

#117 The Short Space Kingdoms – The 7th Kingdom of Revelation 17:10 is the USSR, which continued “a short space”

Key Understanding: *The 7th kingdom is the USSR. The Soviet Union was the 7th Kingdom of Revelation 17:10, which continued “a short space,” literally meaning that it lasted just “a little while” (as it reads in the New International Version).*

*Revelation 17:10-11 (KJV) . . . and **THE OTHER** [the Seventh Kingdom, the USSR] **IS NOT YET COME**; and when he cometh, he [the Seventh Kingdom, the USSR] must continue **A SHORT SPACE**.*

*11 And **THE BEAST** [out of the Pit in Rev. 17:08, the United States of America] that was, and is not, even **HE IS THE EIGHTH**, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.*

A Brief History of the “Short Space” Soviet Union



Vladimir Lenin

The *Bolsheviks* were members of a faction of the Marxist Russian Social-Democratic Labour Party. [Another faction was called the *Mensheviks*.] The Bolsheviks had an extreme socialist and internationalist outlook, and were opponents of the Russian Orthodox Church and the traditional Russian Empire. The Bolsheviks, led by Vladimir Lenin, seized power in Russia in 1917 during World War I, in response to the wartime decay of Russia’s economy and morale, in an event known as the October Revolution. [It occurred on October 25 in the old Russian Calendar, still in effect at that time in Russia, but that date was November 7 on the modern calendar.] The Bolshevik Party became generally known as the Communist Party.

The Soviet Union was a union of republics – with Russia itself the largest and most dominant – that formed within the territory of the overthrown Romanov Russian Empire. However, before the new Bolshevik communist regime was secure, there was a long and bloody civil war in Russia, from 1918-1920. By 1921, seven years of World War I, internal revolution, and the Russian Civil War had exhausted Russia. In just the Russian Civil War alone, 20 million Russians had died in epidemics, in the fighting, or of starvation. The victorious Communist Party finally formally declared the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, or USSR, or Soviet Union, on December 30, 1922. Vladimir Lenin would die on January 21, 1924. Joseph Stalin would defeat rival Leon Trotsky in the 1920’s to become the dictator of the Soviet Union until his death on March 5, 1953.



V. I. Lenin in Red Square making a speech from a car before troops, Moscow, May 25, 1919



The Cold War. The Cold War between the U.S. and USSR began at the end of World War II. The USSR attempted to maintain parity with the U.S. on all fronts. The attempt to continue a build-up of military strength, however, crippled the economy. In the 1980's, there was an increasingly apparent crumbling of the Soviet Union's economic and political structures. At the end of the decade, some Soviet republics were leaning toward declaring sovereignty over their territories, or even independence. On December 8, 1991, the presidents of Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus signed accords that declared the Soviet Union dissolved. It was humbling, for their statement read, "**The USSR**, as a subject of international law and a geopolitical reality, **ceases to exist**." On December 25, 1991, Mikhail Gorbachev resigned as the president of the USSR. The following day, the Supreme Soviet, the highest governmental body of the Soviet Union, dissolved itself.

The U.S. had won the Cold War. It became the lone superpower. The USSR, the 7th Kingdom of Revelation 17:10, ceased to exist, and had lasted only "a short space." Daniel 2:42 was being fulfilled.

*Daniel 2:42 (KJV) And as the **TOES OF THE FEET** were part of **IRON** [Eisenhower – the **Man of Iron** – and the **Rod of Iron** U.S.], and part of **CLAY** [Stalin – the **Man of Steel** – and the 1991 Fall of the USSR], so **THE KINGDOM SHALL BE PARTLY STRONG, and PARTLY BROKEN.***

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