

HELLFIGHTER Damnation's Wings

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Modern trad UK thrash, a five piece who feature four former members of Xentrix. There are of course nods to their former band, but If you like Hammers Rule, Kreator, Sabbath et al you'll love chunks of this.

I wouldn't quite go as far as melodic thrash, but there are bursts of guitar harmony and intricate interplay that break up the riffage and produce some damn fine thrashage. 'Legacy Of Hate' stands out there.

The intro to 'A Lesser God' is slightly gothic, and the album's title track is a real rocker.

Certainly, when compared to other thrash bands, the vocals are strong and pretty clear, With two epic numbers running at over 7 minutes, it's pretty full on and bombastic.

Noisy at times but one of the better new thrash albums I've heard in while. ***1/2