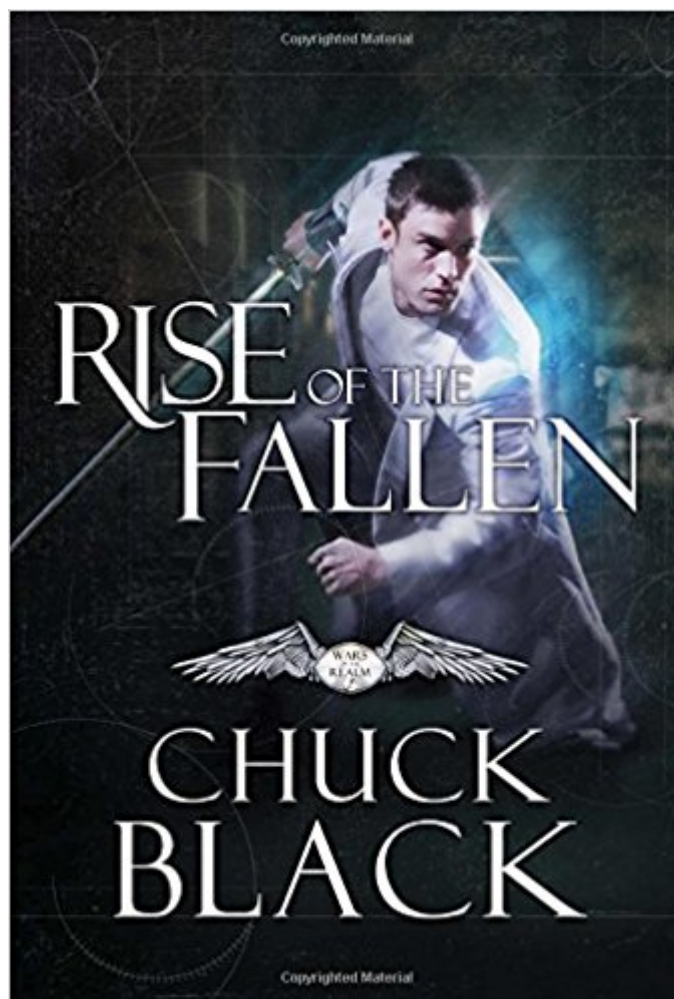


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Synopsis

A six thousand year war rages and now the demonic Fallen are coming for himâ”the one man shrouded in mystery. Only Validus stands in their way. Validus is the last and least of Godâ”™s angels, but heâ”™s seen much across the millennia since his creation. Empires have risen and fallen as angelic and demonic forces battle in a raging war that will determine humanity’s fate â” and the fate of his defeated brothers. Eventually called to be an earth-bound warrior, Validus rises to a position of power and respect, commanding legions of angels through impossible battles and overwhelming odds. But when orders arrive from the Creator’s most elite Messenger, he finds himself suddenly demoted to a task of apparent insignificance considering the fierce war they are waging against the demonic Fallen â” the covert protection of one unbelieving man. Validus soon finds himself on a mission that will push him beyond his abilities as he battles to protect Drew Carter, for the Fallen are coming for him. Legions of them. As Validus races against time to discover why Drew is so important to humanity’s survival, can he stand between Drew and all who would destroy him?

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Rise of the Fallen is an unforgettable and phenomenal journey of experiencing human history

through angelic eyes. While I have read other books that give us this type of a heavenly perspective on the human race, this author takes it to a whole new level for me. Not only did it catch my attention, but it also captured my heart in a way that no other book like this has. It pulled at my heart strings, and I felt this story just as clearly as I could visualize it in my head. This is one story not to be missed!

Validus feels that he doesn't have a place of purpose or honor in Heaven as a result of being the last angel created. Nothing good comes from being last. He is sure that he will experience a lonely and isolated existence until things start to change and he slowly begins to understand that sometimes it is the lowliest and the weakest that are granted the immense privilege of serving a purpose beyond their own understanding. As he begins to walk the path placed before him, he observes the best that humanity has to offer as well as the worst. He rejoices over the blessings that God pours out over mankind and mourns over the same poor choices that man always seems to circle back around to. One day, Validus is given new orders that he has no idea how to deal with. He initially sees it as a punishment of some kind, but when he looks deeper, he realizes that there is more to this new assignment than meets the eye. He fully intends to give his all in fulfilling the wishes of the Lord, but he is wise enough to realize that this mission goes far beyond the impact of just one human man. There is more at stake than he ever could ever have imagined. I was in awe of the amazing depth that this author creates for each of his angelic beings. He goes far beyond anything that I ever expected. As I delved deeper into this incredible story, I was amazed to find myself completely lost in this world of Heavenly delights and earthly revelations. Chuck Black breathes new life and revelation into a world that we barely give a passing thought to. You will come to find a greater appreciation and a deeper sense of wonder of what has existed long before we were even a thought in our Creator's marvelous mind. Even though this world is just out of reach, it doesn't lessen its impact upon us and our world. Instead, we should take what we learn and use this precious knowledge to be a force for good.

Chuck Black first amazed me in Cloak of the Light when he created a world in which one unbelieving man was able to look into the spiritual realm and see that which is hidden from us. Now, he has returned and taken my breath away with this stunning portrayal of how those sent to protect and fight for us truly love and care for our future. This series is unfolding in a breathtaking array of beautiful layers that when told in its proper order reveal an awe-inspiring plan of love, beauty, and grace that our human minds can barely begin to unravel. I can't wait to read the final piece of this wonderful love inspired story! I promise that it will revolutionize not only your thinking but also your heart.

Many works - specifically trilogies - tend to have a strong beginning and a good end, but falter

during the middle. Having thoroughly enjoyed the first book in the series, I was desperately hoping that the second book would be just as good. Fortunately, it does not fall short, and was also immensely enjoyable to read. I would highly recommend it, though of course only after reading "Cloak of the Light" first.

The second installment in the War of the Realm series by Chuck Black is Rise of the Fallen. Having read the first book in the series, Cloak of the Light, I was very excited to get to read and review the second book as well. Rise of the Fallen did not disappoint! In some ways it may have even been better than the first book in the series. The second book really adds to the story of the first book. I am interested to see where the next book goes with the story. The first book, Cloak of the Light, focuses on the main character of Drew Carter. For the most part it is written from his point of view. Throughout that book you see the war that is going on in the spiritual realm, but from a human perspective in most ways. In Rise of the Fallen, the focus is on an angel, Validus. Most everything is from his perspective. This completely changes the tone of the book. This book has much more of a supernatural war tone to it because of it being from the point of view of Validus, a warrior angel. The war may be a supernatural war, but it very much has the feel of a natural war. This book also doesn't just focus of the story of Drew from Validus' point of view. The story weaves back and forth between the story surrounding Drew and the history of Validus. You see Validus move from an inexperienced angel at the beginning of time to one of the greatest warrior angels that there is. This part of the story moves along through some significant moments in Biblical history. Throughout this book the parts about Validus may be more intriguing than the parts following the story of Drew. My one warning of this book, and really this series, is that some people may find some theological fault in it. Clearly some the parts involving and about the angels, demons, and spiritual warfare is fictionalized. There is only so much that we know about the spiritual world from the Bible. Chuck Black does take some liberties in this area. A great thing that he does to back up his writing is put stuff that is a direct Biblical quote or Biblical truth in bold letters. Then there is a reference in the back that corresponds to these parts and gives explanations. He also addresses some the things that may bring up questions about the spiritual world, and backs up his answers with Scripture. This is a great resource, especially since this book is written for the young adult genre. It is equally good for the adult reader too. I received this book for free from Blogging for Books for this review.

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