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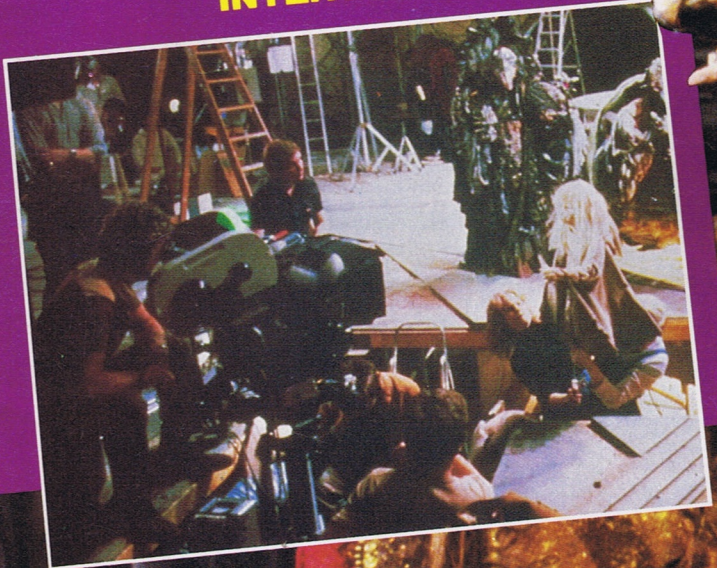
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# The Time Tunnel

## Back From Oblivion & Living In Syndication



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Dr. Tony Newman (James Darren), Dr. Ann MacGregor (Lee Meriwether), and Dr. Doug Phillips (Robert Colbert) consider a new fantastic journey.

### By BILL COTTER

Fans of Irwin Allen's television series *The Time Tunnel* will be glad to know that the intrepid time-travelers are back. Twentieth Century-Fox has released five movies-for-television comprised of episodes from the Emmy-winning series which was originally aired during the 1966-67 season.

Following its initial network run, *The Time Tunnel* was placed into syndication, but met with only limited success. Although ratings were generally high for these re-runs, there were only 30 episodes filmed, a number generally considered below the minimum required for profitable syndication. Fox had a similar situation with their TV version of *Planet of the Apes*, and had successfully sold five television movies edited from that series. This same approach has now been used for *The Time Tunnel*.

For those unfamiliar with the series, *The Time Tunnel* was the story of America's greatest secret—an experimental time-travel device. Two scientists, Doug Phillips and Tony Newman, were “hopelessly lost somewhere in the infinite corridors of time” (to quote each week's opening). While their fellow scientists labored to save them, the two travelers continually found themselves involved in key moments of historical and future events. (Originally set in the 60s, the

show has been re-edited to remove all such references.)

Each of the *Time Tunnel* movies is comprised of introductory footage from the TV pilot episode, “Rendezvous With Yesterday,” and material from two additional episodes. All of the films are available in both 90-minute and two-hour versions, designed to fit the needs of most stations. The movie titles, and the episodes used, are as follows:

*Starring in each film are James Darren, Robert Colbert, Lee Meriwether, Whit Bissell and John Zaremba.*

Evidently, Fox has re-edited and released the films without the involvement of Allen, the show's creator and producer. When asked if *Land of the Giants*, another Allen effort that has not fared well in syndication, would be available in feature format, a Fox spokesperson indicated that it would depend on the success of the *Time Tunnel* films. Sales efforts continue on a city-by-city basis.

#### Old Legends Never Die:

“Merlin the Magician”  
“The Revenge of Robin Hood”

Tony and Doug are forced to help Merlin the Magician, who's teaching King Arthur how to rid England of the Vikings. They next find themselves fighting against King John to force him to sign the Magna Carta. There they meet Robin Hood and his followers.

#### Kill Or Be Killed:

“The Day the Sky Fell In”  
“Kill Two by Two”

The travelers arrive in Pearl Harbor the day the Japanese attack but cannot prevent the battle. The war continues on a small island where a Japanese soldier engages them in a deadly game of wits.

#### Allens From Another Planet:

“Chase Through Time”  
“Visitors From Beyond the Stars”

A traitorous scientist plants a bomb in the Time Tunnel and escapes into time. Doug and Tony must find him and learn how to stop the bomb. They also must stop an alien vessel from stealing the Earth's food supplies. [LAND: with]

#### Revenge Of The Gods:

“Revenge of the Gods”  
“Walls of Jericho”

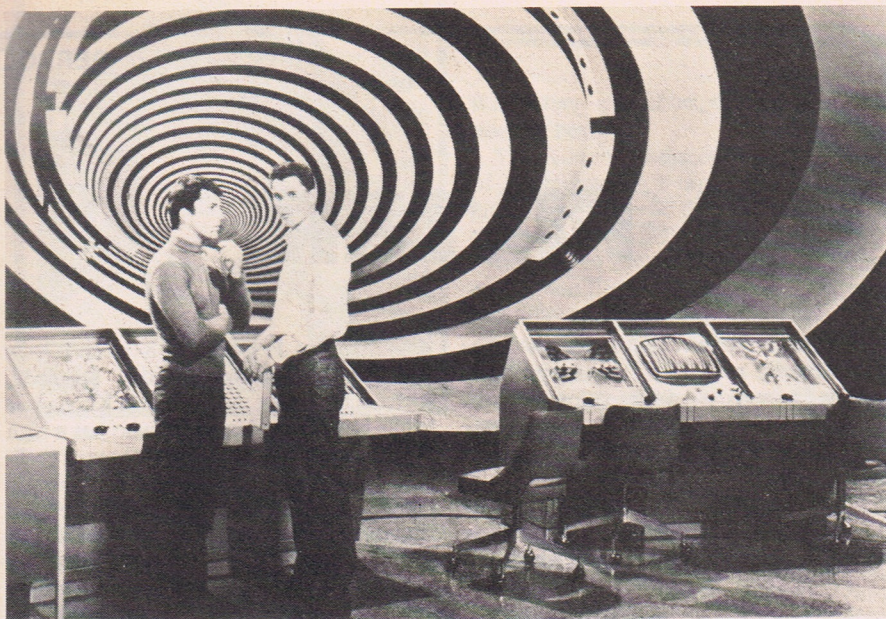
The two travelers join with Ulysses in his attack on Troy, and enter the city inside the famed Trojan horse. They then find themselves outside of the Walled City of Jericho just before the attack described in The Bible.

#### Raiders From Outer Space:

“The Kidnappers”  
“One Way to the Moon”

Two stories set in outer space find the travelers rescuing a fellow scientist from an alien planet, then traveling aboard the first space ship to Mars.





Behind Darren and Colbert: the psychedelic conduit to years past and future.



Indians get the drop on the time-lost cowboys.



A menacing Nazi wants to cancel Colbert and Darren.

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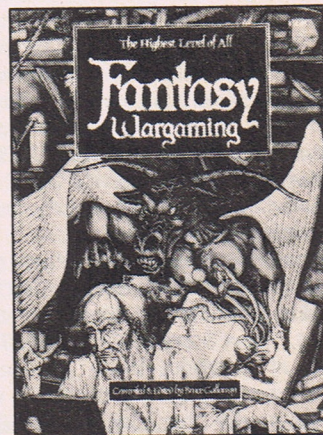
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