

The 70th Seven / Daniel's Final Week

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Daniel 9:27

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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 483d 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 match, 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: Daniel 9:27 cannot be used to pick an exact day for the abomination, because the 'middle' of a 7-year-period is a 'range of time' that only God knows. Besides, the KJV interprets that phrase to be 'midst' of the seven, which is the same but a little vaguer.] Contrary to popular belief, the word 'covenant' 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 same one who attacks and 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 person. A covenant just means 'agreement or promise', so the most difficult part of this prophecy is determining which agreement that it's referring to. I've had a few ideas, over the years, but the most viable possibility is the nuclear agreement between Iran and the P5+1 (many).

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. Not only are they the current North, in Daniel 11, but they are also Israel's arch-enemy, who is encroaching ever closer to their border, so it makes perfect sense. Jesus said, "When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near." (Luke 21:20)

Iran's 'interim nuclear agreement' with the P5+1 (many), in Nov-2013, was a historic agreement, which fulfilled Daniel 11:23. Thus, the 'final nuclear agreement', which was signed or "confirmed" on July 14, 2015, would satisfy the "confirmation of a covenant with many." Since the abomination is in the 'middle of the seven', 3.5-years must be added to the confirmation, which leads to **January 14, 2019**. That would still be in the 70th anniversary of Israel, which started on May 14, 2018, so it would still create another 70-year period in the Seals, since the 'rapture' (immediately after the abomination) is the 6th Seal. (see [Matt 24 page](#)) In fact, if the rapture comes any time before **May 14, 2019**, it would still be in the 70th anniversary and create another 70-year period in the Seals. Also, **February 11, 2019**, is the 40th anniversary of Iran, which falls within the same time-frame. Like I said, I'm not trying to pick an exact day for the rapture; I'm just trying to show that the 'events or verses' of Daniel 11 must somehow correspond to the 'confirmation and timing' of Daniel 9:27, since there's only one abomination.

I've been aware for a long time that the nuclear agreement fits the description for the confirmation, but I didn't say anything because I don't like to project too far into the future. In my opinion, that can cause people to become too complacent, or procrastinate before accepting Jesus, which can have a catastrophic result. In my opinion, that is the main problem or danger with the post-trib, false prophets, so I don't want any part of that. Of course, early-2019 is no longer that far in the distant future, so I feel this is the right time to point out this possibility. However, I don't want people to wait until 2019 to get to know Jesus, because like I said: the 'middle' is not exact, so Jesus could come back at any time. Personally, I hope Jesus returns *sooner*, rather than later, but I'm just giving a possible interpretation of the Daniel 9:27 prophecy.

The *Parable of the Ten Virgins* says that the "Bridegroom was a long time in coming", but in my opinion, it has already been a long time and we will see Him in the coming months.

Luke 12:37

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Charts for the 70th Seven:

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

