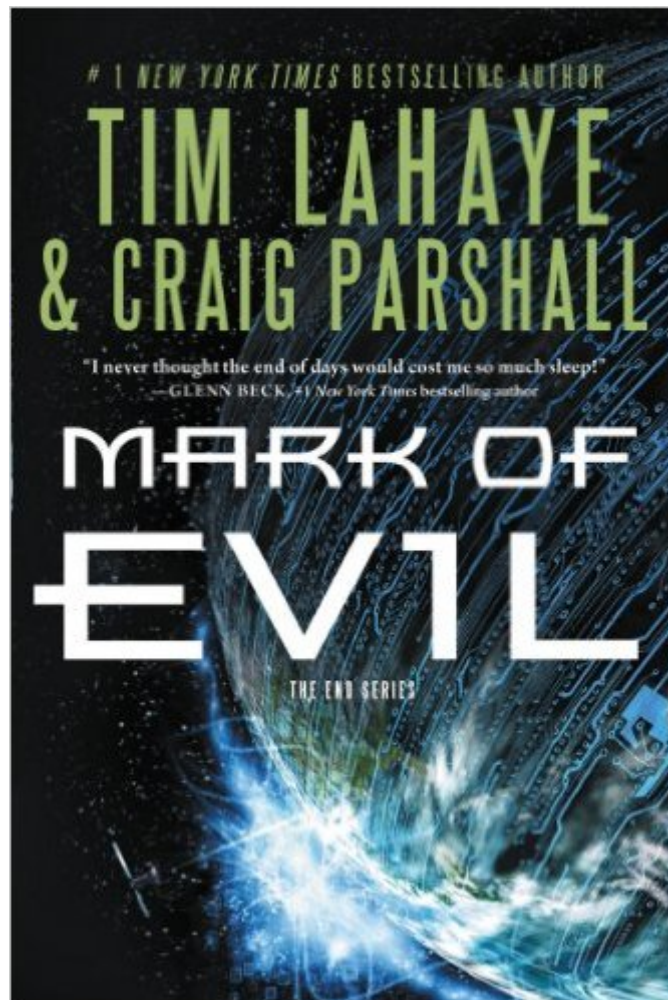


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Mark Of Evil (The End Series)



Synopsis

Economies have collapsed, freedom has been suppressed, and peace is a distant memory. The world is falling apart. Joshua Jordan's protégé Ethan March, along with Jimmy Louder and Rivka Reuban, have been left behind in a world that is rapidly coming under the complete influence of the Antichrist. Technology is growing by leaps and bounds with BID-Tag implants, robotic police units, and drone-bots flying overhead . . . all designed to control and dominate those who resist the Antichrist's reign of evil. As Biblical prophecy is fulfilled each new day, Ethan and the others in the Remnant struggle to eat, to procure necessary goods, and to avoid the Global Alliance "in short, to survive. But when the forces of evil attempt to pervert the world's most powerful information system to their own sinister ends, eliminating everyone who gets in their way, it's up to Ethan and the Remnant to subvert their dark ambitions. From New York Times best-selling author Tim LaHaye, creator and co-author of the world-renowned Left Behind books, and Craig Parshall, Mark of Evil is the final thrilling chapter to The End series.

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Customer Reviews

There have been many 'end of times' fiction novels written over the years, but the best has been the Left Behind series by Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins. After the series ended, Tim LaHaye teamed up with author Craig Parshall for The End Series. For some reason, I thought the series concluded with Brink of Chaos, but I was wrong, as the fourth novel, Mark of Evil arrived in bookstores last

month. Similar to the Left Behind series, the rapture has occurred and millions of people have disappeared in the blink of an eye. The non-Christians (of the sinners) are the only ones that remain on Earth, as the Antichrist reign of terror is about to begin. Mark of Evil centers on Ethan March, who has now become a Christian after the rapture. Ethan, along with Jimmy Louder, Rivka Reuban and other believers are hiding from the Global Alliance Police, whom are under the influence of the Antichrist. This is unlike the world we have known, there are now BID-Tag implants in people, robotic police units and flying drone-bots, in which all of these things are used to stop the believers from spreading God's message to others. Ethan and the rest of the believers know that they can't stop the Antichrist, as everything is foretold in the Bible, but what they can do is help the spread the message of God to others. Mark of Evil is a fast-paced intelligent Biblical thriller that is set in our not-too-distant future. Some readers may avoid the series as it is a Christian novel, but Mark of Evil is a science-fiction, action adventure that I'm sure many Christian and non-Christian readers will enjoy. Overall, I enjoyed reading Mark of Evil. *Disclaimer - I received a complimentary copy in exchange for my honest review. All opinions are my own.

The first three novels in this series were extraordinary, beginning with Edge of Apocalypse, next Thunder of Heaven, followed by Brink of Chaos, concluding with Mark of Evil. Mark of Evil is a fictional story of what occurs on the earth after believers are taken to heaven, referring to the Rapture. Personally, I haven't made a purposeful point to study end time events, so don't read this book looking for answers. Read the Bible if you desire to understand more of what God has and hasn't revealed about what is to occur before Jesus returns. Mark of Evil lays out the fictional underground church in many nations that has joined the Global Alliance group. The United States is not one of the participants and is under the leadership of a man named Colliquin whose sole desire is to be The One people look to. Colliquin has hired many workers to reprogram those who have the tag under their skin and also has plans to overtake the internet worldwide. Readers will be able to tell whose side this fictional player works for and it isn't good; in fact, it is downright evil. Ethan March was chosen to head the group Joshua Jordan had founded and operated. He had left behind a series of video messages for his predecessor to lead him through the Tribulation time. The threat on Ethan's life is never-ending and he is always trying to stay one step ahead of the Global Alliance. There are others who desire to advance the kingdom of God as well as those who wish to destroy it completely. Toward the end of the novel, the pace of the action gains speed along with an increase in the level of tension. There are many characters that are operating underneath the radar of the evil one in order to avoid capture and

torture. Some are caught and killed, others are given knowledge and supernatural guidance in escaping, but the audience will be caught up trying to figure out who will or will not escape. There is an aspect of the hope that the gospel brings throughout the book, which is great. There is also a budding romance that began in the third novel of this series and continues here. Although I enjoyed reading the book, I think the first two were the best of all four, but don't pass up reading a good suspense novel!

I thought the way the book that came before this one ended, that it was the end of the series. But that was not the case, and I was happy to see another book come out in this series. I like it far better than the Left Behind Series, and find it more believable. This book takes up where the last one ended, after the Rapture has taken place. It deals with Christians being hunted down and the rise of the anti-Christ. The book is both entertaining and scary. Obviously, no one knows what it is going to be like during the tribulation, other than what we know from the Biblical account, but the authors describe some very scary scenarios that are very possible with our modern technology. Things like bar codes imbedded in people, and drones programmed to hunt down and kill anyone who doesn't have the mark on them. Books like these should do more than entertain, and it does. It serves as a warning that we need to be ready. I'm not a big proponent of people becoming Christians after the Rapture. LaHaye is. Maybe he is right, and maybe he is wrong. Regardless, books like these give scary enough scenarios that it makes one not want to be around for them, regardless if one can become a Christian or not. I highly recommend this book, though the series should be read in order.

I should have known that this wouldn't be the end of the series, but we know the end of the story. It was hard to stop on any given page, and I was thankfully on vacation. Mark of Evil is an exciting account of what happens as the world nears the half-way point of the tribulation. The descriptions of events are consistently fast-paced. If you liked the first books, you'll be glad to read this one.

I felt like I was left hanging, since they paused in the middle of the Tribulation. Welllll....hello, where is the best part where we go to war with the evil guys and Jesus kicks some butt? :D I like the series, but I felt cheated by this one. I also felt like they could have had less people as it made things difficult to follow so many personalities and what was going on at times.

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