Though little is known of Jabez, and much of the book is speculation and fiction, there is little to convince me that Jabez became a true follower of Yahweh. He suddenly makes his famous prayer to Yahweh without seeming to understand the faith or why he should pray. Very weak book.

nice, short, little historical novel about an obscure biblical figure: jabez. it was well-written (& almost gave me the feeling that i was reading a sword-&-sorcery-type fantasy while reading it), but it didn't

give me the warm fuzzies, or make me cry, or any kind of special thing, which is why i only gave it 4 stars. (& i'm wondering now if a dramatized version might come across better? because there's nothing inherently wrong with the novel, or the writing, or anything, & so i'm thinking a dramatization might really bring it to life?)i DO think it would be a good book for teens to read (homeschoolers, etc.), since historical novels have a way of breathing life into the study of ancient history that textbooks will never be able to compete with, & since this book does an excellent job of tying together all the different biblical figures -- setting them firmly in their ancient time & geographical area -- & since it makes you FEEL what it must have been like to live in the days when "the people of Israel forgot their God" & "every man did as he saw fit" ...

Clearly the publisher is trying to ride a wave: not just a tiny little swell, either. This is the tidal wave of JABEZ. But this may be one of those rare times that a follow-up is better than the original!Lemmons brings the same skills as a creative writer that he's shown in the past to this obscure man whose prayer is buried in the book of Chronicles. In telling the story, he's clearly done his backgrounds study.Aside from the compelling story involving Jabez, Ehud (the Israelite judge), and Eglon (the Moabite king), Lemmons also gives a feel for what this period was like in the Ancient Near Eastern world. What difference did it make that iron weapons were being used by some? What relationship did the small tribes of Israel have with one another and with other nations around?I highly recommend the book. It's a great example of what a good novel based upon a biblical character can be.

This book was AMAZING!! Travel with Jabez on his rollercoaster journey to find the MOST HIGH. On his journey he has many lessons he learns and with an open heart he cries out to God this little prayer..."Oh that you would bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that your hand might be with me, and that you would keep me from evil, that i may not cause pain!" And the greatest part is that..."God granted him that which he requested." This story was powerful and moving and makes on want to search for the Most High!

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