

The Seventh Look

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Introduction: What are you waiting for God to do? What promise have you resolved that it is never going to happen?

The Law of First Mention and what I call, The Law of Repeated Biblical Reference. Numbers are an essential element to the relevance and understanding of the movement of God.

God is very numerically structured in a very synchronized systematic order. Numbers are statistically and strategically used by God to give clarity and definition to His divine order of things. God is His version of OCD, Omniscient, Calculative, and Distinct in everything that He does. But He does it on a divine and sovereign order.

The number 7 appears hundreds of times throughout the Bible and is one of the most symbolically significant numbers in Scripture. It is used at least 735 times (depending on translation), with over 50 direct usages in major biblical stories and dozens more symbolically or structurally. Here's a breakdown of its meaning and usage:

Symbolic Meaning of the Number 7 in the Bible

- Completion / Perfection – Especially spiritual perfection.
- Divine order and fullness – Associated with God's work being complete.

Key Biblical Uses of the Number 7

1. Creation

- 7 days of creation (Genesis 1–2:3) – God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh.

2. Sabbath and Holy Time

- 7th day – The Sabbath (Exodus 20:10).
- 7th year – Sabbatical year (Leviticus 25:4).
- 49 years (7 x 7) – Year of Jubilee on the 50th year (Leviticus 25:8–10).

3. Covenants & Rituals

- 7 pairs of clean animals taken into the ark (Genesis 7:2).
- 7 days of consecration for priests (Leviticus 8:33).
- 7 sprinklings of blood in sacrifices (Leviticus 4:6, 17).
- Naaman washed in the Jordan 7 times (2 Kings 5:10).

4. Feasts and Festivals

- 7 feasts of Israel (Leviticus 23).
- Feast of Unleavened Bread lasted 7 days (Exodus 12:15).
- Feast of Tabernacles lasted 7 days (Leviticus 23:34).

5. Jericho and Warfare

- 7 priests with 7 trumpets marched 7 days around Jericho, on the 7th day they marched 7 times (Joshua 6:4–16).

6. Prophetic and Apocalyptic

- 7 years of plenty and famine in Joseph's dream (Genesis 41).
- 7 churches, 7 spirits, 7 seals, 7 trumpets, 7 bowls, 7 stars, 7 lampstands – all in the Book of Revelation (chapters 1–16).
- 7 “woes” pronounced by Jesus (Matthew 23).
- 7 demons cast out from Mary Magdalene (Luke 8:2).

7. Miscellaneous

- Cain's vengeance will be taken 7 times (Genesis 4:15).
- Proverbs 24:16 “ –A righteous man falls seven times and rises again.”

- Psalm 12:6 “ –The words of the Lord are pure words, like silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times.

The number 7 is woven deeply into the structure and storytelling of Scripture. It signals that

- **God is at work**
- **Something is being made whole**
- **Divine judgment and perfection are being revealed.**

The Biblical Narrative, with Spiritual Application and Illumination.

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41 “Then Elijah said to Ahab, “Go get something to eat and drink, for I **hear** a **mighty rainstorm coming!**”

Hear: Faith begins and is developed through hearing the word of God. Romans 10:17

Mighty rainstorm is coming: Famine is about to be removed.

- **It’s not visible to the eye but a prophet spoke it.**

- Freedom, deliverance, and breakthrough happens not by human action but by the word of God spoken in confident faith.
- God moves in storms no matter what storm it is.
- Storms come to either clean things up or to clear things out.
- Separation must not be seen as devastation to your human comfort, but revelation to a divine calling.

42 So Ahab went to eat and drink. But Elijah climbed to the top of Mount Carmel and **bowed low to the ground and prayed with his face between his knees.**

This is an act of submission, intercessory prayer and worship.

But his mental posture is that of a woman pushing and travailing in hard pressed labor. Elijah pushed, Prayed Until Something Happens. (Somebody Shout Push)

43 Then he said to his servant, “Go and look out toward the sea.” The servant went and looked, then returned to Elijah and said, **“I didn’t see anything.”** Seven times Elijah told him to go and look.

Notice that he didn’t say ain’t nothing there, he said he didn’t see it. Be careful that you don’t allow what God told

you to be define by what people say that they don't see. But they're going to live to see it happen.

44 Finally the seventh time, his servant told him, **“I saw a little cloud about the size of a man's hand rising from the sea.”** Then Elijah shouted, “Hurry to Ahab and tell him, ‘Climb into your chariot and go back home. **If you don't hurry, the rain will stop you!’”**

45 And soon the sky was black with clouds. A heavy wind brought a terrific rainstorm, and Ahab left quickly for Jezreel.

46 Then the Lord gave special strength to Elijah. He tucked his cloak into his belt and ran ahead of Ahab's chariot all the way to the entrance of Jezreel.”

7 Principles to a Prophetic Promise and Breakthrough

1. Patience: Waiting without Anxiety

2. Perseverance: Enduring without Collapsing.

3. Steadfast Obedience: Doing what God say's even when it doesn't make sense to your understanding.

“God never speaks to your understanding but to your faith.”

“Pray with the revelation of divine declaration, not human desperation.”

4. Consistent action that mimics confidence: The prophet kept sending him back and the servant kept looking.

“Keep looking until you see what’s been promised.”

5. Doubt is being managed and removed:

“Doubt will make you miss out.”

6. Courage is being established. There is always warfare during and after breakthrough.

7. Truth prevails in Triumph. Your victory is not God’s after thought, it’s attached to the promise.

No matter how many losses you’ve had during the process, your victory is the perfected conclusion of everything you went through. If you want to know how much you’ve got coming, look at how much pain, pressure and problems you went through and watch God show out not just in front of you, but in front of everyone who called you crazy for never quitting in the heat of the battle.

GO BACK AND LOOK AGAIN, YOUR BREAKTHROUGH IS BREAKING THROUGH