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Band: Among Gods (N)  
Genre: Doom / Death Metal  
Label: Argonauta Records  
Albumtitle: Ghost Empire  
Duration: 35:03  
Releasedate: 01.07.2016



The Norwegians dabble with a mix of Doom and Death Metal on their third album. Unfortunately it was a short try as Among Gods can hardly convince with certain exceptions. Primary Among Gods was only a studio side project.

Actually, the album starts quite good with the title track which is a mix of the earlier Paradise Lost and Death Metal grooves. It is almost comparable with Asphyx and Bolt Thrower. However, the following song "Deliver Us From Evil" is only partially a hearing pleasure. "Pandemonium" and "Tundra" are the longest tracks with seven or eight minutes and stagnate like a sailing ship in still air. One gets just thrilling melodies, arc of suspense or riffs like a bulldozer in small doses.

What remains are only the both shorter (four minutes) songs "Wolves" and "Tempest". Those songs are exactly what the band has perhaps committed to achieve: Death and Doom Metal in equal parts, a harmonious songwriting and riffs with that certain something.

One word on the duration: If one removes the intro and outro as well as the idling before and after some songs, the album has only slightly half an hour duration.

Conclusion: Among Gods is short of exciting and strong ideas even with half an hour. Also individual highlights like the both tracks "Wolves" and "Tempest" can't change the general impression that "Ghost Empire" is simply a weak album. It will excite neither Doom nor Death Metal fans.

Rating: 3/10

Recommendations: Wolves, Tempest

Weblink: <https://www.facebook.com/amonggods>

Lineup:

Kenneth - Vocals  
Lars - Guitars  
Orjan - Bass  
Geir - Drums

Tracklist:

01. Incipiens
02. Ghost Empire
03. Deliver Us from Evil
04. Pandemonium
05. Wolves
06. Tempest
07. Tundra
08. Smerte

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