The 70th Seven / Daniel’s Final Week

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Introduction:
In a nutshell, the 70th Seven is important because it’s the only verse in the Bible that contains a time reference ‘before’ the “abomination that causes desolation”. The abomination is important because that’s the event that Jesus specifically pointed to in Matthew 24:15-31, as happening in conjunction with the rapture. (see Matthew 24 page) Of course, the exact timing of the rapture is God’s well-kept secret but He has provided clues in the Bible so people can watch the signs and know that the time is near. Jesus said, “It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. I tell you the truth, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them.” (Luke 12:37) As you can see, there’s a special reward for servants who are watching, when Jesus comes, so there must be specific clues or ‘signs’ in the Bible to indicate the general time to watch. Yet, God never said the signs would be easy to decipher. Solomon said, “It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings.” (Proverbs 25:2)

I’ve always said that it’s more important to watch the ‘signs’ (or verses) from Daniel 11 that lead to the abomination, as Jesus said to do, than to watch for a specific date. Nevertheless, God included Daniel 9:27 as a clue, which includes the abomination, so it shouldn’t be ignored. From the basic wording, the abomination happens in the ‘middle of the 70th Seven’, so the “confirmation of a covenant” must happen approximately 3.5 years before the abomination. (chart left) Unfortunately, that confirmation is rather vague, because a ‘covenant’ is just an agreement or promise. If a person could figure out the correct agreement, then they could add 3.5 years and have an approximate time for the rapture, but identifying the agreement or starting point is difficult to do.

Background: What is a Seven?
Before I go any farther, let me show that a “seven” is 7-years, rather than something else. In case you’re not familiar, this verse is called the “70th seven” because there are sixty-nine other sevens that precede it. The others are not connected chronologically, but they are useful in proving the measure of time. Daniel 9:25 says, “Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven ’sevens’ and sixty-two ’sevens’. The decree to rebuild Jerusalem (not the temple) was issued by King Artaxerxes of Persia, in the seventh year of his reign, which was 458 BC (according to the NIV study notes for Ezra 7). It is not apparent to me why God separates the sevens, but the total is 483 years (69 times 7). That puts the 483rd year around 25AD, which is very close to when Jesus started his ministry (the Anointed One) because He was not born in year ‘zero’. He was born in the time of King Herod (Matt. 2:1) and Herod died in 4 BC. Plus, before Herod died, he ordered all Hebrew males, two years old and younger to be killed, so Jesus was probably about one. Since He started His ministry at age 30 (Luke 3:23), it would have been around 25AD or the 483rd year. The dates may not be exact, but the illustration is sufficient to show that a “seven” is “7-years” rather than something else.
Most likely interpretation for the 70th Seven

In addition to Daniel 11 giving the most detailed list of events, before the abomination, Daniel 9:27 also gives a vague indication of the timing before the abomination. I prefer to watch the signs in Daniel 11, not a date, but the two prophecies must align, so I find myself repeatedly drawn back to Daniel 9:27, for the sake of showing consistency in God’s prophecies.

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Basically, the “confirmation of a covenant” starts a 7-year period in which the abomination happens in the ‘middle’, or about 3.5 years after the confirmation. [Note: I’m not trying to use Daniel 9:27 to pick an exact date because the middle of a 7-year-period cannot be pinpointed to just one day. Besides, the KJV interprets that phrase as ‘midst of the seven, which is basically the same, but a little vaguer.] Contrary to popular belief, the word ‘covenant’ just means ‘agreement or promise’, and does not automatically imply Israel. On the contrary, it appears as though the same “he” (nation or person) who “confirms a covenant with many” is the one who sets up the abomination, because “the end that is decreed is poured out on him.” Personally, I think it’s referring to a ‘nation’, where the antichrist comes from, rather than the actual antichrist person. Iran is the most viable candidate because the Iranian Revolution of 1979 started the final empire, in Daniel 11:21, and every verse after that has somehow aided in their rise to power. Plus, they are sort of the arch-enemy of Zionism (Israel’s establishment of a nation in Palestine). Not only is Iran encroaching ever closer to Israel’s border in the north, but they are allies with Hamas, in Gaza, and Hezbollah in Lebanon. Jesus said, “When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near.” (Luke 21:20)

Iran’s nuclear agreement with the P5+1 (US, UK, France, Russia, China, and Germany) was historic, and most likely was the ‘covenant with many’ that Daniel 9:27 refers to. It started with an interim agreement, in Nov-2013, shortly after Rouhani was elected, which I think was the basis of Daniel 11:23. The interim agreement unfroze $100 million/month in Iranian assets, while negotiations were proceeding. That money helped Iran fund Shia militias, to help Assad stay in power, and expand militarily into Iraq and Syria (ancient Mesopotamia), which is an important aspect of being ‘king of the north’ in Daniel 11. After the implementation, Iran got billions of dollars in frozen assets, which I think was the basis of Daniel 11:28. The fact that Trump pulled America out of the agreement, and re-imposed sanctions, just increased tensions with Iran, which is probably part of God’s plan. The fact that the historic agreement is still in the news, 3.5 years later, supports my theory that it was an event of Biblical proportions.

The final agreement was signed on July 15, 2015, which I thought was the ‘confirmation’ of the interim agreement. After all, 3.5 years from that date was just one week from a blood moon. However, that blood moon has since passed. Oh well, like I said, the middle is not exact, but rather a ‘range of time’, so the nuclear agreement could still be correct, especially since the Parable of the Ten Virgins states that the ‘Bridegroom was a long time in coming’. (Matt 25:5) On the other hand, there could also be an even better explanation.

It has come to my attention (e-mail from a long-time reader) that the nuclear agreement didn’t become effective at signing, but rather 3 months later, on Adoption Day, October 18, 2015. To tell the truth, I had never heard of adoption day, but it was defined in the agreement as being 90-days from the ‘UN endorsement’, which happened with a UN resolution on July 20th, making the official ‘adoption day’ October 18, 2015. That’s when the agreement really kicked-off and got rolling. So, instead of the signing being a confirmation of the interim agreement, the official ‘adoption day’ could be the confirmation of the signing. Some may say I’m just kidding the can down the road, but 3.5 years from ‘adoption day’ is April 18, 2019, which is just one day before Passover Eve. In other words, the ‘middle of the 70th Seven’ lands almost exactly on Passover, in the 70th anniversary of Israel. As always, I’m not trying to pick an exact date, but those are the facts, and the facts sound pretty exciting to me.

Not only would the rapture near Passover-2019 match the middle of the 70th Seven, as defined by the nuclear agreement, but it also makes sense because Passover Eve is when Jesus ate the Last Supper with His disciples, and the rapture will start the Wedding Supper of the Lamb.
Passover also has the potential to fulfill another scripture because it precedes the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

**Amos 8: 9-10a**

"In that day," declares the Sovereign LORD, "I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your religious feasts into mourning and all your singing into weeping."

Granted, that does not mean the rapture must happen on a Jewish holiday, because the Jews would still be mourning when the next feast rolled around, but it raises the potential.

The chances are also raised because Passover is naturally on a full moon, which is always the 14th/15th of a lunar month. (Note: A lunar month starts on a new moon and has 29.5 days.) God is known to tell time by the sun, moon, and stars. (Gen 1:14) There have been several significant Biblical events on full moons, such as the original Passover and Exodus, and thus the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. God also chose a full moon for the start of the Feast of Tabernacles. Also, the defeat of the Persians, in the Book of Esther, for which Purim is celebrated, happened during a full moon. Plus, Noah's flood started just two days from a full moon, as was God's appearance on Mt. Sinai. Thus, many important Biblical events have happened between the 14th and 17th of the lunar month, while the moon is nearly full. Thus, the chances of the rapture happening during a full moon are always a little higher.

Of course, the chances are better for Passover-2019 because it's the 70th anniversary of Israel and there are already two 70-year periods in the Seals: the Jewish revolts (66AD to 136AD), in Seal 2, and the re-creation of modern Israel (1878-1948) [1st settlement to declaration], spanning Seals 3 & 4. (see more info on Seals page) If the rapture happens in the 70th anniversary of Israel, then that would make a third 70-year period in the Seals, since the rapture is the 6th Seal.

Note: There was another 70-year period in the Old Testament, from the destruction of the 1st Temple by the Babylonians, in 586 BC, to the completion of the 2nd Temple, in 516 BC. (Ezra 6:15) Plus, the repairs on the wall around Jerusalem was completed in 445 BC, which was 71-years from the completion of the 2nd Temple. (Nehemiah 6:15) That was almost back-to-back 70-year periods, which would also be the case if the rapture came in the 70th anniversary of Israel. Therefore, the notion is not unprecedented.

Besides the Seals and 70th anniversary, the rapture depends largely on the setting up of the 'abomination that causes desolation' because that's the sign that Jesus gave in Matthew 24:15. Of course, that's what happens in the middle of the 70th Seven, in Daniel 9:27, but there must also be an 'armed uprising', as described in Daniel 11:31, since they are describing the same event. The two prophesies are converging because an armed uprising could literally happen any day, since the Palestinians have been rioting weekly, ever since Trump announced the US embassy would move to Jerusalem. In the past few days, there have even been riots around the Temple Mount (wing of the temple). The riots happen on various days of the week, but especially on Friday, and Passover Eve happens on land on a Friday, in 2019. Thus, the events of Daniel 11:31 are primed and ready to go, and they would currently coincide with the middle of the 70th Seven, as well as make another 70-year period in the Seals.

Passover-2019 will be the last full moon in the 70th anniversary of Israel, so I hope Jesus finally comes. Granted, the Parable of the Ten Virgins says that the Bridegroom was a 'long-time in coming', but in my opinion, we have already waited a long time. Of course, even though Passover-2019 checks a lot of boxes, there's always a chance that the time could go longer. In any case, keep watching and waiting because Jesus will eventually come, and there's a special reward for those who are found 'watching when He comes'.

**Luke 12:37**

"It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when He comes.
I tell you the truth, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and
will come and wait on them."

Therefore, Jesus encouraged people to watch the signs, in hope and anticipation of His return. Likewise, Paul encouraged people to be 'watchful'.

**Colossians 4:2**

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."
Charts for the 70th Seven:

Illustration of Daniel’s 70th Week, including blood moons and anniversaries

Possible "Start" of the 70th Seven (confirmation) [Adoption Day for the Iranian nuclear agreement - Oct 18, 2015]

Tetrad of Blood Moons

Blood Moon 9-28-15
Blood Moon 10-8-14
Blood Moon 9-28-15
Blood Moon 10-8-14

37th Anniversary of Iran (final empire) and "number of the beast"

70th Anniversary of Israel

Approx. "middle" of the 70th Seven ["confirmation" + 3.5 years] April 18, 2019, which is one day before Passover Eve in the 70th anniversary of Israel.

3.5 years (to scale) [1st half]

Start

Middle (rapture)

3.5 years (to scale) [2nd half]

End

Note: This half is also 1st part of 'Tribulation' (Trumpet plagues)

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The 70th Seven

Start

middle

end

42 months

42 months

Note: The "end that is decreed" literally takes 2300 days.

Daniel 8: 13-14 (2300 days)
... How long will it take for the vision to be fulfilled... the rebellion that causes desolation... It will take 2300 evenings and mornings [78 months] and the sanctuary will be re-consecrated

Revel 8-19 (Tribulation)

Rebellion that causes Desolation

Trumpet Plagues
Rev 8-11
42 months

Bowl Plagues
Rev 16
36 months

Sanctuary is re-consecrated

1000 years +eternity

Daniel
Matthew
Revelation

same exact signs

Rapture (Matt. 24:29-31)
6th Seal (Rev. 6:12)
Multitude in Heaven (Rev. 7)

2 witnesses finish 1260 days (7th Trumpet) (42 months) Rev 11

Armageddon (7th Bowl)
Rev 16 & 19

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