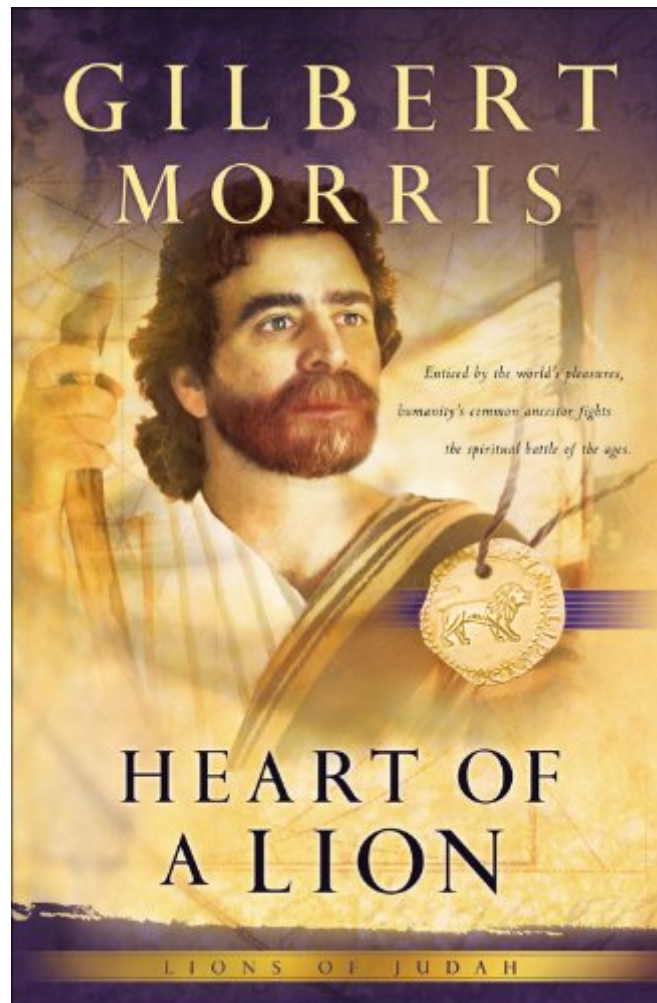


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# Heart Of A Lion (Lions Of Judah Book #1)



## Synopsis

In his newest series, much-loved master storyteller Gilbert Morris turns his imagination to the Jewish ancestry of Jesus of Nazareth. Combining extensive research with skillful plotting, Morris creates believable scenarios and great stories. The result is an exciting series with riveting, action-packed adventures that will entertain, enlighten, and challenge readers as never before. In the series debut, *Heart of a Lion*, Noah struggles to resist the siren call of the world's pleasures, while straining to hear the still, small voice of his father's God. The reader is in for a roller-coaster ride of surprises as humanity's common ancestor fights the spiritual battle of the ages.

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## Customer Reviews

Although some of the dialog sounds too contemporary, this book does a nice job of highlighting Noah's faith. I was reminded of this passage from Hebrews 11 - "By faith, Noah built a ship in the middle of dry land. He was warned about something he couldn't see, and acted on what he was told." I think Morris has done a good job of highlighting the challenges of living by faith. It was great to read this during Advent since one theme in the book is the coming of the One who would be suffer greatly and yet would rule the world and set all things right. I am looking forward to the other

books in this series. Also, of note, is the fact that this book had a clear ending. This bucks the trend in Christian fiction to force readers to continue to purchase books in a series that could have been published in one volume.

Let me get this up front. Gilbert Morris is one of my favorite writers. As a guy, I gotta admit I don't wait out the "romances", sorry Friend Gilbert. My wife does and that counts. Up front, number two... Gilbert Morris would not, did not and never would play fast and loose with what the Bible states. I feel sorry for nit-picking reviewers who lie in wait for an omission or addition that sets them off into printing entire books of the Word online to back up their piousness. Get a life babe! These books are meant to augment the experiences of these great patriarchs not re-write them! To the point now that I've had my tirade... This is a GREAT book! These people simple came alive and leapt off the pages. The descriptions of the times and the scenes are spellbinding. If you look in the Bible and count out how few chapters are actually devoted to the story of Noah, you will see the remarkable talent of Gilbert Morris. This guy Noah did actually live, slip up, worry his parents, stay out late, had a drink or two and yet walked with God. I kept thinking about all the old Sci-Fi stuff in the fifties and sixties about neighbors ridiculing the "nut" who constructed a fallout shelter, yet pounded on the door demanding admission when the air-raid warnings sounded. In short, if you wanna knowa Noah... a pun... loosen up- Read this book. Like the commercial about spaghetti sauce "you want it, it's in there. Score 5 for Gilbert Morris.

This story about Abram and family is a most exciting story and was hard to put down. Book #1 & 2 should be read by all Bible readers. The author has gone back in time placed the readers at the scene of the story. I applaude his work and sincerely hope he continues through the Bible making the Bible come alive. I also want to make it clear to readers that some of story is fiction as he fills in details. I say read it and enjoy as I did. I really did have a hard time putting it down.

I have always loved Gilbert Morris' novels which is why I bought this one. However, he did not hold up to his usual standard of excellence. When anyone attempts to write fiction based on a Biblical character, they need to be very careful to stick to what is Biblically accurate. As has been pointed out in other reviews, he had them eating meat before the flood. He also mentioned seeing lights that shone like the rainbow. How did they know what a rainbow looked like before the first rainbow occurred AFTER the flood. I also don't believe that there was rain and thunder storms before the flood. He told a good story which held my interest but after reading some of these inaccuracies I

was disappointed. I will stick to reading his books that are historical fiction, but not based on Bible characters.

I gave "Heart of a Lion" 5 stars because:1. ... It captured my attention and interest immediately, in the first few pages; I read it in 2 sittings (literally) - I didn't want to stop reading;2. ... The plot and the characters were believable;3. ... The narrative descriptions made me feel as though I was right in the middle of the story, a participant not just an observer;4. ... In my nearly 65 years of life I have had a number of experiences which I could identify with various experiences of several of the characters;5. ... I was impressed with the manner in which the characters, some more than others, interpreted their interaction with our Creator - it help me see new ways to understand old truths;6. ... I felt as though I had worshipped as I read "Heart of a Lion;"7. ... Also, as an aside, the grammar and story continuity were superb, causing no challenge to my being able to focus on what was happening in the story; I would recommend this book to anyone who might have ever wondered what it might have been like to live in the days before and just after the Flood. This novel is appropriate for teens through senior adults. Be prepared to laugh, cry, hold your breath and be amazed as you discover the "Heart of the Lion."

I generally enjoy historical fiction, but this book seemed to deviate too far from scripture. Often I found myself simply skimming pages just to finish the story. The author captures well the highs and lows of faith and lack thereof. I could feel the worry that Noah and his family felt, wondering, "are we crazy, have we heard God correctly?" But the inaccuracies were rampant: Scripture says that man was vegetarian before the flood, but the author has them eating meat. Genesis 6:9 says "Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God." But the author presents him as overcome by sexual temptation and unable to separate himself from lust. Can he support this idea? If not, don't mess with God's appraisal of the man. And certainly DO NOT imply that sexual immorality is the norm. I got tired of the author implying that sin came to "helpless men" besieged by immoral women. Sure there are immoral women, but God tells us that sin entered the world through one man - Romans 5:12. There is a dangerous tendency in men in some "Christian" circles to blame women for the sin of man, but God never says this nor treats women thusly. Galatians 3:28 English Standard Version (ESV) There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. I doubt I will read another book by the author.

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