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Bible of the Devil

Freedom Metal

Review by Gary Hill

I'd heard some good stuff about this band, but this is the first time I've actually heard them. They aren't really what I was expecting. I had heard they were old school metal – and they are. It's just that I was thinking perhaps closer to Judas Priest and Iron Maiden, but the sound is a bit more basic than that. Also there are a couple oddities here that I'd be hard pressed to think of as "old school" metal. Of course, other than one track that kind of lost me, I would say the whole is pretty awesome, though. It's just not exactly what I was expecting. was expecting.



Hijack the Night

A great old school metal riff leads this off and they build that up for a time to create the introduction. From there, though it shifts to a rather thrash-like jam that serve as the backdrop for the vocals. This is a metal screamer (albeit a bit cliched in terms of the title and lyrics) that's a great way to open things on a high note. I hear various bands on different parts of this but the main culprits would be Judas Priest, Mötley Crüe, Iron Maiden and Metallica. The instrumental break on this has a killer chunky segment and some scorching guitar soloing. There's a false ending followed by a reprise of the main modes.

Return





Night Oath

Somehow this reminds me of a cross between Lick It Up era Kiss and early Metallica. It's another smoking metal jam that's all old-school and all killer. Again one could call it a bit cliched. The first guitar solo is more rock and roll than pure metal, but there's also a cool early thrash segment. There's also a modern epic metal styled portion later.

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The Turning Stone

While there's still plenty of classic metal sound on this number it's also got a more modern approach. This an anthemic tune and the lyrics seem to tell an epic story.

Womanize

This scorcher is my favorite to this point. It's a bit like WASP, but there's an epic metal feeling to it – despite its fairly stripped down modes.

I'm not sure really what to make of this. I respect it because it's different, but it doesn't work all that well for me. It seems like a mix of The Turtles with punky elements. I just don't get it. A little before the two minute mark they do fire this out into punky metal and it's a great tune from that point forward. I'mjust not sure about the opening half.

Ol' Girl

Here's another unusual one. I hear as much Thin Lizzy and Lynyrd Skynyrd in this as I do real metal. It's a lot more successful change up than the last track was, though. I don't think I'd call this "metal," other than a few parts, but I'd definitely call it, "good."

Here's another that's raw and a little punky. It's a real scorcher, though and has some killer quitar work.

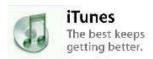
500 More

I pick up a Kiss vibe on this, but it's the vocals that do it. There's a more raw metal approach on a lot of the music here, but they spin out into a killer epic metal based section later. This is a real screamer and a highlight of the disc. It's also a great way to end things.











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