

#119 The Short Space Kingdoms – Star Wars and the Control of Space

The Lord ordained that the King James Version, in Revelation 17:10, read “*a short space*” to describe the short duration of the life of the USSR, because it would be the so-called “Space Race” that came to define the competition between the U.S. and the USSR for world supremacy.

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.

Key Understanding: *Star Wars*. In the 1980’s, a part of the picture of the Space Race victory of the U.S. over the USSR was the Reagan Administration’s pressing for an implementation of the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), known conventionally as Star Wars. While it was not a part of the Space Race to the moon, Star Wars was a planned *satellite based weapons system (in space)* that would (from *space*) detect and destroy missiles fired (from the ground) at the United States. If operable, it would have rendered Soviet ICBMs (Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles) useless. The key point is that the U.S. would have controlled *space* through SDI. Star Wars is considered to be a factor in the demise of the USSR.

The Soviet Union tried to dissuade the United States from implementing SDI, but the Reagan administration refused to back away from the proposal. In reality, SDI was only in the technological planning stages; the Soviets, however, bought America's bluff, prompting a quick and expensive advance in their lagging military technology. This increased spending further accelerated the Soviet economic decline. Star Wars is considered to be a factor in the demise of the USSR, which lasted only “*a short space*.”



U.S. President Ronald Reagan delivering the March 23, 1983, speech initiating SDI

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