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In *The Jerusalem Scrolls*, bestselling authors Bodie and Brock Thoene take the story back in time from the battle for Jerusalem in 1948 to tell an ancient tale of love, faith, and redemption. After days of brutal fighting against Arab forces, Moshe Sachar, the courageous leader of the Israelis, escapes to a tunnel under the Old City and discovers sacred scrolls that tell the history of his faith and people. Opening a scroll, Moshe becomes immersed in the extraordinary story from the first century A.D. of Miryam, a beautiful yet troubled young widow, and Marcus, her Roman suitor. With stirring accounts of many events and characters from the Bible, *The Jerusalem Scrolls* combines wonderful storytelling with a captivating historical setting.

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Nonie says

The story begins in the 20th century as Jerusalem is being overrun and goes back to the first century via the writings found on underground scrolls which have been preserved beneath the temple mount. The book tells of happenings that are found in the christian gospel from the perspective of a roman centurion and a jewish harlot.

Mark Baker says

The focus shifts from 1948 to 1st Century Israel for this moving story of Jesus's mercy and grace.

Read my full review at [Carstairs Considers](#).

Nancy says

Once you know the Bible story, this series is a good addition - they put you right there at the time and in the place. Very enlightening - but remember, they are novels not history.

Karen says

This book was much different from the previous 3 books in the series. Not only is this particular book set in a different time period (approx. 1st century AD), but there's a totally different group of characters. At first, I wasn't sure what to expect with this one. But the storyline was interesting and kept my interest. There were recognizable Biblical references within the story. Can't wait to find out how the ancient tale connects to that of the main storyline set in 1948!

Lisa Lawrence says

The Bible verse about the one without sin can cast the first stone at the woman guilty of adultery... it has a depth of meaning when one reads this story of the people behind the briefly described incident.

Karen says

Great historical retelling of the beginning of Statehood of Israel, good characterisations and authentic Messianic Jewish culture. I also liked that it was fair about the different peoples/cultures/religions involved, even though the book was told from the (Messianic) Jewish perspective.

Kw says

Quite a stretch, to imagine Mary Magdalene as the sister of Martha and Lazarus and Mark as The Centurion. Of course I know this is fiction, and pretty great fiction at that, but I wonder why they did this? Just so strange.

Kathryn says

So glad I continued with this series, this book has very little, in fact almost nothing to do with the previous 3, it goes back in time to Jesus's days on earth, and is a fictional account of Mary Magdalene's life and back story and her encounters with Jesus. Some parts were obviously predictable, and you knew what was coming, but I really enjoyed this even better than the previous 3 books!

Dany says

This was good but I really don't like the "story within a story" format. I've been left with a cliffhanger regarding the story was being told, as this book and apparently the next two, are the start of a new series called the A.D. Chronicles. Good but kind of disappointing.

James Burns says

What can I say,? it left me wanting more, I really feel like I lost a love one. It Started out in Jeruselum 1948, and then to Jeruselum when Jesus Christ whalked and preached. Its centered on two Characters, Miryam, "a beautiful woman yet troubled young widow' with very loose Morals, and Marcus "her Roman Suitor." Theirs is a love,Hate,love relationship; both trying to find themselves.

An outcast of her own people, who is dead to her people; whose mother committed suicide when she was a young girl which tramatized until she found peace; Marcus Quintas longinus, a Roman Centurion winner of the highest award (Corona Osidionalis) that could be awarded a Roman soldier, Trying to remain loyal to his oath to Caesar and his attraction to Myrian and the teaching of Christ. Read this book and go on an incredible journey, share their heartaches, their triumphs and their sorrows and their love.

Julie says

What an amazing story of the full range of human emotion and the search for true love by two people with very different stories. This may the best book I've read by the Thoenes! As each character deals with the demons of their past and the horrors that plague them in the present, they each come to similar conclusions in their own ways and in their own time just as we all do. The depth of understanding about how we let our past define us and how difficult or impossible it may be to let go of the past and who we've become is incredible and speaks to the heart and soul of the human condition. Thankfully, there is salvation!

Jeni Enjaian says

A review from my old blog...

This book takes place primarily during the time of Jesus. Moshe Sachar is underground hiding during a very dark time for the new Jewish state and has been directed to read these ancient scrolls that have been preserved for hundreds or thousands of years by his wife's grandfather.

One minor note on that front. For the most part I have not been able to discern major mistakes by the Thoene's but in the prologue both Moshe and Alfie refer to Rebbe Lebowitz (Moshe's grandfather-in-law) as Rebbe Lubetkin which was Rachel's name before she married Moshe. Now, this was probably just an editorial mistake but one that I couldn't get around for the most part. I mean, obviously if Rachel's mother was Rebbe Lebowitz's daughter, the last name is not going to be the same. I realize as I type this that all of this information may go over most everyone else's head so I will leave off there.

I have to say that after having read Magdalene by Angela Hunt I was faced with the difficult task of seeing this Miyram of Magdala as a different kind of character. Obviously the two characters are completely different. I happen to prefer Angela Hunt's interpretation of the character which slightly soured my own perspective on the majority of the text.

In an interesting way though I was intrigued to see how two different authors can approach the same Biblical character and come up with such different interpretations. I admire that actually. For the sake of the understanding of the reader though it is a little difficult. :D

The characters in these books are connected and further developed in the most recent series by the Thoene's "The First Light Chronicles", the series that really turned me onto the Thoene's to begin with. I love seeing how the characters connect and even how Moshe connects to the modern character in the beginning of the First Light Chronicles books.

Even though there were minor things that distracted me I did enjoy the book. I enjoy anything from that time period and that area of the world. When the book is written by a good author such as one can find in the Thoene's, I can't really ask for more.

Jenna says

For those who love the Bible, this would be an excellent book to read. It is about the time of Jesus, but from the Roman Centurions viewpoint and a certain woman of ill repute. The style of writing encourages you to read on and on.

Robin Densmore says

Great read!

Kim says

I have always like the Thoene's writing, but this one captivated me more than the rest of the series b/c it had more historical and less fiction than the other Zion Legacy books. Truth is fascinating.
