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 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.

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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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First of all, the subject of this verse is Iran, not Israel as many people have been led to believe, because the one who ‘confirms a covenant with many’ is the same one who sets up the abomination, and the “end that is decreed is poured out on him.” It’s important to know that Iran is the current ‘king of the north’, starting in Daniel 11:21, so it makes sense that Iran or one of its allies would be the one to stage the uprising that sets up the abomination, in Daniel 11:31, which will start the post-rapture tribulation or ‘end that is decreed’. That “end that is decreed” is literally spelled out in Revelation 8-19, which includes the Trumpet and Bowl plagues, and ends with Armageddon.

The “covenant with many” was most likely the Iranian nuclear agreement with the P5+1 (many). The “confirmation” was most likely Adoption Day for the agreement, October 18, 2015, which is when the agreement officially became affective with an accompanying UN resolution. That would put the ‘middle’ (+ 3-years 6-months) on April 18, 2019, which was very near Passover-2019. Of course, the abomination and rapture didn’t happen on Passover week, but the Parable of the Ten Virgins says that the Bridegroom was a ‘long time in coming’. (Matt 25:5) Plus, I’ve always said that the middle of a 7-year period cannot be pinpointed to just one-day. On the contrary, the middle could represent a ‘range of time’, perhaps months. Personally, I think Passover-2019 was essentially the ‘exact’ middle of the 70th Seven, but since the Bridegroom was a ‘long time in coming’, Jesus never intended to arrive on the exact middle.

Yet, I think He will arrive soon enough. There’s a current situation on the east side of the Temple Mount, involving the Golden Gate and a building called Bab al-Rahma, which could provide the location (and motive) for the abomination because it is literally on a “wing of the temple,” as stipulated in Daniel 9:27. For a complete explanation of the motive, read the current events section concerning Bab al-Rahma on the abomination page.

One Last Possibility

‘Implementation Day’, January 16, 2016, also fits the criteria of ‘confirming’ the Iranian nuclear agreement, so that is another possibility for the start of the 70th Seven. That is when Iran completed their requirements for the agreement, so the first sanctions were removed by the P5+1. That is definitely a ‘confirmation’, but I don’t know if its ‘the’ confirmation. If you add half-a-seven (3-years 6-months), then that puts the middle around July 16, 2019, which is also near a full moon.

Personally, I still think Adoption Day could be the start and the rapture could happen in June, but I generally give all possibilities and let people decide for themselves. I give more details about this possibility on another page.
Charts for the 70th Seven:

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

Possible “Start” (confirmation) of the 70th Seven.
[Adoption Day- Oct 18, 2015 or Implementation Day- Jan 16, 2016]

Tetrad of Blood Moons

7th Anniversary of Iran (final empire)
Note: 77 = 7 x 11; “number of the beast”

Note: 371 = 2666 (16 x 166) + 61

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.
Or, July 16, 2019

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End

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)

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

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

Armageddon (7th Bowl) Rev. 16 & 18

Full moons in the Bible

God defined the **original Passover**, in Egypt, as the 14th of the 1st lunar month (Exodus 12:6). The next day, the Feast of Unleavened Bread starts on the 15th. That’s a full moon because a lunar month averages 29.5 days, and starts on a new moon. Before that, the **flood** started on the 17th of the 2nd month (Gen 7:11), and the ark came to rest on Mt. Ararat on the 17th of the 7th month, both of which are near a full moon. **Purim** also falls on a full moon because the Israeli victory over the Persians, for which it represents, happened on the 13th/14th of the lunar month (Esther 9:1-19). God also defined the **Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot)** to start on the 15th of the month (Leviticus 23:34). Of course, **Jesus was crucified** and resurrected during Passover, so that also happened during a full moon, from the 14th to the 16th. Thus, at least five major events, in the Bible, occurred on or near full moons, so the chances of the rapture happening on or near a full moon is always a little higher in my book.