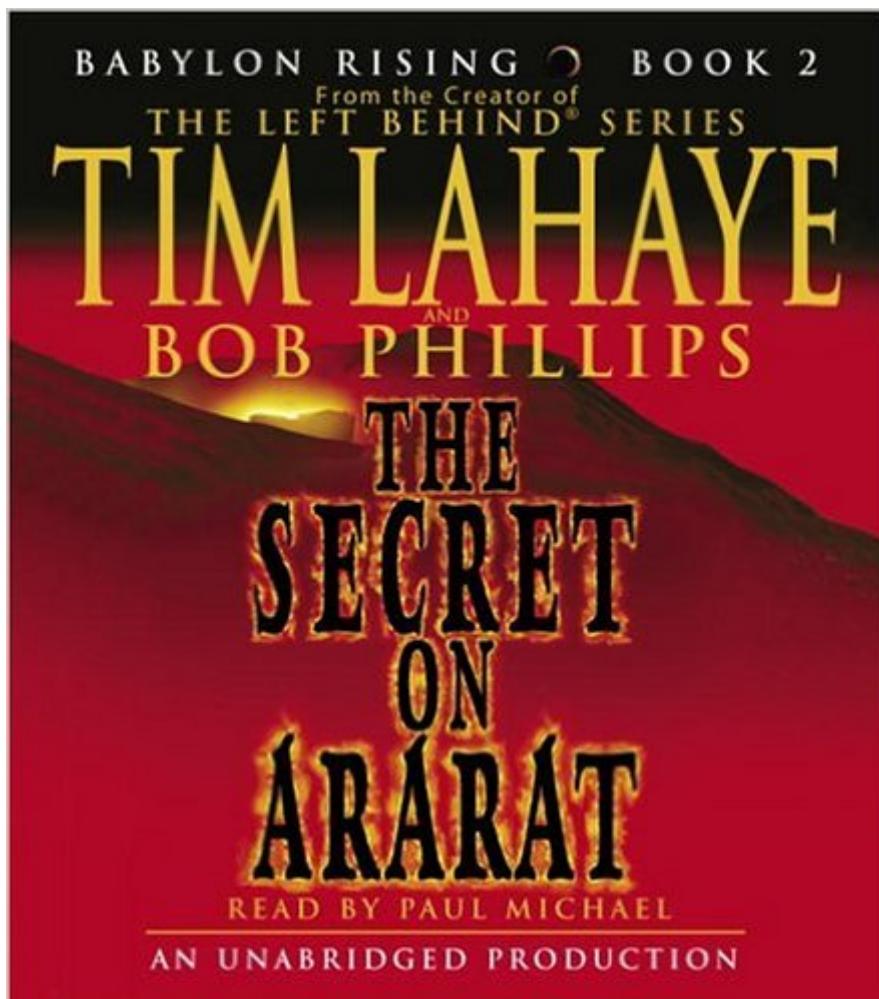


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# Babylon Rising: The Secret On Ararat



## **Synopsis**

Tim LaHaye, creator of the phenomenally successful Left Behind® books, continues his newest top-ten New York Times bestselling series: Babylon Rising. The heroic Michael Murphyâ "œcool, brainy, sexy, and valiantâ •â "hurtles into his second whirlwind adventure in pursuit of Biblical artifacts. In Babylon Rising Tim LaHaye began an adventure series that he calls even more exciting than his 50-million-plus-copy bestselling Left Behind series. Readers agreed, as the novel debuted as a top-ten New York Times bestseller. Now, in the second Babylon Rising novel, Biblical scholar, archaeologist, professor, and hero for our times Michael Murphy is in pursuit of one of the most mysterious and sought-after of all Biblical artifacts, Noahâ ™s Ark. As Murphy undertakes his death-defying quest to ascend Mount Ararat, he will discover dramatic revelations of Biblical prophecies and be drawn even closer to the most terrifying evil about to be unleashed on all mankind. With The Secret on Ararat following close on the heels of Glorious Appearing, the fastest-selling Left Behind novel ever, Tim LaHaye will further prove to be one of the most fascinating and popular storytellers of our time. From the Hardcover edition.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I was surprised to see a new co-author with book two. However, the style, characterization, and even the tempo remained consistent. Unlike the Left Behind series, The Secret on Ararat is suspense-thriller writing meant to bolster Christian conviction. "We are right! Science will confirm God's handiwork. Those who oppose us and God are evil, and will meet their just reward. We will

overcome, be victorious, and ultimately receive great rewards." The story works for the already-converted. Those who read Lahaye's novel hoping for strong suspense, action, and perhaps some subtle spirituality might be only mildly satisfied. The story-line is almost James Bondish--fun, but a bit fantastical. Additionally, the spiritual message is not underlying--it is overarching, and quite direct. This is tolerable stuff for those not put off by religious messages, but some will feel "preached at." The spiritually timid will want to avoid this series in favor of writers like Ted Dekker, Frank Peretti or a series like the Christ Clone Trilogy. These authors also present religious themes, but do so with more subtlety. Bottom-line: This is fun, standard suspense-thriller writing for Christians who want fiction that affirms their spirituality. The religiously curious may enjoy the series as well, but those put off by direct spiritual messages should look elsewhere.

The creator of the Left Behind series has a new series underway called Babylon Rising. The second in the series is The Secret On Ararat by Tim Lahaye and Bob Phillips. Not too bad of a story...Michael Murphy is a biblical archaeologist who is also a university teacher. He's attracted the attention of a dark secret organization who wants some of the biblical artifacts he's been able to discover. In this episode, he's putting together an expedition to find Noah's ark. He's also trying to figure out who is against him finding it, as he's finding people dropping dead all around him. Once the ark is found, it's then a matter of trying to stay alive to get word back out to the world that it's real. I'm liking this series quite a bit. The emotions of the characters feel real, and the writing is good. Unlike the Left Behind series, I don't know quite where this series is going. This seems like it could be just a series of adventures that don't particularly lead up to a final event. Still, an entertaining read with spiritual overtones.

I know I said in my review of the first in the series, that I would not buy the second. I was pleasantly surprised. I picked it up when I noticed that it was co-authored by a different author. This book was so much better than the first. I loved all the details and the way the story captivated you and made you want to hike to Ararat!!! I hope the next installment is as thought provoking and exciting as this one was. You won't be disappointed. Entertainment and Education all in one---Bravo!!!

What utter tripe! I'm afraid I just can't read this. I've tried but I can't get past the inanity of the first few pages. Firstly Murphy's fighting for his life in an underground river and he stops to help 2 little puppies Aww[...] Whay a guy. Next he's using his enormous lung capacity (over 2 minutes we're told he can hold his breath) to enter the freezing water to save the drowning puppies. Aw[...] What a

guy. Of course he saves them. Just. He's nearly out of breath and he's in the first stages of hypothermia. But what are we told the puppies are doing at this stage? Happily playing! Not drowned or hypothermic themselves. They are happily playing. Finally in total darkness his hand brushes a piece of wood. Most of us would think 'it's piece of wood' Not Murphy... he just knows it's an historical treasure! Back to the lab where test show it's 5,000 years old. Murphy says with infectious enthusiasm "it must be a piece of Noah's Ark" everybody agrees and I throw the book in the bin.

In Book 2 of the Babylon Rising series, professor/adventurer Michael Murphy is off on another trip - this time, he's looking for Noah's Ark. As usual, he's being followed by the deadly Talon who is, in turn, controlled by the mysterious Seven. Will Michael live to find the Ark?!This book wasn't nearly as much fun as Book 1; the writing was the same (despite a new co-author), but the plot involved so many ridiculously implausible action scenes - Michael accomplishes things no one else in history has ever done - and he does them soooo easily. There is some preaching in this book, as a character considers becoming a Christian. This may put off some readers. Though I felt let down after Book 1, I will still finish the series. I really like Michael Murphy and want to see how it all ends.

Another spectacular story from the magnificent mind of Tim Lahaye with the help of a wonderfully gifted writer that gives his readers more insight to the prophetic parts of the Bible. An enjoyable suspense filled story for the committed Christian reader without any perversion found in most best selling fiction other than the works of some of the most evil villains who have chosen to give their hearts,souls, and minds to Lucifer himself.

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