

# Biblical Number Seven

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## 1. Introduction

When one examines the Bible, there are a great number of repeated uses of the number seven. Starting at creation God established a seven day week, with the seventh day being sanctified and made Holy. A designated day of rest for all those that are the LORD's, a day that is required to be obeyed. The rules that have it applying to this day are clearly given in scripture.

As we observe the use of seven it continues throughout the entire Bible for many different reasons. This is a study of the various uses God makes in using the theme of seven and how prominent is the number seven.

This study examines the terms; seven, seventy, fourteen, twenty one, forty nine and other multiples of seven.

## 2. A Brief Selection in the Start of the Old Testament

In the Old Testament the first thing one notes is that seventh day Sabbath, a day of rest at the end of creation of the world and heavens as stated above. **The LORD sanctified the seventh day, made it Holy and set apart from the other days.**

**In scripture the number seven represents completeness, the LORD finished His work or completed the creation of the World, Heavens, and all life on the earth including man. The number seven represents physical and divine perfection, Gen 2:1-3.**

The second occurrence of seven is that of sevenfold in the following scripture.

[Gen 4:15](#) And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him **sevenfold**. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.

The third occurrence of seven is that of seventy and a repeat of sevenfold as given in the following.

[Gen 4:23](#) And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice; ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt.

[Gen 4:24](#) If Cain shall be avenged **sevenfold**, truly Lamech **seventy** and **sevenfold**.

The next occurrences one observes in the Book of Genesis with sevens is that of the life span of a number of people which contain the number seven. In addition there are many multiples of seven. Examine the following scriptures. Some of these are quite amazing, first the multiples in the life of Cainan and second that Lamech lived 777 years. Also examine Jacob his age was 147 years. That is 21 repetitions of 7 years and 21 is 3 repetitions of 7 years. In the verses given, sevens and multiples of seven are highlighted.

Gen 5:7 And Seth lived after he begat Enos eight hundred and **seven** years, and begat sons and daughters:

Gen 5:12 And Cainan lived **seventy** years, and begat Mahalaleel:

Gen 5:13 And Cainan lived after he begat Mahalaleel **eight hundred and forty years**, and begat sons and daughters: **(ie 7x120)**

Gen 5:14 And all the days of Cainan were **nine hundred and ten years**: and he died. **(7x130)**

Gen 5:31 And all the days of Lamech were **seven hundred seventy and seven years**: and he died. **(7x111)**

Gen 5:25 And Methuselah lived an hundred eighty and **seven** years, and begat Lamech:

Gen 5:26 And Methuselah lived after he begat Lamech **seven** hundred eighty and two years, and begat sons and daughters:

Gen 5:28 And Lamech lived an **hundred eighty and two years**, and begat a son: **(7x26)**

Gen 5:30 And Lamech lived after he begat Noah **five hundred ninety and five years**, and begat sons and daughters: **(7x85)**

Gen 7:2 Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by **sevens**, the male and his female: and of beasts that *are* not clean by two, the male and his female.

Gen 7:3 Of fowls also of the air by **sevens**, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth.

Gen 7:4 For yet **seven** days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.

Gen 7:10 And it came to pass after **seven** days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.

Gen 7:11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the **seventeenth** day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened

Gen 8:4 And the ark rested in the **seventh** month, on the **seventeenth** day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.

Gen 8:10 And he stayed yet other **seven** days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark

Gen 8:12 And he stayed yet other **seven** days; and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more.

Gen 8:14 And in the second month, on the **seven** and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried.

The LORD gave a sign to man as a covenant after the flood, a rainbow, which has seven bands or frequencies of different colors as visible to the human eye, referred to as ROYGBIV. The same occurs when white light goes through a prism.

Gen 9:28 And Noah lived after the flood **three hundred and fifty** years. (7x50)

Gen 10:32 These *are* the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.

From the three sons of Noah a total of 70 Nations of the world were created, Gen 10:32, Amazing.

Gen 11:12 And Arphaxad lived **five and thirty** years, and begat Salah: (7x5)

Gen 11:21 And Reu lived after he begat Serug two hundred and **seven** years, and begat sons and daughters.

Gen 11:25 And Nahor lived after he begat Terah an **hundred and nineteen** years, and begat sons and daughters. (7x17)

Gen 11:26 And Terah lived **seventy** years, and begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

Continuing with only a few more scripture that pertain to Abram and that lead on to Jacob.

Gen 23:1 And Sarah was an hundred and **seven** and twenty years old: *these were* the years of the life of Sarah.

Gen 47:28 And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt **seventeen** years: so the whole age of Jacob was an **hundred forty and seven** years. (7x21 age of Jacob)

In Genesis itself there are 54 times the word "*seven*" is mentioned, the few scriptures above give the word seven itself 13 times.

These are not coincidences, the word coincidence does not exist with God. These verses are God's word and given to us for a reason. In the above, the number seven is being emphasized in a manner that shows us that this number is extremely important, and at this point in the study we have barely begun.

In the entire Bible the word seven occurs 463 times. In the Book of Revelations it occurs 54 times. Note that in Genesis and Revelations, the first and last books of the Bible, the start and the end, the word seven occurs exactly 54 times in each. This did not occur by chance. In the rest of the Books of the Bible it occurs generally less than 20 times, usually around 12 times in each book.

In addition to the occurrence of the number seven itself, multiples of seven occur throughout as shown to a limited degree in a few scriptures above.

The word “created” as stated by the LORD in Genesis 1 and 2, occurs seven times. It is very likely one will be able to find other words on specific themes occurring in seven or multiples of seven.

### 3. The Major Uses of the Number Seven

There are a large number of special uses of the number seven throughout the Bible. These are major or key events or conditions that are identified.

The first is the establishing of the weekly Sabbath. This applies right to the end of man walking upon this earth. The weekly Sabbath is the first Feast of the LORD, Lev 23:1-3. These feasts or Holy Days are God’s, not the Jews and not mans, they are God’s.

Next there are the annual Feasts of Holy Convocations or annual Sabbaths. These are the first and last days of Unleaven Bread, Shavout, Yom Teruah, Yom Kippur, the first day of Sukkot and the eighth day in the time of Sukkot. These total seven annual Sabbaths. Also there are the number seven associated within these. First Passover starts on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Nisan, or 2x7. Unleavened Bread is seven days long. Shavout is determined by counting seven Sabbaths and is called the Feast of Weeks. Yom Teruah is the beginning of the seventh month. Sukkot is seven days long and is followed by another special day, the eighth day. These are defined in Lev 23.

Understanding that a thousand years are like a day to the LORD, 2Pe 3:8, Psa 90:4, this gives depth of meaning of the seven days of Unleaven Bread and the seven days of Sukkot. The first is man living on the earth and going forward seven thousand years and needing the LORD to help us keeping sin out of our life. The second is the LORD providing the necessities of life for man over seven thousand years. Both together reinforce man has seven thousand years from the creation of Adam up to the Last Day, which is judgment day at the end of the Millennium. These feasts of the LORD are Prophetic and when examining the last thousand years, it is 7,000 years of time, which is divisible by 7. This makes this prophetic use of seven thousand years extremely important. It reinforces the length of man walking on this current earth.

Next is an understanding in the manner that the LORD counts the passage of time. In addition to a thousand years, the LORD uses 49 years, instead of 100 years as used by man for shorter periods of time. These are established as given to us to keep and are known as the Shemitah and Jubilee cycles, The Shemitah is a seven year cycle with a Sabbath for the Land and release of debt occurring on the seventh year, Lev 25:2-5. The Jubilee is seven Shemitah cycles, or 7x7 years, or 49 years. The Jubilee is a special Sabbath of the land, a return of the land and release of debt, Lev 25:8-13.

When Noah and his three son’s re-established man starting over after the flood, a total of 70 Nations were created, Gen 10:32. Later at Babylon these Nations were given different languages and were spread throughout the world, Gen 11:5-9.

When Joseph was in Egypt, there were seven years of great plenty followed by seven years of famine, Gen 41:25-27.

It tells us in Gen 46:27 that sixty six souls in the house of Jacob came down to Egypt, therefore the Hebrews started with sixty six plus Jacob, Joseph and his two sons. This makes a total of seventy Hebrews living in the land of Egypt and starting to reproduce growing into a large Nation and becoming the very large number of Israelites that left in the Exodus.

In Jeremiah there are seventy years of captivity of the Israelites in Babylon, under the king Nebuchadrezzar, Jer 25:11-12.

In Daniel there is the prophecy of seventy weeks or established in years as 490, Dan 9:24. There is considerable difficulty in trying to understand this prophecy. In Daniel the Tribulation is established as seven years long with a mid point milestone at three and a half years, Dan 9:27. (7/2 = 3.5)

Moses appointed seventy elders of the various tribes and the LORD sent His spirit to be upon them, Nu 11:24-25.

Ezekiel was taken and shown a vision in the temple at Jerusalem. He saw seventy men, the ancients of the house of Israel transgressing against the LORD in defiling themselves by offering incense to idols, Eze 8:10-12.

Jericho fell after Joshua had the people march around that city seven times, Jos 6:1-5.

On the Day of Atonement blood was sprinkled seven times on the mercy seat, Lev 16:14.

Yeshua preformed seven miracles on the weekly Sabbath, Mat 12:9-13, Mar 1:21-27, Mar 1:29-31, Luk 13:11, Luk 14:1-6, Joh 5:5-9, Joh 9:1-7.

Yeshua took seven loaves of bread and fed four thousand and had seven baskets full leftover, Mat 15:32-39.

Yeshua told us to forgive our brothers and sisters until seventy times seven, Mat 18:21-22.

Yeshua cast out seven evil spirits from Mary Magdalene, Mar 16:9.

The Book of Revelations has many things that are contained in the number seven. First there are the seven Churches, Rev 1:4. Next there are seven Spirits before the throne, Rev 1:4. There are seven golden candle sticks, Rev 1:12, these are the seven Churches. This means the menorah represents the seven Churches. Next are the seven stars, Rev 1:16, these being the seven angels of the seven Churches, Rev 1:20. There are seven lamps that are burning before the Throne, Rev 4:5, and these are the seven Spirits of God. There is a scroll sealed with seven seals, Rev 5:1. There was a lamb as being slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, these being the seven Spirits of God, Rev 5:6. Seven angels were given seven trumpets, Rev 8:2. These angels cried with a loud voice and uttered seven thunders, Rev 10:4. What followed was a great earthquake and a tenth part of a city fell and seven thousand were killed, Rev 11:13. In the heavens a red dragon appeared having seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns upon its heads, Rev 12:3. Then we are told of seven angels having seven last plagues, Rev 15:1. There were seven angels with seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, Rev 15:7. Then John was carried in the spirit into the wilderness and saw a woman sitting upon a beast having seven heads and ten horns, Rev 17:3. The seven heads were seven mountains on which the woman was sitting, Rev 17:9. There are seven kings, Rev 17:10. The Book of Revelations is filled with the number seven permeating through the end time prophecy

with the wrath of God coming down upon the world. The number seven in Revelations is a dominate theme that is used by God.

## 4. Prophecy with Possible Uses of the Number Seven

What is seen from the above in this study is that the main number that the LORD likes is that of number seven. It permeates throughout the Bible and it is amazing that both the first and last Book of the Bible have the same number of times the number seven was used, 54 times. The beginning and the end. In addition the Book of Revelations uses the number seven as defining end time prophecy. This in itself is astounding. In addition the LORD marks time in seven days, seven weeks, seven months, seven years, and seven times seven years or 49 years. This latter marking is a Jubilee year. Then the LORD jumps to marking time as a thousand years. Then we see that seven thousand years of man living on the earth is divisible by seven. Consider this marking with thought and logic from what is shown in the sections above. Important events and actions are marked by the LORD based mainly on the number seven or its multitudes. The number seven plays the dominate role throughout scripture.

Prophecy that has not yet been fulfilled is based strongly on the number seven. When studying the Book of Revelations, the actions and timing of God's wrath occurs based upon the number seven. This is over powering, the number seven is a major marking of events and time. Using logic this leads to a very strong likelihood that the Jubilee year will mark Yeshua's return as it is a pivotal event. The start of the plagues that God brings down upon the world in the end time will most likely be marked in some manner by the number seven.

Based upon the recognition of the importance of the number seven to God, the following is suggested as a possible timing of the end time plagues.

First there are ten plagues in the end time, they are a cycle of repeating the plagues of Egypt with the same theme, God's people being taken out of evil. Since there are seven plagues in the Tribulation period, that means there are three plagues in the time before the Tribulation starts. These three plagues are the breaking of the second, third and fourth seals by Yeshua on the book or scroll in heaven, Rev 6:3-8.

The first plague is taking peace from the world, Rev 6:3-4, war is the thought that first comes to mind, but covid-19 was the start of peace being taken from the world. Reflect how the entire world reacted in unison of taking freedom away from people, first with lockdowns and promoting fear, then with experimental drug injections forced upon people throughout the world. Now war with major Nations have started. This second seal was broken in 2020, near the start of the year. Now this is a distinct and easily recognized marker or milestone that man can recognize and is used by God as establishing the time He started bringing Judgment upon the entire evil world.

Using what has been shown in this document on the importance of the number seven and particularly it's use in end time prophecy, it is very likely that the time in years to the start of the seven year Tribulation period from the breaking of the second seal will in fact also be seven years. If this is the case then the Tribulation will start in roughly four more years from today's date of 2023. That places the start of the Tribulation as announced by God, Rev 6:12, which is the breaking

of the sixth seal, at roughly 2027. This also means that the first, second and third plagues will all be acting together up to the start of the Tribulation period.

Another consideration that is very possible is the momentous event of Yeshua's second coming, could be marked by God as occurring in a Jubilee year. This also leads one to consider another momentous event in the past, that of Yeshua's crucifixion and resurrection, as likely also occurring in a Jubilee year. It appears that these two events are very roughly two thousand years apart.

Whatever thoughts one might have on the above possible relationship of using seven, the end time plagues of God have started with the first two being underway in time today. We are quickly moving towards the start of the Tribulation with few years remaining. The start of the Tribulation is of key importance as at that point, one either passes or fails the temptation God brings upon the entire world. This pass or fail seals your fate, either being given eternal life or spending eternity in the Lake of Fire. We need to watch and always adjust what we think might happen according to what we see occurring completing prophecy in scripture as time progresses. Yes watch and pray always.

## 5. Summary

Genesis sets the stage with the number seven and Revelations completes the stage with the number seven. The LORD sanctifies the seventh day as Holy to Him and to us, a Sabbath day to be kept by man until he no longer walks on this earth. That means right up to the end of the Millennium and the start of the Last Day, Judgment day before the Great White Throne.

The number seven ***is the dominate number*** that occurs throughout the entire Bible. Major actions, conditions and events are tied to this number. When one examines the Book of Revelations the number seven describes the will of God coming down upon the entire world in the end time. Note that Bible scripture clearly defines "***end time***" for us. The number seven is tied completely to end time prophecy.

God's word is completely logical, many times more than nearly all recognize. It cannot be stated strongly enough that all scripture is totally logical and must be read by man with logic. Keep in mind that all scripture is given for a purpose, even when you cannot recognize or understand it. You need prayer and obedience to have scripture opened to your understanding.

A possibility applied to what is taking place currently is given in using the occurrence of the number seven. It is left as something to consider and watch.

No matter how one thinks Bible prophecy will unfold, we are in fact quickly approaching the start of the Tribulation as seen by many signs given to us by Yeshua. There are very few years remaining, the start of the Tribulation is at the doorstep and then followed seven years later with Yeshua's return. That means repent, change and prepare before it is too late. This is the theme of the Book of Revelations, given primarily to those people that are closely approaching and will be going through the Tribulation period. Do not walk as in the days of Noah.

Pray and watch always, first on how one is walking and second on recognizing what is occurring that matches with prophecy in God's word. Continually adjust what you think might happen to what you recognize as being fulfilled in the scriptures. Do not walk as in the days of Noah.

***Baruch atah B'shem Adonia***

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