

= Decade of Aggression =

Decade of Aggression is a double live album by Slayer , released on October 22 , 1991 through Def American Records (later renamed to American Recordings) and produced by Rick Rubin . The album was recorded in three separate places on three separate dates . Its working title was Decade of Decadence until Mötley Crüe registered the name . Three of the album 's tracks were included in the box set Soundtrack to the Apocalypse . The album 's reception was generally positive , with Entertainment Weekly and Robert Christgau both giving the album a positive rating . The album reached number 55 in the Billboard 200 and also charted on two other charts .

= = Conception = =

While touring on the Clash of the Titans tour to promote the 1990 studio album Seasons in the Abyss , separate sections of the Decade of Aggression album were recorded on October 14 , 1990 , March 8 , 1991 , and July 13 , 1991 , however , AllMusic said that Rick Rubin 's production " seems to be in terms of shaping the live sound to make it sound like this is all one gig . " Although it had a working title of Decade of Decadence , it would be released as Decade of Aggression after Mötley Crüe copyrighted the name on their 1991 greatest hits album . It was released through Def American Recordings on October 22 , 1991 .

The release was intended to give them time to decide what their next album 's style would be . Text in the book The Great Rock Discography said that it was released after the band had gained popularity , saying " Slayer had finally made it into the metal big league and summing up the first blood @-@ soaked chapter of their career , the group duly released the live double set . " It was also released to commemorate their 10th anniversary .

The album does not feature an overdub of guitars . In The Rough Guide To Rock , it was said to be " intense " and " put studio favorites through the live shredder in a brutal and definitive manner . " Most of the tracks were a selection from South of Heaven , Reign in Blood , and Seasons in the Abyss . The album 's total duration is one hour , twenty @-@ five minutes , and twenty @-@ eight seconds (85 : 28) . Three of the album 's tracks were included in the box set Soundtrack to the Apocalypse .

The album booklet includes a photo gallery with pictures dating back to 1982 . The majority of the photos come from Kevin Estrada , who has said :

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Thom Jurek , a staff writer for AllMusic , gave the album a rating of three out of five stars . Jurek gave notice to the album 's sound quality , telling readers that it does not " capture the sheer overblown intensity of the unit in a concert setting , " but that it comes closer than one may imagine . Jurek also gave note to how Rick Rubin made the two @-@ discs sound like it were recorded at one gig , writing " Producer Rick Rubin stays out of the way ; his production seems to be in terms of shaping the live sound to make it sound like this is all one gig . " Entertainment Weekly 's David Browne said that it was an " accurate aural snapshots of what it 's like to be part of a crowd craning to see the action on a stage that seems two miles away . " Browne also said that " they 're perfect examples of the sad current state of the once @-@ proud live rock album . " Robert Christgau gave the album a star (" Honorable Mention is a worthy effort consumers attuned to its overriding aesthetic or individual vision may well like . ") , saying , " praise the Lord--I can hardly understand a word they 're singing (Hell Awaits) . " Joel McIver , author of The Bloody Reign of Slayer said that it was regarded as one of the best live albums released by a heavy metal band .

The album charted on three different charts . On November 9 , 1991 , it peaked at number 55 on the Billboard 200 . On January 13 , 1992 , the album entered the Media Control Charts , where it peaked at number 77 . It maintained a number on the chart until February 2 , 1992 , giving it a total of three weeks on the chart . On December 2 , 1991 it entered the UK Album Charts , peaking at number 29 . It stayed on the chart for two weeks .

= = Track listing = =

= = = Standard edition = = =

= = = = Disc one = = = =

All songs recorded at the Lakeland Coliseum in Lakeland , Florida on July 13 , 1991 .

= = = = Disc two = = = =

Tracks 3 @-@ 6 and 8 @-@ 10 recorded at the Orange Pavilion , San Bernardino , California ,
March 8 , 1991 .

Tracks 1 , 2 and 7 recorded at the Wembley Arena , London , England , October 14 , 1990 .

= = = Limited edition = = =

Disc one track listing remains the same .

Disc two track listing 1 @-@ 6 remains the same .

= = Credits = =

The album 's credits and personnel can be obtained from AllMusic .