

## Short Review: “It!” (1966) by Dr. John L. Flynn



**It!** (aka *The Curse of the Golem*) (1966). Seven Arts/Goldstar, 97 min, Director, Producer, and Screenwriter: Herbert J. Leder. Starring: Roddy McDowall, Jill Haworth, Paul Maxwell, Noel Trevarthen, Ian McCulloch, Ernest Clark, Aubrey Richards and Allan Sellers.

After one of their storehouses burns down, museum director Grove (Clark) and his assistant Pimm (McDowall) find everything but a mysterious statue destroyed. Jim Perkins (Maxwell), an expert brought in from the United States, identifies the statue as the famous golem created by Rabbi Loew in 16th century, and warns them not to tamper with it. But Primm has other plans. He first brings the statue to life, then orders it to destroy a nearby bridge just to test the creature's power. The golem succeeds, and is unleashed for more predictable mayhem, including the abduction of Primm's former girlfriend (Haworth). Eventually, the military gets wind of his megalomania, and attempt to destroy the creature with an atomic blast. Primm and his dead mother are blown to bits, but the golem survives. The film detonates under its own weight and pretensions, and is thankfully forgotten today. We recommend that you skip this one, and track down the original silent, titled “The Golem” (1920), by Paul Wegener.

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