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## Kevin Sorbo: 'We Can't Lose Our Country'

His latest movie focuses on the **chaos of our times** and sets the stage for the return of Jesus Christ.

BY TROY ANDERSON

**A**CTOR KEVIN SORBO HOPES HIS NEW MOVIE, *Left Behind: Rise of the Antichrist*, encourages discussions about the threats facing America and the free world.

"We are now a socialist country, just steps away from losing everything, and people need to wake up," Sorbo tells Newsmax magazine.

"I'm feeling positive that more people are waking up, so I just say, 'Let's keep fighting the good fight, guys, because we're at the tipping point. We can't let it go the wrong way.'"

The new movie comes nearly three decades after the 1995 release of *Left Behind: A Novel of the Earth's Last Days* — the first of 12 books in an apocalyptic Christian fiction series by Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins, igniting a cultural phenomenon and selling more than 80 million copies.

With the world facing Russia's threats of nuclear war, a pandemic that has killed millions of people, record levels of global debt, and the chaos caused by hatred and divisiveness, the new *Left Behind* captures the zeitgeist of the angst and sets the stage for the return of Jesus Christ.

"Look at what's going on in the world," says Sorbo, who recently starred in *Reagan*, with Dennis Quaid playing the late president and Sorbo a pastor, set for release later this year.

"I remember Reagan said: 'It only takes one generation to lose your freedom.' Well, he was not wrong about losing your freedom; it's happened in just a few years.

"I mean, it's crazy to see the acceleration of big government and the control of everybody's lives, and the willingness of so many people just to be sheep and go along with it.

"I tell people, 'I see myself as a lion. I'm not afraid to put myself out there.' I need to wake up the lions out there because we're losing our country.'

"You look at what the Bible has talked about — a lot of these things are coming true right now. You look at political



### KEVIN SORBO

>> **Born:** Mound, Minnesota

>> **Raised:** Lutheran

>> **Age:** 64

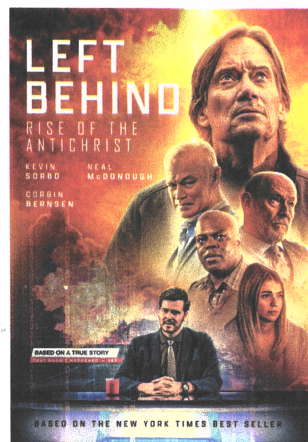
>> **Wife:** Actress Sam Sorbo since 1998

>> **Children:** 3

>> **Career:** Appeared in 150 commercials

>> **Breakout hit:** *Hercules: The Legendary Journeys* (1995)

>> **Spokesman for A World Fit for Kids!:** A nonprofit organization that trains teenagers to become mentors to younger children □



leaders, the power they want over our lives. The openness they have — they're saying, 'Look, we need to create a whole new world order, world government.' They say it themselves.

"So, I think this movie is going to point out a lot of stuff that people will relate to what's happening right now in the world."

The movie's title refers to a diabolical yet cunning charismatic world leader which the epistles of John and Book of Revelation describe as the Antichrist, who requires people to take the "mark of the beast" — without which they can't "buy or sell" during the Tribulation.

Jenkins tells Newsmax: "The original *Left Behind* series of novels is still selling more than 10,000 units a month, and I hear from people frequently who believe we're living in the end times.

"I've been astonished that many of the things we speculated upon, just as part of the fictional story, seem to have been prophetic, too.

"We seem to be heading toward a one-world government, a cashless society, and people calling good bad and bad good, which is a biblical prophecy." □