

Lee "Scratch" Perry – *Revelation*
(Megawave)

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Lee Perry is an institution in the world of dub/ reggae. His illustrious history encompasses *hundreds of recordings dating back over 40 years*, and he's still as active now as ever, having celebrated his 74th birthday this year!

That aside, "Revelation" is a 13-song collection of supreme grooves and top-grade Jamaican-style dub, with no concessions for modern dancehall or radio fodder. This is pure, uncut, prime dub, with Perry's modern-day shamanic vocals atop

beds of adept programming and seamless live instrumentation. He even brings aboard George Clinton for a vocal take and Keith Richards for a guitar lick, so Perry definitely keeps some impressive company. Tracks like the rollicking "Fire Power" or "Money Come And Money Go" prove that Perry's infectious music is both catchy and profound, straddling the line between spiritual journey and booty-shaking experience. Forget the wannabes, *Revelation* is the real thing.

-- Todd Zachritz