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Note: All dates are represented as BBY for Before the Battle of Yavin, which is the era of the movies.

25,053 BBY: Creation of the Galactic Republic

Before the Republic, the largest known empire was the **Infinite Empire** by the **Rakata** from 35,000 to 25,200, when they were eliminated by a plague. At this point, the **Hutt** are a major galactic player, and the **Sith** are still an unknown indigenous species in a remote part of space.



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25,000 BBY: Jedi Knights establish an Academy on Ossus



The Jedi Order is older than the Republic and was formed on **Tython**, but was then brought into the **Galactic Republic** as keepers of the peace. **Ossus** would become a place of great importance for the Jedi in years to come.

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24,500 BBY: First Great Schism

These early Republic days were chaotic, and little is known about them. Around this time, the first war between Light and Dark occurred, when Dark Jedi, wanting to explore the full breath of the Force, battled against the Jedi Order.

The Dark Jedi did not prevail, and the war ended after battles that covered several planets including **Coruscant**, the **Galactic Republic** capital planet.

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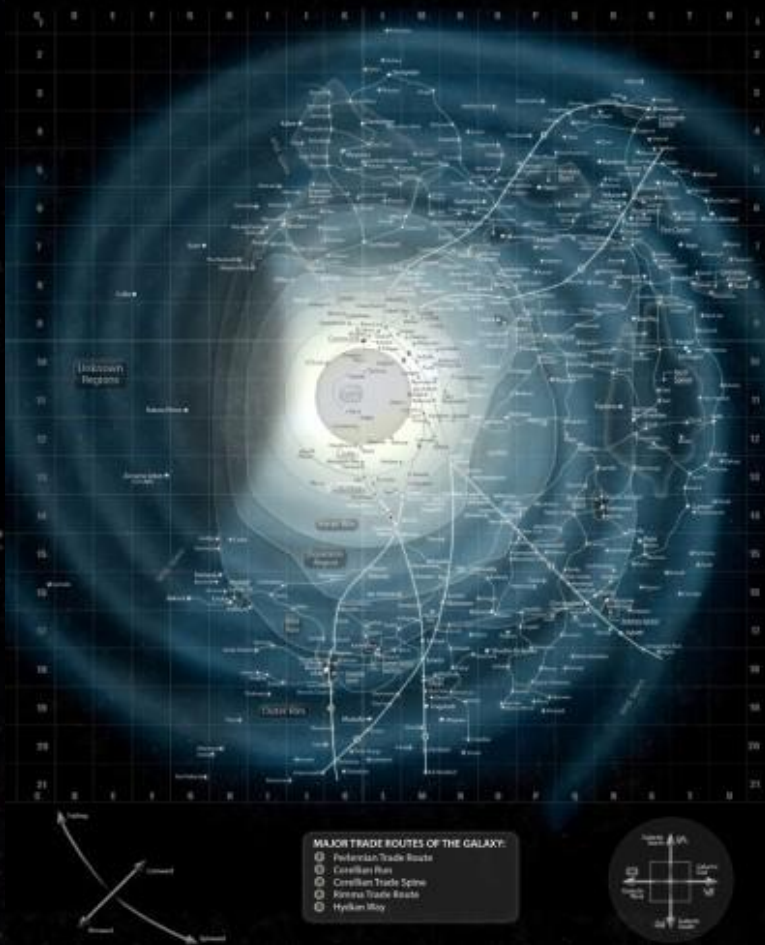
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20,000 BBY: Great Manifest Period

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"A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away...."



The Republic started at the Core Worlds, and the expansion so far had been kept around a small part of the galaxy, on planets like **Coruscant**, **Corellia** and **Alsakan**.

The Great Manifest Period around 20,000 BBY to 17,000 BBY saw the Republic expand to more worlds in sectors known as Wild Space.

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17,000 BBY: Alsakan Conflicts

During the expansion to new regions of space, **Coruscant** and **Alsakan** competed openly for colonization and resource rights on new worlds. This conflict turned to war, and a series of battles occurred between 17,000 BBY and 3,017 BBY.

Part of the motivation for these wars was **Alsakan** hoping to become the **Galactic Republic** capital. New military technologies such as the Dreadnaught Heavy Cruiser were developed during these conflicts.



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15,000 BBY: Nal Hutta settled by the Hutt



The **Hutt**, originally from the planet **Varl**, settle on **Nal Hutta**, making it their home world.

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7,003 BBY: The Hundred-Year Darkness

When a group of Jedi explore the Dark Side of the Force, they start bending life itself, creating monstrous new species, which they then use to battle the Republic in the Second Great Schism, beginning this historical hundred-year war.



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7,000 BBY: Mandalore the First

The great Mandalorian empire starts when **Mandalore the First** conquers the planet **Mandalore** from the **Mythosaurs** species sometime around 7,000 BBY.

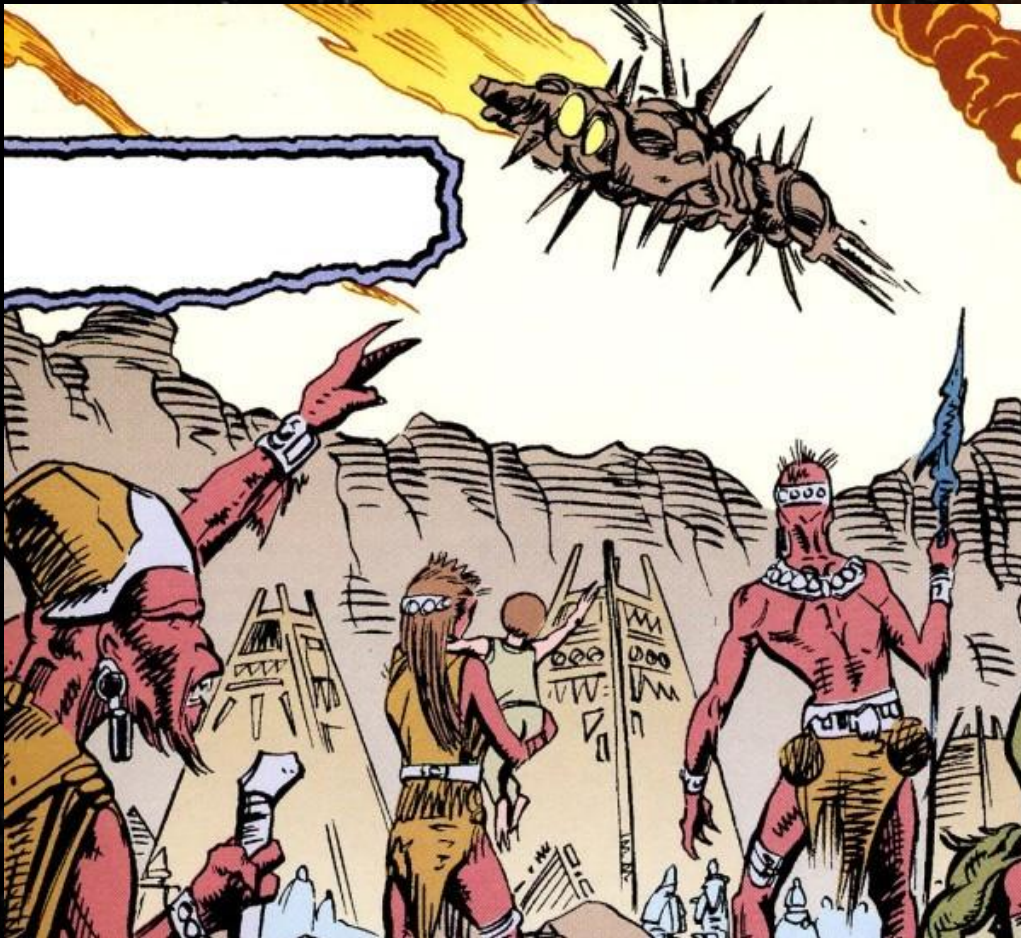


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6,900 BBY: Battle of Corbos



The war ended with the Battle of Corbos, where the Dark Jedi were defeated. They were then exiled to deep space, and ended up discovering the planet **Korriban**, and the native Sith species that lived there. They were greeted as gods.

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5,100 BBY: Marka Ragnos becomes Dark Lord of the Sith

The **Sith Empire** would remain hidden from the **Galactic Republic** for hundreds of years, with the exiled Dark Jedi being the first Dark Lords of the Sith, inter-breeding with the native Sith species.

Marka Ragnos reigned for a long time during this Golden Age of the Sith, becoming one of the most powerful Ancient Sith ever. He would live on as a Force Ghost long after his death.



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5,000 BBY: The Great Hyperspace War

During this time when much of the galaxy was unexplored, two intrepid Hyperspace explorers went to random coordinates and ended up on **Korriban**, rediscovering the planet, along with the **Sith Empire**, which had remained hidden from the Republic until then, and was in the middle of a succession dispute between **Naga Sadow** and **Ludo Kressh**.

Crowning himself Dark Lord, **Naga Sadow** convinced the Sith that these were early Republic scouts, and built an armada to mount a surprise attack on the Republic, leading to a galaxy-wide conflict. In the end, the **Sith Empire** was virtually exterminated, and **Naga Sadow** fled with a single ship to **Yavin IV**.



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4,904 BBY: The Sith plot their return

Naga Sadow kept using the Force and his skills to experiment on his native Sith followers, turning them into powerful Force users, but altering their appearance, making them into Massassi warriors, planning his revenge.



Unknown to him or the Republic however, the remnant of the Sith armada had fled deep into space, settling on **Dromund Kaas**, where a new Emperor started plotting the return of the **Sith Empire**.

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4,400 BBY: Freedon Nadd falls to the Dark Side

Freedon Nadd was a powerful Jedi who fled **Ossus** after slaying his master, giving into the Dark Side. He found **Naga Sadow's** ghost on **Yavin IV** after exploring the ruins of **Korriban**, and learned of the ancient Sith secrets. After declaring himself Dark Lord, he went to the world of **Onderon** and ruled until his death.

He would have a lasting influence on **Onderon**, and his ghost would keep the Sith knowledge alive through small sects on the planet.



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4,250 BBY: Vultar Cataclysm

The Third Great Schism occurred on **Coruscant** when a group of Dark Jedi who split from the Jedi Order fought the Republic, and then fled to the system of **Vultar**.

They discovered that the system had been artificially created, and used ancient machines they found. They destroyed themselves and the entire system.

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4,200 BBY: Anchorhead is founded on Tatooine

While **Tatooine** was discovered by moisture farmers of the Republic years before, the first settlement was formed and called **Anchorhead** in 4,200 BBY.



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4,000 BBY: Great Sith War

After a thousand years of relative peace, the galaxy was thrown into war when **Exar Kun** fell to the Dark Side and traveled to **Yavin IV** and then **Onderon**, where he met **Fredon Nadd's** Force Ghost. After learning the **Sith** ways and gathering allies, he made battle in the **Empress Teta** system where he turned another Jedi, **Qel-Droma**, to the Dark Side.



After taking **Coruscant**, the Sith were defeated at **Ossus** by the Jedi armies. **Kun** retreated to **Yavin IV**, where he was killed by the attacking Jedi forces.

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3,976 BBY: Mandalorian Wars

Led by **Mandalore the Ultimate**, the Mandalorians start a vast campaign against remote worlds, testing themselves in battle for the upcoming invasion of Republic space.



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3,963 BBY: Siege of Taris

While their first targets were outside of the **Galactic Republic**, the Mandalorians eventually arrived at and conquered **Taris**. The Republic was forced into a war, sending their fleet against them.

The Jedi Order refused to assist the Republic and embark into the war, staying in the sidelines instead.

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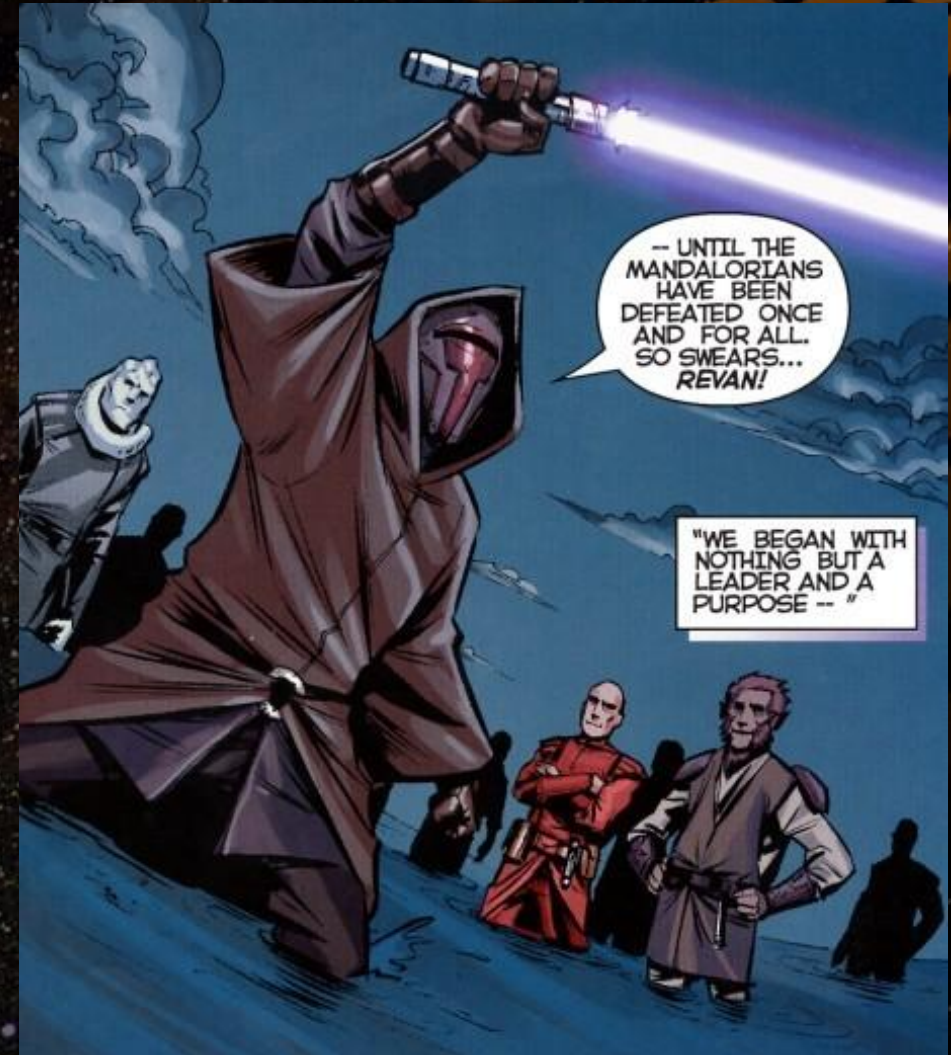
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3,961 BBY: Darth Revan

Refusing to obey the Jedi Order, a Jedi Knight named **Revan** led **Malak** and a number of other Jedi to retake **Taris**, and drive the Mandalorians back.

While on their travels, **Revan** and **Malak** also found ancient Sarmaps built by the **Rakata** long ago, leading them to the **Starforge**.



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3,960 BBY: Malachor V

The final confrontation between **Revan** and **Mandalore** occurred around **Malachor V**, where **Revan** used a powerful weapon to destroy their fleet. This is also where another Jedi which served under **Revan** lost her connection to the force.

After a long campaign he won for the Republic, defeating the Mandalorians in battle, and followed the fleeing remains through deep space, until he found the secret Sith Emperor on **Dromund Kaas**, where he learned about the Sith ways.



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3,959 BBY: Jedi Civil War



Darth Revan and **Darth Malak** returned after the Mandalorian Wars as Sith Lords and invaded the Republic with a fleet constructed by the **Starforge**. But **Revan** was captured by a daring assault led by the Jedi **Bastila Shan**, his memory wiped, turning him back to the Light.

He then defeated **Malak** and his Sith followers, winning a second war for the Republic.

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3,956 BBY: Sith Civil War

For decades the **Sith Academy** on **Korriban** had been training new Sith recruits, until **Revan** turned back to the Light and attacked the planet, before departing once more for deep space, which led to the Sith Civil War, where factions of Sith battled for dominance on the ruined planet.

The war saw most of the remaining Sith wiped out, with a few remaining Lords relocating to the ruins of an ancient training ground, forming the **Trayus Academy** on **Malachor V**.



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3,954 BBY: The First Jedi Purge



After the end of the Jedi Civil War, most Jedi began disappearing across the galaxy for unknown reasons. After failing to find the cause, the remaining Jedi hid on various worlds.

A Jedi Exile who had lost her connection to the Force during the Mandalorian Wars eventually discovered that a triumvirate of Sith Lords composed of **Darth Traya**, **Darth Sion** and **Darth Nihilus** had taken control of Sith assassins left over from **Revan's** army, and were killing Jedi. She ended the Purge by defeating them 3 years later.



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3,681 BBY: The Great War

After preparing for hundreds of years, the **Sith Emperor** left **Dromund Kaas** to invade the Republic in a 28 year long war using the massive fleet he constructed during that time. Through very careful planning, he caught the Republic by surprise, conquering almost half the galaxy.



His advance was eventually slowed, but the Emperor turned the Mandalorians against the Republic, leading to the Mandalorian Blockade, which cut the supply routes for almost a year before it was broken.

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3,653 BBY: Treaty of Coruscant



After it became clear that both the Sith and Republic were in a deadlock, the **Sith Empire** proposed a cease fire, and the **Treaty of Coruscant** was signed, but not before one last devastating attack on the planet itself.

This led to an unprecedented Cold War which lasted many years.

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2,000 BBY: Fourth Great Schism

In the last of the Jedi Schism, a Jedi Knight left the order with 50 followers to become **Darth Ruin**, and rule a new **Sith Empire**. This would lead to the New Sith Wars, a period of conflict that would last almost a thousand years where the Sith would grow in power.

This period would end with what would become known as the Republic Dark Age, where the **Brotherhood of Darkness** faced the **Army of Light** in many battles.



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1,006 BBY: Battle of Korriban



After losing several battles, the Brotherhood of Darkness attempted to recreate the Sith Academy on **Korriban**, leading to the Battle of Korriban, where the Brotherhood under **Lord Kaan**, **Lord Qordis** and **Lord Kopecz** were victorious against the Republic attack force.

The new Academy would provide many new Sith Lords to the Brotherhood, and lead to new victories. But it also would make the Sith complacent.

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1,000 BBY: Battles of Ruusan

Darth Bane was part of the Brotherhood of Darkness, but soon lost confidence in them. After a major defeat of the Sith on **Ruusan**, **Bane** escaped with his new apprentice **Zannah**, and became Dark Lord of the Sith.

Bane introduced the Rule of Two, which unlike the Brotherhood that had many equal Sith Lords, he decreed that there should always be only two Sith, a Master and an Apprentice. This rule would remain for a thousand years.



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350 BBY: Trade Federation is founded



Following the battles at **Ruusan**, the **Great Reunification** started the Golden Age of the Republic.

In this period of peace and economic expansion for the **Galactic Republic**, the **Trade Federation**, the largest corporation in the galaxy, is founded.

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32 BBY: Invasion of Naboo

The Trade Federation, working with **Darth Sidious**, blockades the planet of **Naboo**, leading to its invasion, the start of an involved plan by the secret Dark Lord for the Sith to regain control of the galaxy.

Queen Amidala's plea to the Galactic Senate goes unheard because of bureaucracy, leading to **Palpatine** getting elected new Supreme Chancellor, promising to bring back sanity to the Republic.



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22 BBY: The Clone Wars



Corruption within the Republic having been exposed, a group of systems joined a separatist movement to remove themselves from the **Galactic Republic**, led by **Count Dooku**. To save the Republic, the senate creates a Grand Army of the Republic made of clones and starts a 3 year long war against the droid army of the separatists, starting with the Battle of Geonosis.

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19 BBY: Birth of the Galactic Empire

Having discovered that **Palpatine** was **Darth Sidious**, the one behind the war, attempting to bring the Sith back in control, Jedi masters face him, but fail when **Anakin Skywalker** intervenes. **Anakin** gets gravely injured but is saved by **Darth Sidious** and becomes his new apprentice, **Darth Vader**.

Using his position as Supreme Chancellor, **Sidious** convinces the Senate that the Jedi were behind a coup, and has the Republic clones exterminate almost all of them. He then transforms the Republic into the first **Galactic Empire**, making himself Emperor.



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While hunting down rebels, the **Galactic Empire** finds that a rebel base is on a moon of **Yavin**, and sends its **Death Star**, its great new weapon, to attack it, after destroying the planet **Alderaan**.

Using plans that they acquired of the station, the rebels, led by **Luke Skywalker**, launched an attack and destroyed it, leading to the first major victory of the rebels versus the Empire.

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3 ABY: Battle of Hoth



Tracking down the rebels from **Yavin**, the Empire finds a secret base on the planet **Hoth** and launches an offensive, destroying the base and forcing the rebels to flee.

While training to become the last Jedi Knight, **Luke Skywalker** is baited to face **Darth Vader** in combat, where he learns that **Vader** is his father.

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4 ABY: Battle of Endor

Learning that the Empire is building another **Death Star**, and that the Emperor will be on board, rebels including **Luke Skywalker**, **Leia** and **Han Solo** attack an outpost on the planet **Endor** to disable the station shield.

While it was a bait by the Emperor, the rebels, aided by **Ewoks**, managed to drop the shield, allowing the rebel fleet, led by **Admiral Ackbar**, to destroy the station, and the Emperor died when he was betrayed by **Darth Vader** while fighting **Luke Skywalker**.



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5 ABY: Formation of the New Republic



With the Emperor dead, fights broke out in many systems, with the creation of the **New Republic**, in an attempt to dissolve the Empire and reform the **Galactic Republic**.

3 years after the Battle of Endor, it was estimated 30% of systems supported the **New Republic**.

Meanwhile, **Darth Sidious** used Spirit Transference to cheat death and come back in a clone of himself.

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7 ABY: Coruscant captured

Battles between the forces still loyal to the Empire and the **New Republic** occur throughout the galaxy, leading to the capture of **Coruscant**.

Officers of the Empire such as **Thrawn**, **Sate Pestage**, **Ysanne Isard** and others launch many attacks to regain control of key sectors over the next years.



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19 ABY: Bastion Accords

Started after the death of the Emperor, what would become known as the **Galactic Civil War** ended with the signing of the Pellaeon-Gavrisom Treaty above **Bastion**. The **New Republic** and the **Imperial Remnant** would live in relative peace from now on.

The treaty was not a surrender, and the remains of the Empire could live peacefully and trade with the **New Republic**.



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26 ABY: Yuuzhan Vong War



While still attempting to bring peace back to the galaxy, the **New Republic** was faced with the invasion of the **Yuuzhan Vong**, coming from another galaxy, and invading every system up to **Coruscant** itself.

The war lasted 4 years and was ended with the defeat of the **Supreme Overlord** by Jedi and **New Republic** forces. **Jacen Solo**, the son of **Han Solo** and **Leia**, proved crucial to win the war, before he fell to the Dark Side.

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40 ABY: Second Galactic Civil War

A local conflict between five worlds grew to become a much larger war, lasting for over a year, and involving many heroes of previous wars including **Han Solo**, **Leia**, **Mara Jade**, and many others.

The war ended after **Jacen Solo**, now **Darth Caedus** and leader of the Galactic Alliance, was killed in battle by his own sister, **Jaina Solo**.



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127 ABY: Sith-Imperial War

With the **New Republic** still recovering from the Vong War, the Empire remnants led by **Roan Fel** makes an alliance with the new Sith Dark Lord **Darth Krayt**.

After 3 years of fighting, the alliance wins over the Republic with the capture of **Coruscant**. **Roan Fel** names himself Emperor.



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137 ABY: Battle on Had Abbaddon

Shortly after the war, **Darth Krayt** had betrayed **Roan Fel** and named himself Emperor, with the help of his followers, **Darth Talon**, **Darth Wyyrlok**, **Darth Nihl** and **Darth Maladi**. He established the Rule of One, where one strong Sith army would rule united. He would also face **Cade Skywalker** in battle, Luke's descendant.



Krayt was killed by **Wyyrlok** after the battle on **Had Abbaddon**, where a group of Jedi attacked the Sith Emperor and his followers.

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