

Short Review: “Star Wars: II- Attack of the Clones” (2002) by Dr. John L. Flynn



Star Wars: Episode II – Attack of the Clones (2002). (aka Attack of the Clones). 20th Century Fox, color, 143 min. Director: George Lucas. Writers: George Lucas and Jonathan Hales. Producer: Rick McCallum. Cast: Ewan McGregor, Natalie Portman, Hayden Christensen, and Samuel Jackson.

Ten years have passed, during which Anakin Skywalker (Christensen) has learned much from Obi-Wan Kenobe (McGregor). Amidala (Portman), now Naboo’s senator, is lobbying in the capital. Jedi Mace Windu (Jackson) assigns Obi-Wan and Anakin to protect her. Obi-Wan follows a would-be assassin, Jango Fett (father of Baba), to a planet filled with clones, discovering Count Dooku (Christopher Lee) is creating a clone army with the assistance of the empire’s chancellor and Sith Lord (Ian McDiarmid). Anakin falls in love with Amidala. The big battle at the conclusion with the clone army livens up “Attack of the Clones,” certainly more than the talky soap opera romance between Anakin and Amidala. We kept waiting for the part where Anakin took Amidala to Mel’s Drive-in, and introduced to Bob Falfa and the gang. Now that would have been truly daring!

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