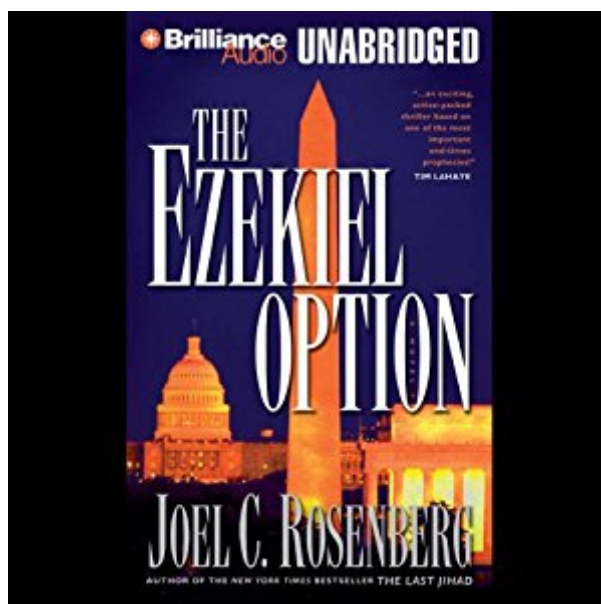


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Synopsis

The first page of Joel C. Rosenberg's first thriller, *The Last Jihad*, put listeners inside the cockpit of a hijacked jet, coming in on a kamikaze attack into an American city...but it was written nine months before September 11, 2001. As Jihad unfolds, an American president finds himself in a war with Saddam Hussein over terrorism and weapons of mass destruction...but it was published five months before the actual war with Iraq began. Rosenberg's second novel, *The Last Days*, opens with the death of Yasser Arafat and an American president pressing for peace in the Middle East...but it was published thirteen months before the actual death of Yasser Arafat. Now comes *The Ezekiel Option*, an explosive new political thriller that literally feels ripped from tomorrow's headlines. With Saddam Hussein and Yasser Arafat out of the way, a dazzling era of security and prosperity seems to have come to the Middle East. With the help of an American president trying to spread freedom and democracy, the Israelis and the Palestinians have signed a historic peace agreement. Violence is down. Their economies are booming. But a new evil looms on the horizon. A dictator is rising in Russia. Iran is feverishly building nuclear weapons. A new Axis of Evil is emerging, led by Moscow and Tehran. And Jon Bennett and Erin McCoy -- two senior White House advisors -- find themselves facing the most chilling question of their lives: Is the world rushing to the brink of an apocalypse prophesied more than 2,500 years ago? --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

Joel C. Rosenberg has written an outstanding novel. Taken from today's headlines, the Middle East is unsettled due to new oil discoveries in Israel. Jon Bennett, Presidential advisor is directly impacted by a government overthrow in Russia. He consults his mentor, former Mossad agent Eliezer Mordechai. Dr. Mordechai exposes Jon to the prophecy from Ezekiel 38-39, which tells of an uprising of Middle Eastern nations along with Russia. These nations intend to attack Israel. This is so familiar that it is uncanny.

How you view this book may well depend on how you view the world. If you are an active secularist you might as well save your money. If your politics are decidedly liberal, you will probably not like this book. However, you have an open mind on the issues of religion and Christianity or a religious bias in your life, this novel can be unsettling, scary and compelling. One thing Joel Rosenberg does not do in this book is fail to document his thesis and he also does not fail to spin another complicated and riveting story about the politics and dangers of the world we live in. There were portions of the story which I thought could have been handled better, especially the Erin McCoy - Jon Bennett saga near the end, however this book is not trash as some have suggested and does not deserve to be trashed. It deserves to be read as a thoughtful piece of writing.

Read the title of this review, if you aren't interested or don't believe biblical prophesy, then you probably won't find a lot that you like about this book. In fact this book will make you uncomfortable and your discomfort might even come out in your review as an emotional tirade (funny how that happens). So, rather than subject yourself to an uncomfortable reading experience just don't bother with the book. If on the other hand you are open to this type of thinking, this book will be enjoyable and will progress in ways that bring you comfort. Is it a great piece of literature? No, but it is interesting and suspenseful in a number of places. Does it take a leap of faith and are their places in this book that seem too incredible to believe? For some folks yes, but faith is what defines religion. I don't believe it is possible to predict the end of time, neither when or in what fashion, other than in general terms (the bible says fire). Like a thief in the night, that's what I have always been told. This book makes you think and I believe Rosenberg accomplished exactly what he had hoped when he wrote it. Recommended to all fair minded people.

I'm not always a fan of Christian literature, but this was one of a few exceptions. I am not a fan of the Left Behind series, but this much different...much much better. The plot is immense, but easy to follow. From moscow to Washington, Jerusalem to ancient prophecy--the story takes us around the

world and weaves a thrilling story that is easy to follow and hard to put down. It brings us to the point of judgement day...and I won't give anything else away... By the time the book turned "Christian" I didn't really care. It was brought into the story in a way that made sense, that was fluid, and I didn't feel preached at. Really, a great thriller for any reader, Christian or not. A few other books that fall into the Christian themed thriller but crossover successfully are: *Monster*, *The Didymus Contingency* and *The Oath*...actually, most of Peretti's books are decent. But those three and *The Ezekiel Option* are the best so far...of course now I have to read all of Rosenberg's previous novels. *Last Jihad* and *Last days here I come!*

Joel Rosenberg has been called a modern Nostradamus. I think he is a modern Issachar: he "understands the times" and "knows what [to] do." People who want to understand the War on Terror—who is behind it, what drives it, and how it will resolve—should read *THE EZEKIEL OPTION*. Joel marches Biblical prophecy off the pages of the Bible and weaves it into a story that informs, entertains, and mesmerizes. Joel is not a prophet (he leaves that work to Ezekiel, Daniel, and John the Revelator), but he is well versed in the Scriptures and a gifted story teller. By using fiction studded with prophetic truths from the Word of God, Joel helps arm us for battle and anticipate the victory ahead. *THE EZEKIEL OPTION* is fiction that is relevant. Biblical prophecies are, after all, history that is sure to happen.

This is an action packed thriller from start to finish. It is a very fast paced story that is very well done. This book is an end times novel based upon Ezekiel 38-39. Rosenberg has developed a plausible interpretation of those Scriptures and developed a great novel around them. I read both of the author's previous novels, *"The Last Jihad"* and *"The Last Days"*. While both were excellent, he has definitely taken this one to a new level. Even if you are not a big reader of novels, I would recommend this one.

Wow, I couldn't turn the pages fast enough! The story is very fluid and fast paced. It never gets stale with over done character development but gives you enough to let your imagination take over. Obviously, the prophecies are intriguing and worth observing the world around us to see if they are true. Today, Al Qaeda bombed various stations in London during the G8 Summit and there are people hell bent on hurting others and will go to any lengths to achieve their ideals. It is plausible, then that there are people in certain governments who have completely different ideals from those of Americans or Israelis that would use their influence and stature to inflict harm. Peace in our

lifetime? Not likely. Joel's books are creepy close to real events that were written BEFORE they happened. We should all perhaps take heed of the message.

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