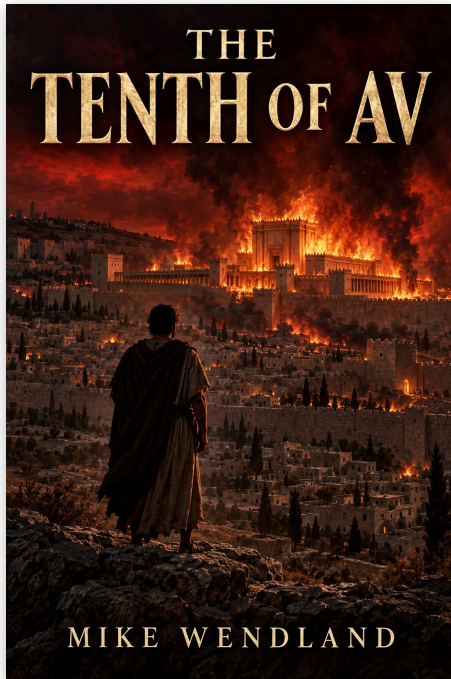


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A reporter. A hole in a hillside. Jerusalem, AD 68.



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THE BOOK

Ray Mercer spent his working life as an investigative reporter in Michigan, believing nothing he could not confirm twice. Then a classified American program showed him a hole in a hillside in Israel that opens onto Jerusalem in AD 68, and sent him through.

On the far side, Ray lives among the city's first followers of Jesus as the Roman war closes in, two years before the Temple burns. He knows what is coming and cannot stop it. His way home opens for three days at a time and does not wait for him. And the people who sent him have not told him everything they want from the other side.

Built from Josephus and the historical record by an 18-time Emmy Award-winning journalist, *The Tenth of Av* is a thriller about what a witness owes the truth when there is nobody left to publish it.

WHY READERS WILL WANT IT

- **History that holds up.** First-century Jerusalem reconstructed from primary sources, with an author's note on what is documented and what is invented.
- **A thriller first.** A faith theme comes with the setting. Nobody in the book is argued into believing anything.
- **A reporter's eye.** The author spent four decades as a reporter, and the hero thinks like one.
- **A series.** Book Two, *Seventy-One Days*, follows.
- **A built-in audience.** The author reaches more than a million followers through RV Lifestyle Media and writes *The Last Reporter* on Substack.

For readers of Michael Crichton's *Timeline*, Stephen King's *11/22/63* and Daniel Silva's Gabriel Allon novels.

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