

Logline:

When the isolated religious sect he grew up in is radicalized into shocking violence, a guilt-ridden young man must team up with an estranged childhood friend and his vengeful sister to kill the self-appointed prophet of God before he can enact his plan to cause mass hysteria amidst the Y2k crisis.

ACT I: On his 18th birthday, Paul and his father proselytize in town, unsuccessfully. A handsome construction worker catches Paul's eye. Back home, in their cabin on the rural Kimball estate, Paul's party is interrupted by a summons to the prophet's quarters. The whole congregation is packed into the mansion of Raymond Kimball Sr., who is on his deathbed. Their group prayer is interrupted by the long-feared arrival of Raymond Kimball Jr. who brings with him a whole caravan of new converts, including Sam. The prophet dies, and Kimball Jr is made prophet despite the protest of some apostles. Kimball Jr tells the congregation of his directive from God: pave the way for the end of the world in three weeks (New Year's Day, 2000). Paul is manipulated into joining the Church's first strike against the outside world, taking hostages at a local news station. During the confusion, he shoots a guard in self-defense. Sam helps Paul escape when the police raid the building. Sam's sister, Annie, wants to kill Paul for his involvement with the cult, but Sam stops her. Sam and Annie grew up in the cult but escaped as children. Now they're here to avenge their mother's murder at the hands of the Kimballs. Paul agrees to help them kill Kimball Jr.

ACT II: Paul works to get close to Kimball, feeding information about the cult's plans to Annie. Sam investigates his mother's murder but can't identify the third man responsible. The façade wears on Paul. Annie kills Paul's brother to prevent an attack in the city. Paul's mother begins to resent the church as a result. Shaken, Paul gets drunk with Sam and the two grow close. Kimball grows suspicious of Sam. Paul, piecing together clues from his memory, asks his mother about Delilah. A complicated history between the two families is revealed. It comes out that Joseph was the third man, an unwilling participant in Delilah's murder. Paul keeps this from Sam, afraid of losing him. On New Year's Eve, Paul and Sam prevent another attack, but their cover is blown. They are tortured by members of the cult. Annie rescues them and kills Joseph in the process. They rush Sam to a hospital, seconds too late. Sam dies. Annie flies into a rage, driving back to the Kimball Estate.

ACT III: Kimball gathers the women and children in his office, ready for the end of the world. Annie rampages through the house, killing any armed man she sees. Paul tries to get his family to leave with him, but his mother refuses when she finds

out Joseph is dead. Paul finds an injured Annie and the two storm Kimball's office as the police arrive. Kimball tries to manipulate Paul into turning on Annie. Annie kills Kimball. Dying, Annie holds the police off so Paul can escape. The bell tolls midnight as Paul runs into the night.

