

# JEWISH APOLOGETICS 122

Jewish Objection: “The New Testament misquotes and misinterprets the Old Testament. At times it manufactures verses to suit its purposes.”

Michael Brown’s short response:

There is no truth to this claim. You must remember that all the New Testament writers were Jews—with one probable exception—and they were sometimes writing to Jewish readers who knew their Scriptures well. To manufacture, misquote, or misinterpret verses from the Tanakh would be absolutely self-defeating. The fact is, these authors spent much time meditating on the Tanakh, and you would be amazed to see how insightful their quotations and interpretations are, not to mention how much they are in keeping with the ancient Jewish methods of scriptural hermeneutics.<sup>1</sup>

Following this, Brown summarizes the various ways the New Testament writers quoted Scripture and demonstrates that not only were they completely consistent with accepted means of quoting the Old Testament, they actually exceeding the standards of others (especially Jewish quotations and allusions) who quoted or alluded to the Old Testament in the ancient world.

Let’s defend the Christian Faith!

**Jude 1:3** Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

*Pastor Don*

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<sup>1</sup>Michael L. Brown, *New Testament Objections —Volume 4*, (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2003), 3-21. In his book, Brown lists the objection and then gives a short response which is followed by a more developed response. This DDR series, for the most part, tracks the objection and his *short* response after which you will find my comments. I highly recommend his book if you are interested in his longer responses (there is far too much material to include in this series).