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The world waits in suspense as America struggles to survive following the attack on Washington, D.C., but who remains to run the government? Who will make the world-changing decisions that must be made? As King Abdullah prepares for the final attack that will bring America to its knees, the characters are trapped in a desperate fight for their lives. Sara Brighton and her sons, Luke and Ammon, head west in a doomed attempt to reach Salt Lake City. Sam returns to the States in anticipation of a U. S. retaliatory strike, but finds his home abandoned, with no trace of his family there. In Chicago, Azadeh Pahlavi meets her adopted mother and little sister, who are enmeshed in their own crisis with life-or-death consequences. The end is near now.

## Fury & Light Details

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### **Josh Steimle says**

Once again the story is interesting enough and well-written enough to keep me going, but not well-written enough to keep me from rolling my eyes every now and then. Stewart indulges in stereotypes, cliches, and downright cheesy language. Worst of all, I keep finding myself reading and thinking "But a real person would never do that!" or "A real human would never say something like that!" It's not so bad as to make the series unreadable--I still like the books although I wouldn't necessarily recommend them to anyone, but again, be prepared to roll your eyes a bit if you decide to dive in.

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### **Swhe641200 says**

Lived this series

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### **Chris says**

What a very good and intense book.

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### **Denise says**

Big payoffs! Things really heat up in book 4, but it still leaves us hanging, so I hope the author is hard at work on book 5. I was very happy with the developments in the story. Thoroughly satisfying.

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### **Denise says**

All of these books leave you hanging at the end! AHHH! Who knows when the next one will be out. I waited like a year and a half for this one. It was awesome! Another one way too close to reality. I love it! I couldn't put it down!

#### **About the series:**

These books are fantastic! The series starts in the Pre-existance and is supposed to conclude with the Second Coming. They are wonderfully written and packed full of action and suspense! I love them because they are written in line with the Gospel and some of the main characters are LDS. There is nothing in them that is offensive, ie: swear words, sexual imagery, etc. They are very fast paced and I have a hard time putting the book down. The only problem is that the series is not complete yet (the author said, in an interview that I read on deseretbook.com, that he expects there to be 7 or 8). I pretty much grab them up as soon as they come out.

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## **Vincent G. 5 says**

The book Fury And Light by Chris Stewart is a good book. Prince Abdullah has finally done it. He has nuked D.C., and taken out most the government. Now he plans to further cripple the U.S. by launching an EMP attack. Now the U.S. has no power and anything electrical is down. Bad people plan to take over the U.S., then the world. But good people still exist in America and they are willing to lay down their lives to save America. I think this book is valuable because it teaches people that it is good to be prepared. It also shows that having good people around you is the best thing you can do. I didn't think any parts were slow or unnecessary, and I loved it all. Every part was explained in detail and not that hard to understand. I agree with the author's perspective because its really good and from multiple characters views. The voice matters because it makes it more understandable. I think the theme is if you are prepared, you can get through everything.

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## **Teri says**

The Great and Terrible Vol 4: Fury and Light by Chris Stewart

This installment of Chris's fantastic and mesmerizing end days series was the best thus far in my book. I thoroughly enjoyed it and was held spellbound by what was happening to the Brighton's along the way after the aftermath of an EMP devastated America. It showed how miracles can still happen amidst chaos, even with Satan and his minions doing their dastardly evil. This volume shows how an EMP throws America back to the pre-industrial age and how we as Americans would have to survive with more ancient modes of travel and survival. Since I just started Vol. 5 in this fantastic thriller, you'll be getting a review soon of vol. 6 as well. If you haven't read these books, do yourself a huge favor and do so, you'll be glad you did.

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## **Mark Mitchell says**

The fourth book in the series, "The Great and Terrible," by Chris Stewart. This book seems to begin the return to hope in the series. We see the adversary, in his quest for domination of men's souls and the whole world, finally meet defeat. We see people finally able to thwart his machinations. This is exceedingly satisfying. One cannot help but wonder why we had to wait this long for God to begin inspiring people for their protection and temporal salvation, but maybe because Stewart has almost completely denied it to us up

to now, it is marvelous in this book.

One of the tactics widely employed among today's writers is the shifting of scenes, from one protagonist to another. Chris Stewart employs this tactic fairly well, but less in this book than in previous books. When the situation he leaves behind is such a cliff hanger, and we are taken to a much more mundane one, it is tempting to leave the unexciting one behind and skip back to the cliff hanger. It is because of this, and the plowing through of somewhat irrelevant narrative that kept me from giving this book the highest rating. Still, very worth it.

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### **Emily says**

This is the 4th book in a 6 book series about the last days (end of the world, whatever you want to call it). These books give me panic attacks. I think Chris Stewart is a great mormon author, because he really knows what he's talking about. The attacks on America in this book could actually happen, this isn't so far out there that it's not believable. In fact, it's just the opposite: they terrify me because it could happen. What I love about this book is the redemption. In the end, Satan tells the king that he was lying the whole time. That no matter what he told him previously, they are going to lose. No matter what they do to America or the people all over the world, eventually, Satan will be bound and Christ will come again. The miracles that occur are beautiful and provide hope in a very dark time. This book gives me hope that if things really do get this bad, it won't be forever, and we can overcome. They also make me want to get lots and lots of food storage, some gold, and a gun.

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### **Cindi says**

This is prob my least fav in the series so far but overall very good. There were some cheesy parts with dialogue between Sara, the mother, and her sons. There was also much more emphasis with and a few slow parts after, the EMP strike, which made it go by a bit slower for me than the 1st 3 books. Loved the ending though!

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### **Becca brown says**

Wow. WOW. I just can't believe it. This book is very satisfying. After all the endless military detail, violence and jumping around in past books, this one is like a breath of fresh air. I loved it. It was easier to follow, more touching, and more exciting. Now that the characters are fully developed and you feel a lot closer to them, their stories and feelings have a greater impact.

The whole thing was mind boggling. Could that EMP thing really happen, and that easily bring the US to its knees? Yikes! It was all so real. I now fully understand why Stewart puts in so much military detail. It's total proof that that kind of destruction is possible. Finally I'm actually interested in 'war stuff' ....that EMP thing really got me going.

The destruction of the 'Great Satan' that has been being planned for years in advance has finally taken place. So has King Abdulla won? Has he gotten everything the old man promised? According to himself, he has. But Satan tells him the truth. He has lied. He was wasted his life and has sealed his fate with the blood of thousands.

The main characters finally meet. (YAY!!!) Their stories finally come together is a beautiful twist. I feel the REAL story has only begun. The REAL trial, the REAL test of faith, and the REAL courage will now finally

be shown. I admire each one of the Brightons. I love reading about each of their perspectives and feelings. I loved how the Spirit's promptings overpowered Satan's in this book. At least, the spirit had a bigger effect. It showed how God has more power in everything, and how He is watching us. Over all, this book was terrifying and very powerful. It was beautiful. I loved the emotion and feelings portrayed in this book. Sam's story touched me the most. He's always been a favorite character, and I've loved seeing how his feelings towards God and the Spirit and other morals were shown in his life; just differently than most people. I cried—no, bawled—when he found his family and told them he had the priesthood. I just couldn't help myself. I read it over and over again. You may think that I'm being a little dramatic, but I'm telling you—that was the sweetest thing I've ever read. And then his blessing...wow. I felt the spirit by just reading it. I get chills just THINKING about it! I cried through the rest of the book. It was just so sweet! So touching and perfect! Oh, I could go on and on. I just loved it. It was written so well I could almost see his face; almost hear the words; almost feel the very wave of power from being in an angel's presence. It was all so wonderful! \*sniff\* I'm not kidding: it really was beautiful.

Stick with the first few books....this book is worth it!!!

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### **Robert says**

I enjoy the speculation that goes into how major world events could unfold. Lots of fun.

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### **Devon says**

This is Volume 4 of the Great & Terrible series. I read it out of order, but it was a great book stronger than volume 5. In this book, those dirty old Saudi royalty set off an atomic bomb over Washington, DC and that pretty well shut down the government. The soldiers around the world were called home to regroup. Then (gnashing of teeth, here) the rascals set off 4 atomic bombs over the 4 quadrants of the USA which resulted in an Electro-Magnetic Pulse that successfully burned out every electrical circuit from Southern Canada to Northern Mexico. That meant that no one could use motorcycles or planes, trains and automobiles. Nope. Couldn't use 'em. So all the Brighton family are hoofing it west and the 2 members of the family who were in the armed forces were trying to find them. As they struggled to find shelter and each other, Saran and his minions are right with them, but they have the Power to smack them around and really upset them. I loved it.

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### **Jenben8426 says**

The world is on the edge of total disaster of King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia has brought the United States to their knees. His evil plan is moving forward with the help of Satan. Sara Brighton is heading West with her sons Luke and Ammon. She is relying on the Spirit to help her know what to do. Sam Brighton is on his way home from overseas but does not know what he will find once he returns to his home near Washington, D.C. Meanwhile Avadeh has met her foster mother and sister and begins to create a life for herself in a country that is desperately struggling for survival. These characters are in the midst of a war of dark and light and will have to rely on the spirit more than any other time in their lives.

When Stewart sticks with his story and furthering the depth of his main characters he is spot on. I found myself close to tears at the end because I became so invested. The most pressing impression I have as I read this series is how important preparedness is--following the prophet and doing what we are supposed to do. It

has me wanting to go buy a years supply of everything right now!

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### **Lindzee says**

this is one of the best series I've ever read! this one continued the story and did not disappoint!

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### **Kara says**

It took me a lot longer to get into this one than the previous books, but I still really enjoyed it. My mind is always racing as I read these, thinking about what can happen in the world and how crazy it could be. But then I remember that if we are prepared we don't need to fear. And I remember how God is truly a god of miracles and He can guide us and direct us and do amazing things. It's the world and Satan's influence that teaches us that good can't happen and that things are impossible, but it's not true. He can do anything and He does more than we even realize. I can't and won't say these are very well-written books (because they're not and there's a lot of things that bug me), but I love the characters and the message and I can't wait to see what happens next!

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### **Erin says**

Just like most everyone else, this is my favorite book in this series, so far. Some of my friends had a hard time reading books 2 and 3 of this series because they seemed so violent and depressing. This book makes up for the other two. Although full of hardships, trials, and impossible tasks, there was hope in this book. A hope that despite these hardships, divine direction is given and people do survive such hardships.

Thinking about the possibilities of what could happen, I am motivated to continue my preparations to have a good storage, including putting my electronics (flashlights, radios, etc.) in a strong box, in my basement, hidden behind whatever I can find to shield it. Anyone interested in "end of the world", or future war ideas, this is a good book/series. If vol. 2 and 3 are just too sad, or depressing, pick up this vol. Although sad, it is hopeful, inspiring and enjoyable to read.

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### **Janean says**

This one was really good too! The story is about the journey of the main characters finally coming together in one place despite the challenges and craziness of the end of the world going on around them. The Lord guides them in the directions they should go and Satan puts obstacles in their paths. We know that Satan continues to get stronger in these days and we see evidence of that every day. But it will be truly amazing to see the power of God in the last days as well. I do believe there will be many miracles shown to those who follow the Spirit.

The things that are happening in the world, in this book, are truly terrifying and so plausible. It has driven me to start making lists of emergency plans and supplies so that if something bad really happened, we would be able to take care of ourselves, defend our property and lives, and be able to meet up with our loved ones if

we were separated with no communication. I can't wait to read the next one!

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### **Heather says**

When the world turns dark and is coming apart it becomes even more apparent that the most important blessings we have are the guidance of the Spirit, the power of prayer, and the power of the priesthood. This is a crazy book - and makes you think about what you would do if the world changed in an instant and you were left on your own. *"But if ye are prepared ye shall not fear (D&C 38:30 on p. 261)."*

A few other quotes that I liked:

*"Nothing makes sense anymore, Mom. Nothing at all. The only thing that makes any sense is what we know in our hearts, the things we know by the Spirit. That's the only way we'll be led. We can't look to anyone else right now, not our bishop, not other members. We're on our own for a while. But remember what the scriptures say about this day: Some pretty cool things are going to happen to those who listen to the Spirit. Children will see visions. Children will have dreams (p. 27)."*

*"And I will be your light in the wilderness; and I will prepare the way before you, if it so be that ye shall keep my commandments; wherefore, inasmuch as ye shall keep my commandments ye shall be led towards the promised land; and ye shall know that it is by me that ye are led (1 Nephi 17:13 on p. 29)."*

*"War is the great accelerator. It forces things to happen much more quickly than they otherwise would. It changes people, it changes nations, it changes everything (p. 56)."*

*"I will go before your face. I will be on your right hand and on your left, and my Spirit shall be in your hearts, and mine angels round about you, to bear you up (D&C 84:88 on p. 214)."*

*"God loves you. He knows you are here. You can talk to him anytime that you need to. You can pray to him and he will listen (p. 287)."*

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### **Deanna says**

Okay, this series deserves a review. Hmm. Where to start?

Writing Style and Story: two stars. It is painful in parts. Especially in the first book, "Prologue: The Brothers." The series is many parts boring, and several parts cheesy. I skimmed a lot of this series. It seemed that over half of the entire series was devoted to everything and everyone but our main characters. Everyone that was in the story seemed to have a chance to tell the story from the good to the bad to the insignificant. Therefore, you always knew what was going to happen next. And because we spent so much time hearing about everyone in the world and out of the world our main characters are not really developed and by the end when you are still holding out to know more about them it's time for the story to end and so you don't get to hear anything more. Everyone just kinda gets dropped. I wanted to know what happened to them. They lived. That was all I got.

We also had a lot of build up and then we turn to the next page and the situation is over and you were given a

few words from someone good or bad like, "Wow, can't believe we survived that. That was hard. But now we are safe and it's over." To know what happened we were given one or two lines. "Sam made it out in time." "The earth was created." Anti-climatic. Disconnected.

Theology: One and a half stars. In many ways this is a LDS "Left Behind" apocalyptic story. In the first book we see the Pre-Mortal Life. I know many people might get nervous over this. It was all pretty watered down though so deep breaths please. Nothing to get nervous about. Sure there were some assumptions, but they were pretty probable or so ridiculous that you could roll with it. But I don't think the author's point is to get us fixated on what it was like physically, but to get us to think what it was like on a spiritual level. He didn't a better job with this.

When they are on earth the characters seem almost apologetic to everyone for their religion. They are embarrassed trying to explain a mission. They forget until people are almost dead that they can give blessings. Prayer is an after thought. Sometimes if it's mentioned at all. One main character mom lectures a non-Mormon character about why she shouldn't tell anyone about her daughter's healing. There are too few references to what LDS people believe in this book. That frustrated me.

Also we have one character who starts out unsure of his faith. Little is told of his struggle to know and what he does. Contrast maybe a G. Lund book and we have books on Joshua's Steed's searching and pleading. Our character mentions he wants to know more. Than hundred's of pages later (maybe in another book- not sure- I read three books in one day), our character falls from the sky (literally in a parachute) and says, "Don't worry mom, I am an elder now. I can give our dying brother a blessing." I'm serious. Basically this series is very weak on most levels theologically speaking. I'm not sure why....

Overall Take Home Message: Five stars. Now I'm sure by now you think I hate this series. Quite the contrary. Yes, much of it I've blocked out because it was rough. But, I have not been able to stop thinking about some of the ideas in this book. There's a lot of Screwtape and Wormwood (CS Lewis' masterpiece) discussion going on. What are those voices telling me right now? There is a lot of dialogue about what's happening on the other side of the veil both good and bad. What promises did you make before you came? Who you might have known there that you know here? What's your purpose here on earth? Do we realize how many are fighting for us? against us? We have a lot of power. We have a lot of light and truth.

I've spent a lot of time thinking about some of these ideas. Some I've dismissed and others have redirected me and my own earth life experience. So if I had to wade through over 1800 pages to get at least 5 life changing ideas, (which I did), it was worth it. Will I read this again? Yes. Probably a couple of times. (It helps that it has a happy ending-albeit very choppy and slightly confusing-but happy is good. I like happy endings).

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