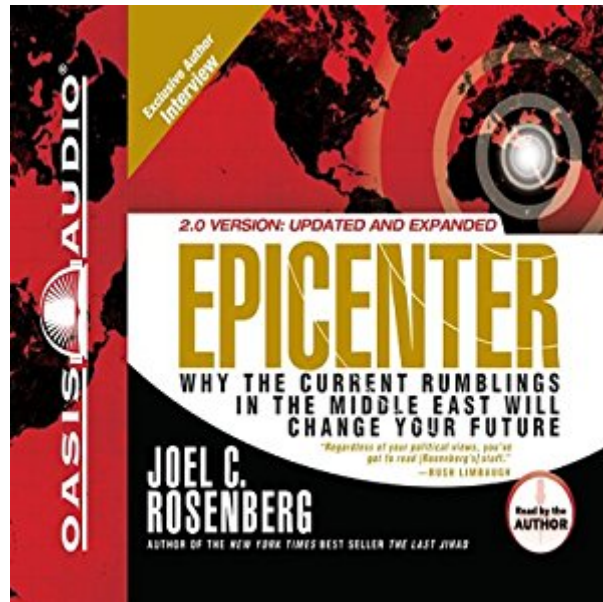


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Epicenter: Why The Current Rumbblings In The Middle East Will Change Your Future



Synopsis

A riveting audiobook about the dramatic changes that will transform the world as we know it. Americans are anxious about the future - the world's and their own. Rosenberg explains the enormous political, economic, and spiritual changes that are underway in the world's most important countries. He answers why these changes are happening, what they mean, and provides insights from exclusive interviews with world leaders.

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Customer Reviews

I have to admit when I first heard that Joel Rosenberg had written a series of novels, I wasn't very excited to take a look at his work. I'm generally not into "end times" books because many of the ones I have seen are essentially a few facts scattered throughout a matrix of wild speculation. And I never did catch on to the "Left Behind" genre. However, being involved in the leadership of a Messianic Congregation, and having a general interest and concern for the Jewish people, I was nevertheless curious. Then I noticed then this book, which is a sort of "cliff notes" to Rosenberg's novels, providing key highlights and most importantly, the basis for his novels. After reading a few sections, I found myself being quite impressed at the content. Before long, I was hooked; this is a very well done book. The thoughts are clear, speculation is generally noted (rather than affirmed as fact), copious references are provided, and I believe that the book is generally faithful to its Biblical roots. The central theme of the book is the literal fulfillment of the prophecies of Ezekiel in chapters 37/38. The author takes these prophecies, and tries to interpret them in light of current world events. When he wrote the novels, some of his "predictions" had apparently not yet been fact, so that in

some ways his views offer some testable hypotheses. Rosenberg is not a "date setter (thank G-d)," though he believes that we are rapidly coming to the climax of these prophecies. Especially important is his use of primary sources; in most cases he talked to many "in the know" people across the world, and didn't just quote sound bytes from the internet/TV/radio. The book has a very investigative feel to it, and the high quality of the effort here is rather evident.

I was given a copy of Joel Rosenberg's "Epicenter" along with great accolades for its message. It took me a while to want to read it because I long ago grew weary of the Tim LaHayes and Hal Lindsey's of the world who want to tie every current event to biblical prophecy. Books such as this, as well as Rosenberg's fictional novels and LaHaye's "Left Behind" series, are popular because people are trying to make sense out of world events and are hoping that there is a purpose to all of the negative things that occur in our world. In a sense, end-times interpreters are correct - everything that happens is part of the working out of God's plan for mankind; however, their doomsday predictions do nothing to change any of that. Most such writings seem to come from rather an elitist position on the part of the author (as though he is the only one who can correctly interpret prophecies through world events) and are woefully lacking in the gospel message that gives people hope to endure such times. Rosenberg has become well-known for having a seemingly uncanny knack of writing fictional novels with events that later (or often sooner) occur in real life. This book is his first venture into non-fiction, and he tries to explain how he comes up with many of his ideas for his novels and presents his theory of an impending earthly calamity (though this is not the final battle of Armageddon). Unfortunately, the introduction and first few chapters of the book come off as being self-congratulatory advertisements for his novels. Also, Rosenberg writes as though he were letting the reader in on some big secrets that he has gleaned from statesmen and church leaders in various parts of the world, but he tells us nothing that we can't get from reading a newspaper or watching television newscasts.

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