



THE GOD OF DANIEL

TRUST HISTORY'S SOVEREIGN

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In 490 years there will be eternal rest and joy (see Lev. 25).

Scripture Reading

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If the “seventy sevens” begin in 457 BC, and if there are no gaps between the sets of sevens, then what happens in the middle of the 70th seven takes place between AD 27 – 34.

Did anything significant happen in that period?
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