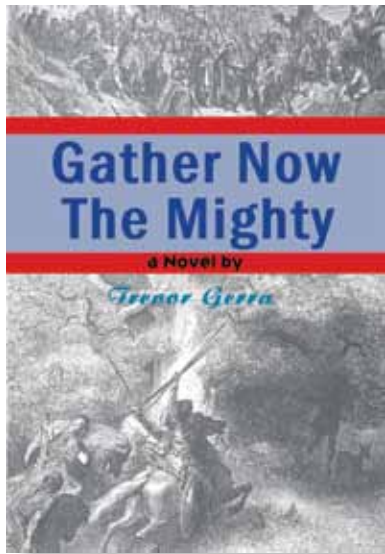


**Gather Now the Mighty**  
by Trevor Gerra

© 2009, Pelletron Publishing, USA  
391 pages, \$19.00

**Review by Christine Habrle**

Supernatural strength, superhero action, and fierce loyalty punctuate one man's journey to his calling in *Gather Now the Mighty*. Trevor Gerra's gripping first novel brings to life several key battles from the Tanakh with dramatic, descriptive writing and vivid imagery. This fictional fast-paced action-adventure mingled with Biblical principles stays true to both the history of ancient Israel, and to Scripture.



Gerra conducted more than four years of research to ensure the book's accuracy before it was released in June of 2009. In the preface, he talks about "adding actual Biblical events and characters very purposefully, including the famous records of Joshua, Samson, and David, all of which I attempt to weave into the storyline in a seamless manner and with gracious artistic license."

Sparked by his fascination with the tremendous feats of the "Mighty Men of David," and a desire to showcase these unsung heroes, Gerra entwines his tale around the mightiest of them all: a young family man named Adino. Despite his extraordinary accomplishments, the Bible barely mentions him: in the same way Adino the Ezrite: *He lift up his spear against eight hundred, whom he slew at one time* (2 Samuel 23:8).

The novel begins with Adino proving his amazing skill with a sword during a raging battle with the Philistines. Gerra doesn't take long to set the protagonist on the temporary path of revenge for the murder of his wife and children. When his feelings wane, he readily steps into the responsibilities that Samuel, the Prophet and High-Judge of the time, requires of him.

Primarily through Adino's exploits, the author attempts to address what he calls an age-old misconception about Israel's origins, in which the nation is often described as having meager or humble beginnings. Instead, he uses *Gather Now the Mighty* to reveal what he believes truly happened, an intense ascent to power through military strength that leads to extravagances of wealth.

Fittingly, Part Two is dedicated to the "Politicus," or politics, of the Israelites choosing to throw aside their Heavenly King for a mere mortal man. Gerra details the rise of Saul and his downward spiral into insanity. Then, in a brief departure from Adino's life, readers are creatively introduced to Samson through a father's ongoing bedtime story to his son. All of Part Three, "Lion's Snare," is dedicated to this physically powerful man, and his dalliances with Delilah, causing his undoing. Parts Four and Five, "Valley of the Shadow" and "The Strong Bow Down," highlight more plots and battles. Finally, the novel ends strongly with the well-known face-off of God's chosen leader David with Goliath, which ushers in a new era.

*Gather Now the Mighty* will captivate people who love Israel's history and Old Testament Scripture, as well as those hoping for a literary thrill. **MT**

**Precepts of the Blessed Hope**  
by Don Mills

© 2009, Tate Publishing and Enterprises  
150 pages, \$15.99

**Review by Gabriel Patton**

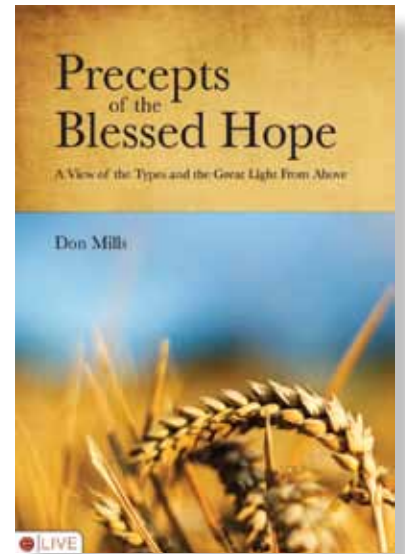
One of the most admirable qualities in any person of faith is an unending willingness to share the truth with anyone who will listen. Equally important is the ability to honestly take note when presented with a Biblical interpretation, even if one may not agree. When a subject like the end of the world is being discussed, there are bound to be strong differences of opinion. Some will be fatalistic, while others see all destruction as the indispensable forbearer of creation.

The Church's role in the tribulation has been debated since Yeshua's ascension. Most post-tribulation theologians rely heavily upon the Book of Revelation to firm up their viewpoint, as do many pre-tribulation believers. Don Mills employs typology, perceiving characters and stories as allegories that foreshadowed the New Testament, and then interprets them accordingly. His hope is that this illumination of the Word will help all believers see all the "beautiful and lovely Bible types" as they concern the bride of the Messiah. Under this rubric, he explicates the blessed hope for believers through interpretation of Old Testament stories, directly or analogously, to the Body of the Messiah, and the timing of the rapture in the context of the "End Times," using Scriptural analysis to explain why he believes in a pre-tribulation rapture scenario.

Mills has no illusions about what he is up against. "I have also been told on more than one occasion that the pre-trib view of the rapture is 'of the devil.' This shows me there is a lack of love and tolerance for other Christians, and that's dangerous." Mills gives an example of typology, "Israel was called the wife of God. Moses led the Israelites through the Red Sea to the Promised Land, away from Pharaoh and his chariots. How can the Church think that the Lord would do anything less for His bride? God did not leave Israel at the water's edge to be slaughtered; neither will He leave the bride to be slaughtered in the tribulation."

One of the ancillary concerns Mills addresses is the unintentional embrace of replacement theology in contemporary Christianity. He provides examples of how some theologians have made up their minds toward a post-tribulation doctrine, and then draw on New Testament text to the exclusion of what has been plainly spelled out in the Old Testament. Essentially, these theologians decide on a principle that feels right to them and then they cherry-pick verses to shore it up. The result of their methodology is rarely doctrinal, and usually results in misguided souls engaging in snake-handling and prosperity theology. Mills instead utilizes a comprehensive approach to the Scriptures to make his suppositions. With study of the Word and gentle instruction, he arrives at conclusions that may startle some, anger others, and reassure the rest.

Given the topic, *Precepts of the Blessed Hope* is a surprisingly quick read. This is a well-written tome on one of the more contentious issues of the modern Church. Mills handles the subject matter simply and delicately, with the knowledge that the Word is the most powerful tool in his arsenal, one which he uses to great effect. Ultimately, this book will accomplish what any great exegetical work hopes to do to its readers. It will make them think.. **MT**



1.5 million Jewish children died in the Holocaust. Since then, 2 million have died by abortion. That's 40 thousand empty baby carriages a year.

Help us save a baby's life in Israel.  
[www.beadchaim.com](http://www.beadchaim.com)

Whoever saves a life, saves the entire world.  
—Babylonian Talmud

**God's Acres**  
*A Place of Refuge—Proverb 18:10*

- ~ Pristine Western Mountains of Maine
- ~ 22<sup>+</sup> 1-acre lots encompassed by 116 acres
- ~ Great potential for group, individuals, or developer with a vision

It's All About the Name (HaShem) and Israel  
(207)633-0388 [www.Godsacresdevelopment.com](http://www.Godsacresdevelopment.com)

Reach Brooklyn – Reach the world!

Established ministries with new vision

*Life in Messiah*  
International

the united ministries of AMF International, Immanuel Ministries International, and Message to Israel

New ministry/training center needs

- Staff
- Financial help to rehab building
- Work teams

US (708) 418-0020 [LifeInMessiah.org](http://LifeInMessiah.org)  
Canada (905) 235-3717 [LifeInMessiah.ca](http://LifeInMessiah.ca)

The compelling tale of the "mighty men of King David."

Author Trevor Gerra brings you a powerful new Biblical novel.

Order yours online at [gathernowthemighty.com](http://gathernowthemighty.com)\*

Set in Ancient Israel at the rise of King Saul, *Gather Now The Mighty* explores the records of Joshua, Samson & other biblical notables, seamlessly weaving them into an inspiring tapestry of faith that leads—cryptically but relentlessly—to the coming of the Messiah.

PELLETRON \* PUBLISHING  
(\*Also available through Amazon.com)