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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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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 JCPOA or Iranian nuclear agreement with the P5+1 (many). The “confirmation” most likely came on ‘Implementation Day’, January 16, 2016, which is when Iran completed its requirements for the agreement, and in return, some of the sanctions were lifted. If 3.5 years are added, then that would put the approximate ‘middle’ of the 70th Seven near July 16, 2019, which is also near a full moon. Of course, not all the sanctions were lifted; Iranian President Rouhani had to complain at the UN General Assembly, September-2016, that the US was dragging its feet on its end of the bargain. After receiving pressure from other countries in the P5+1, Obama approved the unfreezing of Iran’s accounts and billions of dollars were delivered to Iran, which was the fulfillment of Daniel 11:28. Thus, Implementation Day connects Daniel 9:27 to Daniel 11 because it was the ‘confirmation’ that Rouhani cited to get the funds released. I know I’ve given other possibilities for the confirmation of the nuclear agreement, in the past, such as the signing or adoption (UN resolution), but Implementation Day seems like a greater possibility due to the connection between Daniel 9 and 11. Plus, Implementation Day would mean that the 70th Seven started in 2016, which happens to be a year on God’s ‘timeline of 37’s’, which seems appropriate to me.

Yet, I must point out that I’m not trying to pick an exact day for the rapture. I’ve always said that the middle of a 7-year period cannot be pinpointed to just one day. On the contrary, it could be a range of time, perhaps even months. However, I would say that the possibility is higher around a full moon because God has used full moons, in the past (+/- a couple of days), for significant days, such as the Exodus (Passover), Crucifixion (and Resurrection), the Flood (Gen 7:11 & 8:3), Purim (Esther 9:21), God’s appearance on Mt. Sinai (Exodus 19:1 & 16), and the Feast of Tabernacles. Of course, God could choose any day, but I think the odds are a little better around a full moon.

It ultimately depends on when the abomination is set up, which happens when someone’s ‘armed forces rise up’ (Daniel 11:31), but given the increased tension with Iran, who is currently ‘king of the north’ in Daniel 11, that could happen at any time. (There’s more about that on the abomination page.)
Charts for the 70th Seven:

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

Possible “Start” (confirmation) of the 70th Seven.  
Implementation Day: Jan 16, 2016

Tetrad of Blood Moons

Blood Moon 4-15-15
Blood Moon 10-8-15
Blood Moon 4-15-16
Blood Moon 9-28-15

37th Anniversary of Iran (final empire)  
Note: 37 = 666 (6-6-6)  
see “Number of the Beast”

70th Anniversary of Israel  
starting 5-14-18

Approx. “middle” of the 70th Seven  
[“confirmation” + 3.5 years]  
July 16, 2019

Start

3.5 years (to scale) 1st half

Middle  
(rapture)

3.5 years (to scale) 2nd half

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

End

Note: 2300-day “Tribulation” continues with the Bowl plagues

“The 70th Seven”  (Daniel’s final week)

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The 70th Seven

Confirm a covenant with ‘many’ but who with who?  (That is the question.)

42 months

middle

42 months

end

Abomination that causes Desolation

Rebellion that causes Desolation

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

Rev. 8-19 (Tribulation)

Revel 6:12 Multitude in Heaven

Rapture (Matt. 24:29-31)

6th Seal (Rev. 6:12)

2 sealed (7th Trumpet) (42 months) Rev. 11

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

Armageddon (7th Bowl)  
Rev. 16 & 19

sanctuary is re-consecrated

... 1000 years +eternity

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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.