

Actor Wesley Snipes Pens End-Times Spiritual Warfare Novel

Think of your favorite supernatural authors: Jerry B. Jenkins, Tim LaHaye, Frank Peretti, Ted Dekker and ... Wesley Snipes?

The actor joins the author ranks as he prepares to debut his new work: an end-times, spiritual warfare-inspired novel featuring a Baptist preacher's daughter. Snipes co-wrote the novel with Ray Norman, who has ghostwritten nonfiction books.

"There are spiritual warriors that inhabit this planet who are here to help balance out the evil forces, and they are always looking for the next apprentice. And when they find the next apprentice to train—the next heir apparent—then they can move on to the higher realms," Snipes tells *Deadline*.

Talon of God features Lauren, the pastor's daughter, who is chosen to be a "holy warrior."

She's "a spiritual woman, and her father is a minister who is put to the challenge. Lauren has been chosen to be a holy warrior here on Earth. She's a doctor; her father is a Baptist minister."

Snipes tells *Deadline* the book, which he hopes to turn into a film, will address faith issues.

"There are spiritual questions," Snipes says. "Are there demonic forces in the world that manipulate us into doing things that are not in our best interests or into accepting conditions that are not in our best interests? The human mind is pretty intriguing, why we do some of the things we do."

According to *The Hollywood Reporter*, Lauren is pulled into an apocalyptic battle between heaven and hell. Fighting alongside her is the "spirit warrior and legendary man of God" Talon

Hunter, hence the book's title, *Talon of God*.

"It's one thing to get a project in and be like, 'Do you mean the Wesley Snipes?' and be told 'Yes – he's written a novel,'" said Harper Voyager executive editor David Pomerico in a statement. "But then to learn that the story he and Ray put together is just so much fun, well, there was no way I couldn't do this project!"

The novel is due out in July. {eoa}