

= War at the Warfield =

War at the Warfield is a concert video by Slayer which was released on July 29 , 2003 , through American Recordings . Recorded at Warfield Theatre in San Francisco , California , on December 7 , 2001 , it is the band 's second video album . The DVD 's contents were announced by MTV on July 25 , 2003 . It is the last release by Slayer with drummer Paul Bostaph ( before he came back in 2013 ) , who left due to a chronic elbow injury . Bostaph was subsequently replaced by the original Slayer drummer Dave Lombardo . War at the Warfield was well received by critics , debuting at number three on the Billboard DVD chart , and sold over 7 @, @ 000 copies in its first week . It was certified gold for selling over 50 @, @ 000 copies . It also won a 2003 Metal Edge Readers ' Choice Award for DVD of the Year .

= = Recording and release = =

The video was recorded at the Warfield Theatre in San Francisco on December 7 , 2001 , exactly 60 years after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor , ) War at the Warfield was Slayer 's second DVD . Originally set for release on February 11 , 2003 , and later February 13 , 2003 , it was delayed several times , due to unspecified " production issues " . However , on May 20 , 2003 , it was announced that the release would be on June 17 , 2003 , only to be pushed back once again to July 27 . Before the DVD 's release , Tom Araya commented , " I don 't think it 's different than any other Slayer show , you got your kids doing the mosh stuff . They get crazy , they tear the place up . And then you get the one kid that 's tempted to jump off the balcony . Whether he does it or not is another story . When they do , of course they get hurt , but they always insist on staying so they can watch the rest of the show , then they go to the emergency room . " On July 25 , 2003 , four days before its release , MTV announced the DVD 's contents .

= = Bostaph 's departure = =

Bostaph gave the band prior knowledge of his willingness to leave before recording the DVD . " You gotta understand that the taping of that ; the Warfield show was two shows before my last show with the band . I haven 't watched it because you kinda go back with your scene ... for the fans , they see a show ; for me , I see my second to last show with the band , you know what I mean ? I have it but I needed to get some distance away from the situation and move on with my life . It 's like breaking up with a girlfriend . "

Bostaph eventually left the band before Christmas due to a chronic elbow injury , saying it would hinder his ability to play . After his departure , Bostaph joined the band Systematic . On December 21 , 2001 , it was announced that the original drummer , Dave Lombardo , would " temporarily reclaim his place behind the drums on the next leg " of Slayer 's God Hates Us All tour . Bostaph described his time with the band as " an unbelievable ride with Slayer , playing with these guys has been an incredible high point in my career " , and that he is " really grateful for the experience " .

= = Reception = =

Released through Universal Music & Video Distribution , the DVD entered the Billboard DVD chart at number three , selling over 7 @, @ 000 copies in its first week . On June 2 , 2004 , the DVD was certified gold by the RIAA for more than 50 @, @ 000 shipments in the United States . William Ruhlmann of Allmusic commented that the DVD " serves as both a fan 's statement on Slayer and a good representation of the group 's music and performance style . " Jon Wiederhorn , an editor for MTV , said that " Slayer 's new War at the Warfield DVD isn 't one of those home @-@ video concert releases meant to distract fans during a lengthy gap between records ? the group already has ten songs written for its next LP , which should be out by April . "

Andy Patrizio of IGN awarded the DVD seven out of ten , mentioning " the ferocity and intensity is still there , just a tad slower , " and summarising with the statement , " if you 're a Slayer fan , or into

thrash in general , you 'll love this . If you 're not , this video isn 't going to change your opinion on the music . " Patrizio criticized the video 's direction , observing that " the camerawork is full of fast , MTV @-@ style cuts , which , combined with the flashing lights , is more headache @-@ inducing than the music . "

= = Track listing = =

- " Disciple " ( Jeff Hanneman , Kerry King )
- " War Ensemble " ( Tom Araya , Hanneman )
- " Stain of Mind " ( Hanneman , King )
- " New Faith " ( King )
- " Postmortem " ( Hanneman )
- " Raining Blood " ( Hanneman , King )
- " Hell Awaits " ( Hanneman , King )
- " Here Comes the Pain " ( King )
- " Die by the Sword " ( Hanneman )
- " Dittohead " ( King )
- " Bloodline " ( Araya , Hanneman , King )
- " God Send Death " ( Araya , Hanneman )
- " Dead Skin Mask " ( Araya , Hanneman )
- " Seasons in the Abyss " ( Araya , Hanneman )
- " Captor of Sin " ( Hanneman , King )
- " Mandatory Suicide " ( Araya , Hanneman , King )
- " Chemical Warfare " ( Hanneman , King )
- " South of Heaven " ( Araya , Hanneman )
- " Angel of Death " ( Hanneman )

= = Personnel = =

This list of credits can be verified by Allmusic and War at the Warfield 's album @-@ notes .