

***Time of the Cherries (The Cherry Season)/Haim Buzaglo 1991***

- What is the film's Theme? (What is the film about?)

The film is about the Israeli war in Lebanon in the time before the Israeli forces want to the security zone. The movie show us the simple soldier that need to leave his family and to go reserve duty. Is not a simple mission for the soldiers in the movie because they have life full of obligations. They have jobs, businesses, children, friends that they need to put behind. The movie focused on a group of soldiers not so young that need to go to Lebanon for 3 weeks and one of the soldiers (mickey) feel that is not going to come back alive from this mission. When the soldiers were trained for the mission a journalist came to meet them and she decided to follow after mickey and document him when he prepares himself to die in the mission in Lebanon. The camera crew arrives with mickey to the mission in Lebanon and they record the soldiers especially mickey when they in the combat zone. There the camera crew sees the difficulties of the soldiers and how they deal with them.

- Do we have enough hints to be sure that Mickey (Gil Frank) will die by the end of the film? What are they?

For my opinion mickey is really died in the end of the movie. the first hint is when the journalist speaking to the camera and in the back we see a truck exploded and the journalist running to the truck but not like the explosion in the beginning of the movie here she looks in panic because it is look she feels it is something personal for her. She don't try to be a journalist like in the beginning of the movie she acts like she is part of the explosion. second hint is when the journalist and her crew back to Israel

and in the car they hear about the news of the explosion of the truck and the news says that 14 soldiers died on the way home from Lebanon after 3 weeks of army duty. And then she see billboard with mickey on him she begs to the driver to stop the car because she want look at him. All the crew goes out of the car and looks on the billboard in deep grief. The last hunt is in the end of the movie when we see the truck with the soldiers go on the road and in the back of the truck they have angel wings and the truck disappears on the road and this is the end of the movie. The angel wings shows us that the soldiers went to the sky and them not between us anymore.

- What is the meaning of Mickey's profession? How is it used in the film? How is it related to the film's theme?

Mickey's profession is advertiser in an Israeli company. Mickey is a promoter products in the movie it looks like he advertise his death and use his talents to make a campaign of his death in Lebanon. When he understands that the tv crew going after him he wants to be the star of the tv crew for example this is why he going inside the cemetery when he knows that the tv crew going after him. Is profession related to the film's theme because mickey preparing is last work. He know he don't going came back from this war. Mickey is the theme of the movie and his profession help him to manipulate like people doing in the press and publication to be a star.

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