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Search for truth.

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LOGLINE: A small military team travels back in time to film the theft of Jesus' body from the tomb.

In the near future, the Israeli military has developed a prototypic time machine.

Even with new threats mounting from Hamas, Hezbollah, and Iran, Israel faces a crisis more dangerous than any external enemy — a nation on the brink of civil war. The construction of a Third Temple has elevated Orthodox Jews to political power, but a surprising explosion in Messianics (Jewish believers in Jesus) has shattered the peace and divided the nation along religious lines.

To preserve the fragile unity of the state, the Israeli military sends a team of four elite soldiers back to film the theft of Jesus' body from the tomb and thus discredit Christianity.

The team — a Special Forces leader, a former American astronaut turned engineering specialist, an archaeologist, and a linguist — has exactly seventy-two hours to gather irrefutable evidence. But once they step into the past, the team's mission quickly unravels. Drawn into a web of first century deception and death, the only way to escape is to change what happened 2000 years ago.

Meanwhile, in the present, a traitor sabotages the mission from within, threatening to seize control of the military complex. The Special Forces leader in the past is the only one who can stop him — but he is trapped two thousand years away.

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TIME MACHINE: ReachDeep is the name of the mission that will send 4 soldiers back to film the theft of Jesus' body from the tomb and thus disprove Christianity. With incontrovertible evidence, the Israeli government hopes to shut down the Jewish Messianic believers and a civil war.

# Character List

# ReachDeep Team

BENJAMIN SHALEV is the team leader of ReachDeep. He is a Lt.Col. in the IDF, a commando leader who does complex special ops rescues and other clandestine missions.

Benjamin’s wife, TAMAR SHALEV, is killed by a sniper. Benjamin is consumed with finding her killer. He is unable to let her go and move on to healing.

Major SARA LEVENSON is the second in command of the ReachDeep mission. She is an American astronaut who made aliyah to Israel after the destruction of the space station. On ReachDeep she is in charge of equipment and measuring time by star positions.

Captain DAVID BAUM is the third member of the ReachDeep mission. He is an archaeologist specializing in first century Jerusalem. He also is a practicing physician/pathologist.

Lieutenant REBECCA NAVON is the final member of ReachDeep. She is a prodigy linguist from the University specializing in first century languages including Greek, Latin, and Aramaic.

# Military Base

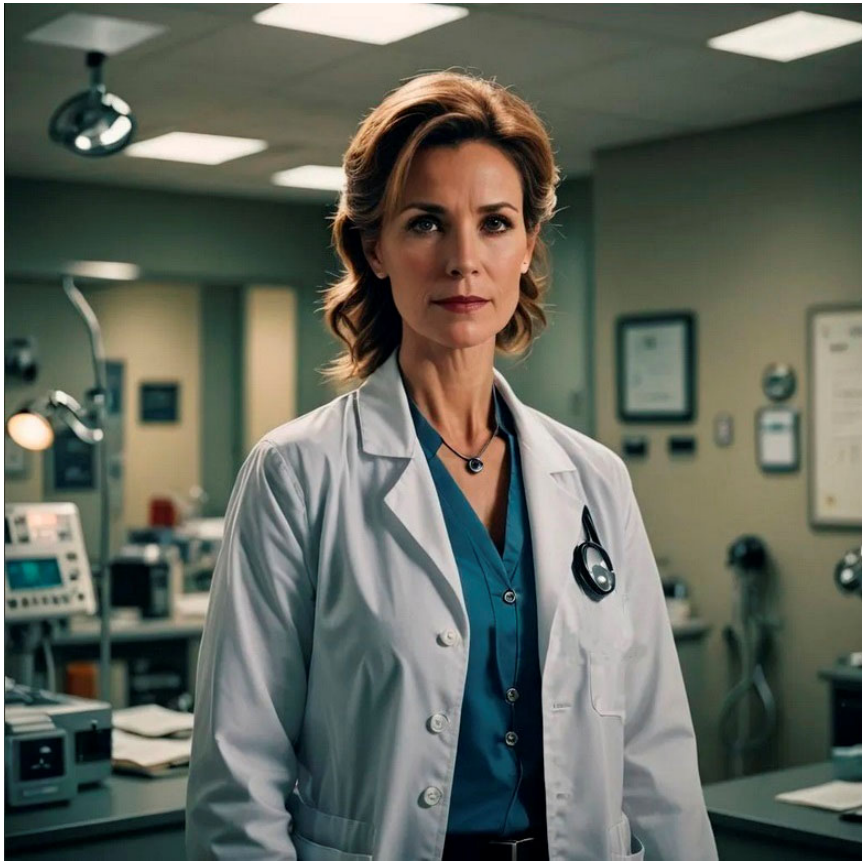
Brigadier General SHIMON GIDEON is the second in command of the military complex. He is the secret enemy who is trying to bring down ReachDeep and Israel. He wants revenge for what he feels was an ill-advised mission that killed his son, Yotam. Yotam was killed under Benjamin's command in Special Forces.

Colonel REUVEN AARON is the savvy head of security in the military complex guarding the time machine. Before anyone else does, he suspects Gideon is the mole in the complex.

Lieutenant EITAN MOR is Aaron’s protégé and right-hand man. Although only 25, he is smart as a whip and works perfectly with Aaron to keep the military complex safe.

Major CALEB MENDEL is Benjamin’s best friend and trusted pilot during special ops missions. When he is found to be a believer, Benjamin’s world is rocked.

Dr. LEAH ROSEN runs the medical part of the military base with skill and efficiency. She is able to discover secrets when no one else can.



Four-star general CHAIM LANDAU came out of retirement to run the military base surrounding the time machine. His leadership is first-rate, but he treads on dangerous ground.

# About the Authors

Story: AMY DEARDON

AMY DEARDON is an award-winning novelist, nonfiction author, story analyst, speaker, and book publisher.

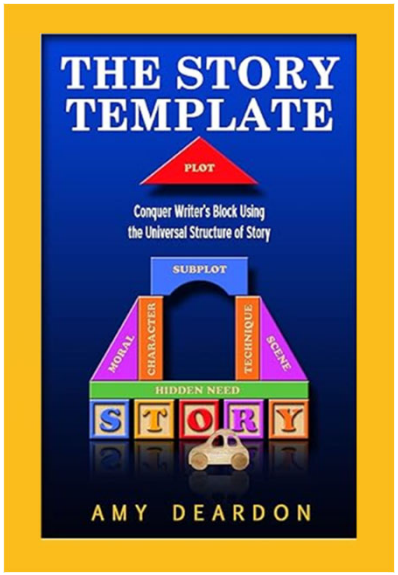
Amy's novel and nonfiction books have sold thousands despite being self-published.

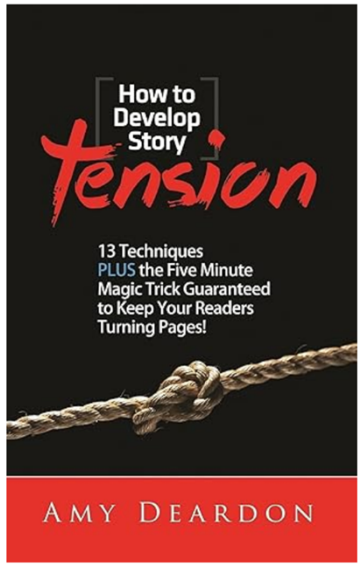
With her successes in self-publishing and story coaching, she created a company, EBook Listing Services, that uses a unique business model for authors to self-publish while they keep all rights, profits, and control forever.

She speaks regularly at writers' conferences on all things writing – idea development, getting words down, how to shape a story into combustible material that rocks the reader, and marketing. She is also an expert speaker in self-publishing.

Lately her interests have evolved from print to script.  This past year (2024) she teamed with award-winning scriptwriter, Victoria Dorshorn, to create a new story based on her first novel with a script called REACHDEEP. Vicki and Amy work well together and are planning a sequel. The updated novel that pairs with the script will be released soon.

Earlier in life, Amy earned a Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University and published her research findings in the scientific literature. Now with a grown family, she lives with her husband near Baltimore MD. Visit her website and blog at www.amydeardon.blog.



Script: VICTORIA DORSHORN

VICTORIA DORSHORN has written several award winning scripts, including GOOD MEDICINE, which placed 1st in the 2021 Faith Fest contest (DominionInnerTainment Productions) and was an official nomination for Best Script in 2024, 2023, and 2022 at **International Christian Film Festival**. It also was a winner at **Content2023** in Texas in 2023, winning in the feature script action/adventure/thriller genre. It also was an official selection at **Christian World Arts Festival** in 2023. It was also a finalist in the **Scripts4c.com** script contest in 2023.

Three other scripts have won awards and placed highly in contests. A NEW HEART BEATING won Honorable Mention at 2019 **International Christian Film Festival** and was a selection in 2021 **Salty Earth Film Festival** (Christian) and at **Christian World Arts Festival** in 2023.

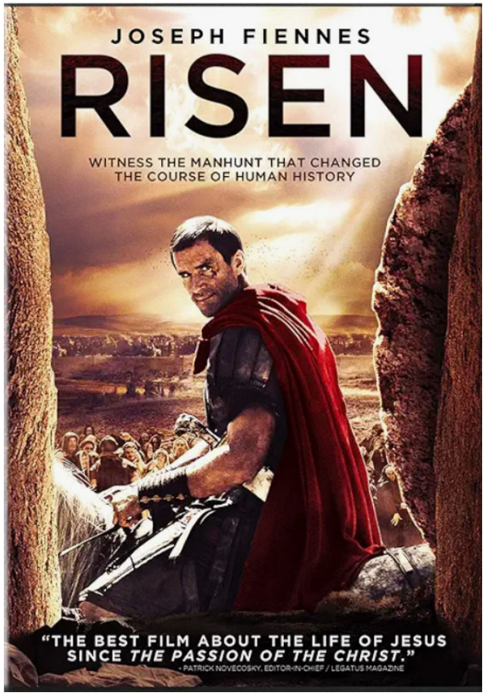
FAITH HOUSE placed 2nd at 2021 **Faith Fest Film Festival** and won an Award of Merit in the 2021 **CineMagic Film Festival**. It also won Honorable Mention in 2021 **Salty Earth Film Festival** (Christian) and was an official selection at ICFF in 2023, 2022, 2020, and 2019. It was also in the top 7 scripts in the 2020 **Kairos Prize Competition** (Movieguide).

Earlier, THE PARTNERSHIP was a semi-finalist for the 2015 Kairos Prize. See other credits at imdb.com/name/nm9065778/. She has studied screenwriting through **Act One** and **Screenwriting University**, among other courses.

Victoria also writes and publishes Christian non-fiction, including *Victory through Light: How to Overcome the Growing Cultural Darkness*, *Victory through Voice: How to Speak Truth When the Culture Demands Silence*, and *Called into Light: An Allegory*. She has published a novel, *Out of the Prison House*, and a collection of poetry, *Angel Unaware: Poems*. She blogs and maintains a website, www.VictoryThroughLight.com.

# Comparable Film

## Risen: 2016



# PLOT

REACHDEEP portrays the attempt of a modern military team to film the theft of Jesus' body. Having arrived too late, the team leader sets about to discover who stole the body and where they put it.

In the film RISEN, a Roman soldier searches for Jesus's body following his crucifixion.

RISEN shows that people will pay to see a movie about the search for truth concerning Jesus' burial and questions for the resurrection.

# RISEN BUDGET

RISEN budget was about $20 million:

- A-list actor Joseph Fiennes.
- Exotic filming locations in Spain and Malta etc.
- Period costumes, props, and settings.
- Cast of 50 plus extras.

RISEN ROI (Return on Investment)

RISEN distributed by Columbia Pictures

Budget about $20 million:

- $46.2 million in World Box Office
- $12.3 million in Home Market Performance

- TOTAL $58.5 million

# REACHDEEP ESTIMATED BUDGET

Cautious optimism that budget could be kept low, maybe about $2 million:

- Possible to rent the sets, costumes, and props from THE CHOSEN TV series in Goshen, Utah?
- Use newer actors and actresses.
- Cast of 33 plus extras, fewer than RISEN'S cast of 50.

The Time is Now!

All things Israel are hot right now with the war going on in the Middle East.

The proposed sacrifice of the red heifers, as well as the question about rebuilding the Third Temple, stokes religious fervor in the nation and the world.

The surprising support of Hamas over Israel in the world after October 7 2023 shows that Israel could use some good press.

Jesus is never out of season. The evidence for the resurrection is compelling. REACHDEEP centers on reasons why the resurrection could be true.

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