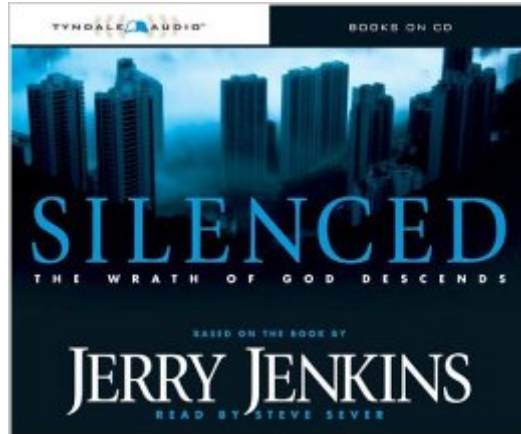


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# Silenced: The Wrath Of God Descends (Underground Zealot)



## Synopsis

Enter the continuing story of double agent Paul Stepola as he works to protect his fellow believers from the government that is trying to eliminate Christians. The underground church is in mortal peril following the apocalyptic events in Los Angeles, which have only cast further suspicion upon Christians. Meanwhile, Paul struggles with how to tell his family about his newfound faith without raising the suspicions of his ruthless father-in-law. A gripping, futuristic thriller that will keep you glued to the page.

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## Customer Reviews

I bought the first novel in this series last year when it came out and read it in just a week. I knew at that point that I wanted to buy each sequel and read them as they were released. SILENCED deals with the aftermath of SOON and picks up shortly after the drought in Los Angeles, a plague that believers pray to God for, in response to the world leaders suppressing Christianity. The second book deals with the main character, Paul, as an agent for the NPO, seeking out Christians for treason and prosecution. Except that Paul is a believer himself and is a secret mole for the Underground Church. This story really makes you think about what the world would be like if religion was completely outlawed. It seems far-fetched and almost sci-fi in modern America, but the real truth of religious prejudice was alive in the New Testament and will be again, according to John's Revelation on Patmos. This book puts a fictional twist on a future world where ALL religion is outlawed and believers must worship in Underground Churches. At the very least, this book makes

you thankful for the freedoms we have in America. And it is also a fast-paced thriller, with very dramatic cliff-hangers at the end of each novel. I have a discussion about this book on my website forum at (...) I am anxiously awaiting the 3rd in series! Great Job, Mr Jenkins!

I really thought this book was actually BETTER than SOON. Perhaps, it is because the characters are now defined for us...so we can get on with the story. Let me tell you, once the story starts, you are hooked. Jerry Jenkins has a real talent for writing good Christian fiction that does attempt to use every plot twist and turn to preach to you from the Bible. I appreciate his ability to interweave scripture into the text of the story so that you can learn from it, instead of having it shoved down your throat. It is plainly obvious who the writer is in the LEFT BEHIND series....and Mr. Jenkins adeptly pulls it off again in this story. This book is an edge-of-your-seat thriller that will get you hooked and then leave you waiting eagerly for the next installment. I think the best character in this story has to be Jae, Paul Stepola's wife. She seems to be the most "human" of all the characters, and I think many can identify with her problem of being caught in the crossroads between atheism and religious belief. She represents many of us today who are struggling with that same problem....Once again, Jenkins delivers a really great story...and I am so looking forward to the next book in this series! Read it today!

I enjoyed Silenced. Having read all of the Left Behind books, and quite a few other Christian apocalyptic novels, Silence struck me as both solid and unique. Like Left Behind, Jenkins sticks to an action-driven plot, with occasional theological dialogue. However, with this novel, he gives us great insights into the characters thoughts and feelings. This stuff could really happen, and probably has in Communist countries of the Cold War era. Bottom-line: Jenkins picked up the pace with Silenced (vs. Soon), and leaves us hungry for the final installment. Buy, read and discuss!

World War III, fought over religious difference, decimated the population. Religion became banned and led to the National Peace Organization killing traitors who disregard the taboo; none is as fanatical as NPO operative Paul Stepola until he becomes a believer. He also becomes the highest placed male in the party but he does not tell his wife because her father was the father of the party. When Paul brought down what was thought a high placed person in the underground he became a hero to many and his wife, who forgave his many infidelities, began to believe they had a future together. When someone claiming to represent the underground bombs Italy and France, Paul is sent over to bring him to justice. He also makes contact with the underground. Back home

they believe he has turned traitor and are going to use his wife to prove it. The party is also implementing measures to have citizens sign papers saying they do not believe in religion; the penalty for lying is loss of freedom or death. Paul must stop this from happening or even worse problems will resonate around the Globe. Jerry Jenkins always tells a great story and SILENCED is no exception. Paul wants to prove to his wife he changed and his wife must choose which side she is on: her father or her husband's beliefs. There is a lot of action in this science fiction thriller but the best part of SILENCED is the scenes where Paul's wife must make up her mind about who she truly believes in and acts upon it. This series is as good as the Left Behind Books but they are very different as the author shows the audience the powers of prayer and how it works in our every day lives within this compelling tale about a repressive regime that punishes those who do not obey their edicts. Harriet Klausner

I thought this was a terrific book, and I liked the first one equally as much. I loved the development of faith in the main characters... that they are not "preached to" by anyone, but wooed to the truth by the Word Himself. I also appreciated the ambivalence of some of the characters about doing the right thing. Jenkins understands that in real life people of faith aren't always fearless, and he lets us see their weaknesses and how God's power is revealed when they reach the end of their own strength. Even the prayers for/against God's wrath rang true, when they said they just didn't know what to pray for... but still they prayed. The only slightly bothersome thing was that God answered their prayers for judgement... in their timing... in the way they specified... when He could have authored something entirely new to display His sovereignty. God is not on a leash, and his answers to prayer are more often not what we would expect. I enjoyed this book, and am looking forward to the next one!

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