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By Mark M. Yarborough & Jerry B. Jenkins

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Before Earth, before humanity, before sin—there was Heaven. And it was perfect. Until Lucifer questioned the authority of God. As rebellion fractures the angelic realm, Michael the Archangel is thrust into an unimaginable role: leading God's army in a war that was never meant to be fought. This sweeping, cinematic novel reimagines the origin of evil and the cost of free will—revealing the story behind Creation, the fall, and how it still affects us today.



PRESS RELEASE

‘LEFT BEHIND’ AUTHOR JERRY JENKINS RETURNS WITH EPIC NEW NOVEL EXPLORING HEAVEN, EVIL, AND THE COSMIC BATTLE BEHIND HUMAN HISTORY

JENKINS TEAMS WITH DALLAS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRESIDENT MARK YARBROUGH TO WRITE ‘THE BATTLE
FOR HEAVEN AND EARTH’

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — At a time when millions of Americans are rediscovering faith and spiritual purpose surrounding timeless truths, bestselling novelist Jerry B. Jenkins is returning to the epic supernatural storytelling that made him a household name.



Jerry B. Jenkins, the legendary New York Times bestselling author behind the blockbuster ‘Left Behind’ series and novels connected to ‘The Chosen,’ is teaming with Dallas Theological Seminary President Dr. Mark M. Yarbrough for ‘The Battle for Heaven and Earth,’ a new epic exploring the cosmic origins of evil, rebellion, and redemption.

Releasing November 3, 2026 from Thomas Nelson Fiction, *The Battle for Heaven and Earth* transports readers back to before “in the beginning,” to a rebellion in Heaven that occurred before the creation of Earth that continues to shape our lives today.

The novel arrives amid a growing spiritual revival across America, as faith conversations increasingly move back into the mainstream culture. From the explosive popularity of *The Chosen* to renewed interest in the Bible and prayer among younger generations, audiences are searching for stories that combine entertainment with deeper meaning.

“I think people are hungry again for stories that remind them there’s more to life than what we can see,” says Jenkins. “Across America, you can feel a renewed openness to faith and the eternal questions of truth that have always mattered most.”



PRESS RELEASE

For decades, Jenkins has stood at the center of faith-based storytelling in America. *Left Behind* became one of the most influential publishing phenomena in modern history, selling more than 63 million copies worldwide and shaping a generation of Christian fiction readers. His recent work tied to *The Chosen* has introduced his storytelling to millions of new fans hungry for spiritually-grounded stories with cinematic scope.

Now, alongside respected theologian and DTS President Mark Yarbrough, Jenkins is delivering a bold new story aimed at readers searching for meaning, moral courage, and timeless spiritual truths in a rapidly changing world.

“People are gravitating toward stories that wrestle honestly with good and evil, purpose, and sacrifice,” shares Yarbrough. “This novel invites readers into an epic adventure while engaging the spiritual questions humanity has grappled with for centuries and of which Scripture speaks.”

Blending imagination, action, and moral conflict, *The Battle for Heaven and Earth* is positioned for both faith-based and mainstream audiences, in the tradition of *Paradise Lost*, *The Silmarillion* and today’s fantasy sagas centered on ancient wars between darkness and light.

“We wanted to tell a story with massive scale and emotional stakes with the perennial-question through-lines people across cultures and backgrounds still wrestle with today,” says Jenkins. “Why does evil exist? What drives rebellion? And what happens when pride overtakes truth?”

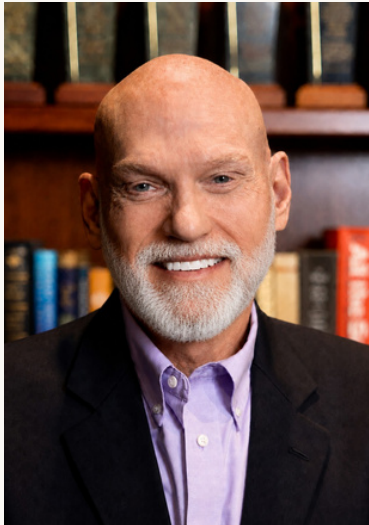
Published by Thomas Nelson Fiction, *The Battle for Heaven and Earth* will be available wherever books are sold on November 3, 2026, in paperback, ebook and audiobook formats.

For more information, visit: <https://www.thebattleforheavenandearthbook.com/>.

The Battle for Heaven and Earth is a sweeping speculative epic from Jerry B. Jenkins and Mark M. Yarbrough that explores the origin of evil through a rebellion in Heaven, the fall of Lucifer, angelic warfare, and the battle for Earth’s inhabitants. Blending immersive world-building with biblical themes and mythic conflict, the novel explores loyalty, temptation, sacrifice, and redemption through a cinematic story of spiritual warfare.



JERRY B. JENKINS



Jerry B. Jenkins is the author of more than 200 books, with over 73 million copies sold. He is best known for the Left Behind series and novels based on The Chosen.

A longtime leader in Christian publishing and education, he teaches writing through the Jerry Jenkins Writers Guild.

MARK M. YARBROUGH

Mark M. Yarbrough, PhD is the president of Dallas Theological Seminary and a professor of Bible Exposition.

He is the author of several books, including How to Read the Bible Like a Seminary Professor, and speaks widely on the grand narrative of Scripture.



Together, Jerry B. Jenkins and Mark M. Yarbrough bring a rare combination of narrative expertise and theological depth—pairing decades of bestselling storytelling with a commitment to biblical clarity and insight.



BOOK FACTS + KEY LINKS

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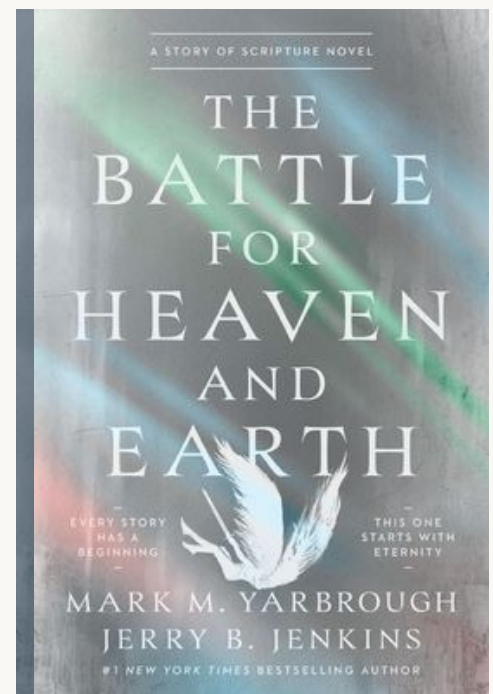
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INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

- This book wrestles with a big question: where did evil come from? Why does that question still resonate today?
- How did you approach turning deeply theological ideas into a story that feels immersive and cinematic?
- For readers who don't typically pick up faith-based fiction, what makes this story accessible and compelling?
- What drew you to tell the story of the war in heaven—something Scripture only briefly touches on?
- This is a co-authored novel—how did you collaborate to create one seamless voice on the page?
- You center the story on Michael the Archangel—what made him the right lens for this narrative?
- How did you decide where to stay close to Scripture and where to imaginatively expand the story?
- Portraying Lucifer is no small task—how did you approach writing him with both gravity and complexity?
- After spending so much time in this story, did it change the way you personally think about creation, evil, or faith?
- What do you hope readers take away from this story?



INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

FOR JERRY B. JENKINS



- You have written some of the most widely read Christian fiction of the modern era. What drew you to tell a story about the origin of evil and the dawn of creation?
- With *Left Behind*, you helped readers imagine future biblical events in a vivid narrative way. How was this project different as it looks back before “in the beginning”?
- How do you balance biblical reverence with creative imagination when writing fiction inspired by Scripture?
- How did you approach turning theological ideas like rebellion, pride, free will and spiritual warfare into characters, scenes and conflict?
- What did collaborating with Dr. Mark Yarbrough bring to this writing process that was different from your previous novels?
- Was there a particular scene, character or moment in *The Battle for Heaven and Earth* that felt especially meaningful or challenging to write?
- How did you approach writing this book so it would resonate with believers while remaining accessible to readers less familiar with the Bible?
- What do you think fiction can do in reaching spiritually curious readers that nonfiction or traditional teaching sometimes cannot?
- What do you hope readers are thinking or feeling when they finish *The Battle for Heaven and Earth*?



INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

FOR MARK M. YARBROUGH



- From a theological perspective, why is the origin of evil such an important subject for Christians to understand?
- What does Scripture reveal about Lucifer's rebellion, and where did you and Jerry have to be especially careful not to go beyond biblical boundaries?
- How do you distinguish between biblical truth, theological interpretation and fictional imagination in a project like this?
- The novel explores free will, pride, obedience and deception. Why are those themes so central to the biblical story?
- Spiritual warfare is often misunderstood or sensationalized. How does this story help frame it in a biblically grounded way?
- What was it like collaborating with Jerry Jenkins, whose gift is storytelling, while your role was to help guard the theological foundation?
- The book is intended for both committed Christians and spiritually curious readers. How can a story about angels, demons and the origin of evil open the door to meaningful conversations about faith?
- As a Bible exposition professor, what challenges come with helping readers understand a subject that is both deeply biblical and surrounded by mystery?
- At its core, what truth about God do you most hope readers take away from *The Battle for Heaven and Earth*?



ENDORSEMENTS

“The Battle for Heaven and Earth is a breathtaking saga that stirs the heart, galvanizes the imagination, and engages the intellect. Each chapter invites you into the picturesque dimension of the spiritual realm while simultaneously unveiling sound theological principles. This work kindles our spiritual appetite for God, heightens our appreciation for His eternal work, and then subtly recalibrates the way we live. It is for the young and the old, seasoned believers, and staunch skeptics, those who are just beginning to seek biblical truth, and those who already have a mature understanding of it. Wherever you are in the journey, Yarbrough and Jenkins’s masterpiece should be the next book you savor and enjoy.”

— **Priscilla Shirer, Bible teacher and author**

“As a friend and former classmate, I have long admired Mark Yarbrough’s dedication to ministry and his commitment to teaching God’s Word. In *The Battle for Heaven and Earth*, Mark and Jerry Jenkins have crafted a compelling narrative that does more than tell a story. It invites readers to deeply engage with the beauty and truth of Scripture. I highly recommend this book for anyone looking to strengthen their walk with the Lord.”

— **Senator Ted Budd**

“Mark Yarbrough and Jerry Jenkins have crafted a captivating window into the unseen spiritual realm that aligns with the biblical narrative of creation and humanity’s fall. *The Battle for Heaven and Earth* creatively brings to life the cosmic struggle between God’s faithful angels and Lucifer’s rebellion. In a genre akin to historical fiction, this true story of biblical origins combines core theological realities with a sanctified imagination to build our faith, increase our hope, and provide a much-needed perspective on the brokenness in our world.”

— **Chip Ingram, CEO & Teaching Pastor, Living on the Edge**

“Wow! The combination of Mark Yarbrough’s theological strength and Jerry Jenkins’s ability to weave a narrative have collided in a compelling novel. The insights, wisdom, application, and “can’t put it down” feel makes *The Battle for Heaven and Earth* a must read. More than just a look into Heaven and creation that stretches our imagination, this novel will provide tools for spiritual growth today. Pick this book up fast and put it down slow.”

— **Gregg Matte, Pastor of Houston’s First Baptist Church**

“In *The Battle for Heaven and Earth*, Mark Yarbrough and Jerry Jenkins imagine what the spiritual battle raging in the heavenly places looks like. Grounding their vivid storytelling in Scripture while giving full rein to holy imagination, the result is a gripping glimpse into the cosmic conflict between Lucifer’s minions and the loyal angels of heaven. Thrilling reading that does more than entertain—it is both thought-provoking and engaging—the story takes us through creation and the fall of man. It stirs the spirit and points us back to the truths of the Bible.”

— **Sammy Tippit, international evangelist**



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*“In the literary genre of cosmic historical fiction that follows in the tradition of C. S. Lewis’s *The Screwtape Letters*, Yarbrough and Jenkins have brought to us an imaginative story that thickens our own curiosity about the ethereal elements of eternity. In the grand narrative of Scripture, the Bible has places where humanity’s story arc intersects with the more mysterious sweep of angelic history, and Yarbrough and Jenkins have suggested a fanciful angelic storyline to fill in some of the gaps at the very beginning of those intersections. Those familiar with Scripture will recognize many strands of biblical phrases that these authors have woven into their engaging plot about *The Battle for Heaven and Earth*, a battle that has been unfolding since before creation. Their inventive tale about spiritual beings is replete with reminders that apply equally to terrestrial life, getting readers to recall scriptural wisdom for our own battles on this side of eternity. This is an enjoyable—and sometimes sobering and even convicting—read.”*

— **Douglas S. Huffman, Ph.D., ‘The Chosen’ script consultant, Professor of New Testament, Dean of the School of Theology and Ministry, Advisor to the President, University of Northwestern – St. Paul**

“In *The Battle for Heaven and Earth*, Mark Yarbrough and Jerry Jenkins bring both the pre-creation and the creation stories to life. The reader is compelled into the Sovereign’s reality. Your heart swells. Your mind expands. Your faith grows. As they remind us, the Lord is well aware—and well prepared—to redeem His creation. This is brilliant prose wrapped in the eternal truth of Scripture, for a culture that desperately needs reminding who this Creator God is—and of His redeeming reach toward all mankind.”

— **Eric K. Hogue, President, Colorado Christian University**

“Mark and Jerry pull back the curtain on eternity and show the Grand Drama behind the scenes of creation. When I heard about the book, I wondered how they would achieve this feat. Now, I’m simply grateful they did.”

— **Chris Fabry, award-winning author and radio personality**

“The Battle for Heaven and Earth is a creative work of imagination addressing biblical themes. It tells the early story of creation in a very “behind the scenes” and expansive way. I found myself asking what core Scriptures mean when it refers to spiritual beings and as it asks basic questions about how we as humans relate to God and creation. Though a Scripture novel, it is also about core life issues. I found reading it a valuable reflective, and at times devotional, experience. I commend it to you for a different kind of look at the things of God.”

— **Darrell L. Bock, Executive Director for Cultural Engagement, Senior Research Professor of New Testament Studies, Dallas Theological Seminary**

“Theological. Wonder-evoking. Transformative. This is the story of creation retold with stunning depth and wonder. With vivid imagination and rich theological insight, *The Battle for Heaven and Earth* helps you make sense of the world around you and lifts your eyes to the Creator who holds it all together. If you’re looking for a book that will encourage you to trust the One who spoke everything into existence, this is the story for you.”

— **Louie Giglio, Passion City Church Pastor, Founder of Passion Conferences, Author of *Don’t Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table***