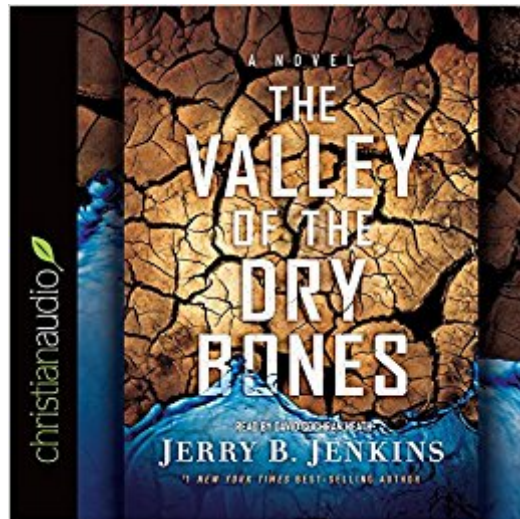




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The Valley Of The Dry Bones: An End Times Novel



Synopsis

In *The Valley of the Dry Bones*, Jerry B. Jenkins overlays the ancient End Times prophecies of Ezekiel onto the landscape of modern California. After a 17-year drought, multiple earthquakes, and uncontrollable wildfires, the state is desolate. The United States President declares the state uninhabitable and irreparable, directing California's 39 million citizens to relocate. From the air, California looks like a vast abandoned sand box, but to a few groups of people, it's their home. With less than 1% of the population remaining in California at their own risk, the holdouts encounter a clash of cultures, ethnicities, religions, and politics that pits friend against friend with the future of California at stake.

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Customer Reviews

Jerry B. Jenkins's novels have sold more than 70 million copies. Twenty of his books have reached the *New York Times*, *USA Today*, *Publisher's Weekly*, and *Wall Street Journal* best-seller lists. The phenomenally best-selling *Left Behind* series inspired a movie starring Nicholas Cage. Jenkins has been featured on the cover of *Newsweek* and his writing has appeared in *Time*, *Guideposts*, and dozens of other periodicals. He and his wife, Dianna, have three grown children and live in Colorado.

3.5 StarsI've never read the *Left Behind* Series, so I won't be able to compare the two. I have to say that this book reads more like a semi-dystopia than an end of times, even though the characters repeatedly reference the end of days. Because California is currently suffering a drought, I found the

concept of this story to be an interesting 'what-if' and enjoyed the almost Mad Max scenery. Being that the characters are missionaries, suffering through some stuff that would definitely take some spiritual strength, the dialogue did not come off as overly preachy, though there were some scenes that leaned that direction. A few of those were when Zeke discussed his calling with his daughter and her character was used to simplify the concept, another was when Zeke and Doc were rebuked by their pastor and he reminded them of their roles, which came off more forced than natural. There were other situations that struck me as hilarious, such as when Zeke decided to spout Biblical prophecies at government agents without the prompting of God. I could well imagine the scene, where Zeke thinks he is doing the work of God, only for God to remind him not to get cocky. The world building is both extensive and somewhat lacking. There is a lot of effort put into how the holdouts are able to survive and stay sane yet not as much to explain other questions, like why the holdouts' children have not been taken if they are keeping them in a place deemed uninhabitable. As well, the beginning sets up a highly intense ending where Zeke presents the gospel to world leaders but with the ending not quite living up to expectations. I did enjoy much of this book and am glad that I was able to read it. I expect that many of Jenkins' books are far better and do suggest this to anyone interested in the question of just how far you are willing to answer God's call. I received this book from the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

Jerry B. Jenkins in his new book *The Valley of Dry Bones* published by Worthy Publishing gives us a novel of the End Times. From the back cover: A 17-year drought, multiple earthquakes, and uncontrollable wildfires, leave California desolate. The United States President declares the state uninhabitable and irreparable, directing California's 39 million citizens to relocate. From the air, California looks like a vast abandoned sand box, but to a few groups of people, it's their home. With less than 1% of the population remaining in California at their own risk, the holdouts encounter a clash of cultures, ethnicities, religions, and politics that pits friend against friend with the future of California at stake. California has been declared uninhabitable and mostly everyone has left. There are some that have nowhere to go and that is the group that Reverend Bob and his team stay behind to minister to. Due to health reasons he has to resign and move out and one of the team will take over. I believe this is an absolutely fascinating approach to hearing from God and not only ministering to the lost but to the Church as well. Zeke and the others are fascinating characters that will draw you into them so that you want to know everything that is going to happen to them. I do not recommend starting this book late at night because it will cost you sleep as you will not want to put it down. Mr. Jenkins is an excellent writer and really knows how to

tell a story that will grab and keep you interest all the way through until the end.If you missed the interview for "The Brotherhood" book one in a different series and would like to listen to it and/or interviews with other authors and professionals please go to [...]where they are available On Demand.Disclosure of Material Connection: I received this book free from Worthy Publishing for this review. I was not required to write a positive review. The opinions I have expressed are my own. I am disclosing this in accordance with the Federal Trade Commission's 16 CFR, Part 255: "Guides Concerning the Use of Endorsements and Testimonials in Advertising."

I anxiously waited to receive my book and then I devoured it in two days! When I got near the end I actually slowed down my reading so it would last longer. I wasn't sure after reading the Left Behind series if Jerry Jenkins could write anything else as captivating, but I obviously was captivated. Maybe next time he needs to write a 1,000 page story so I can keep reading for a while!

Interesting storyline that kept my interest to the very end. Zeke had questions about what God had in store for him or for one of their enemies.

Jerry Jenkins writes stories that inspire and challenge us to follow Christ with focus and humility. The Valley of Dry Bones is no exception. I couldn't put it down.

Excellent book! I am a huge fan and once again, Mr. Jenkins has provided a fantastic page turner! Every fan of Jerry Jenkins needs to enjoy this book. Thanks Mr. Jenkins!

This book spoke to my soul, thank you so much Mr. Jenkins. It's a very fast and engaging read, and quite the reminder that we Christians have a job to do; one person at a time.

Loved it! The story has a great premise that is not far-fetched at all.

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