Subject: Apocalyptic Movies
Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 21 Apr 2004 20:28:47 GMT
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Any of you guys like Apocalyptic movies like The Omen or The Seventh Sign? I was always fascinated with those kinds of movies. They're like scary sci-fi and the best ones have a touch of religious accuracy, at least by reference.Here are a couple I thought were pretty cool. Check out The Ninth Gate, with Johnny Depp and directed by Roman Polanski.Another little-known flick is Revelation, a British film with Terence Stamp and written by Stuart Urban.One thing that's interesting about this movie is it's use of Gnostic references, similar to the way Stigmata uses the Apocryphal book of Thomas. Revelation brings Knights Templar, Illuminati, Alchemy and the Loculus into the picture, which makes the story quite interesting.There are lots of movies that use purely Christian Biblical references, such as the Cloud Ten productions, Left Behind and Revelation. They're are a lot of fun. There are also movies that are a bit more secular but that still rely mostly on Biblical Christian references, like The Omen or The Prophesy. These tend to deviate some from Biblical text. If you like that sort of thing and yet want something with a little more edge, check out Revelation or The Ninth Gate.

Subject: Re: Apocalyptic Movies
Posted by lon on Thu, 22 Apr 2004 03:11:52 GMT
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The "Prophecy" films 1 thru 3 with Christopher Walkenare my favorites. Fallen Archangel Gabriel playing "Telstar" on his cornet. Too much. :-)

Subject: Re: Apocalyptic Movies
Posted by Wayne Parham on Thu, 22 Apr 2004 04:06:31 GMT
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I liked those too.

Subject: Re: Apocalyptic Movies
Posted by elektratig on Fri, 23 Apr 2004 12:42:01 GMT
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A very different vision of the Apocalypse is portrayed in my favorite end-of-the-world movie, On The Beach (1959). Directed by Stanley Kramer and with a cast that includes Gregory Peck, Ava

Gardner, pre-Psycho Tony Perkins and an incredible performance by Fred Astaire, of all people, it one of the most haunting movies I've ever seen. Even now as I think about the movie I can't get the strains of "Waltzing Matilda" out of my head. Incredibly moving and incredibly depressing.
On The Beach

Subject: Re: Apocalyptic Movies
Posted by Wayne Parham on Fri, 23 Apr 2004 15:13:46 GMT
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Thanks for the reference, sounds interesting. I'll have to check it out.

Subject: Don't Watch It Alone
Posted by elektratig on Sat, 24 Apr 2004 08:46:42 GMT
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You'll throw yourself out the window at the end.
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Subject: Re: But from the same author, Neville Shute.....
Posted by BillEpstein on Sun, 25 Apr 2004 11:55:55 GMT
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....."Trustee From the Toolroom" which is thoroughly entertaining as well as uplifting. And great descriptions of metalworking/modelmaking.

Subject: Re: But from the same author, Neville Shute.....
Posted by elektratig on Mon, 26 Apr 2004 08:50:26 GMT
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Thanks, Bill. I'd not heard of it, but it looks great. It's on the list.
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