



**BOOK ANNOUNCEMENT**

## Bestselling Author Lynn Austin Launches New Biblical Saga

### *Return to Me* by Lynn Austin THE RESTORATION CHRONICLES #1

With an unprecedented eight Christy Awards, bestselling author Lynn Austin is the quality standard for historical fiction today. To the delight of fans who enjoyed her *CHRONICLES OF THE KINGS* series, which has sold more than 300,000 copies, Austin begins a new biblical fiction saga with her new novel, *Return to Me*. Bringing the books of Ezra and Nehemiah to vibrant life, she tells the story of Babylonian exiles Iddo and Zechariah, the women who love them, and the faithful followers who struggle to rebuild their lives in obedience to the God who beckons them home.

*After decades of exile, the prophecies are coming true—King Cyrus has declared the Jews may return to Jerusalem. Iddo, a priest, is sure this is a sign of God’s renewed favor. For too long they’ve remained in Babylon, and many, including Iddo’s sons, are losing the faith that sets them apart. And so only a few choose to leave everything to return—return to their home and their God.*

*Nothing about their journey to the Promised Land is easy. As hardships mount, even the faithful, like Iddo’s beloved wife, Dinah, question the sacrifice of following God’s leading. Zechariah, Iddo’s oldest grandson, feels torn between his grandfather’s ancient beliefs and the family they left behind. But one life-changing encounter with the Holy One gives him insight that will change Zechariah—and history—forever.*

**“Austin shines a bright light on ancient Jewish life and lands. Biblical fiction fans will cheer her latest offering, which bolsters this challenging genre.”**

*—Publishers Weekly*

**“Austin launches a powerful new historical series that brings the Old Testament books of Ezra and Nehemiah to life. This work is sure to attract fans of Francine Rivers’ biblical series.”**

*—Library Journal*

**“Biblical fiction enthusiasts can rejoice at the new series from Austin where biblical characters triumph at the restoration of the temple in Jerusalem. . . .**

**Lively characters enmeshed in Jewish tradition provide an Old Testament drama that is sure to garner readership.”**

*—RT Book Reviews Top Pick (4.5 stars)*

#### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR:**



Bestselling author Lynn Austin has sold more than one million copies of her books worldwide. She is an eight-time Christy Award winner for her historical novels, as well as a popular speaker at retreats and conventions. Lynn and her husband have raised three children and live near Chicago. Learn more at [lynnaustin.org](http://lynnaustin.org).

#### ***Return to Me***

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by Lynn Austin

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