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JEWISH APOLOGETICS (97)

Objection #81: Daniel 9:24-27 has nothing to do with *the* Messiah.

Brown's short response to this objection:

There is no question that Christian versions translating the Hebrew word *mashiach* as “the Messiah” in this passage are reading into the text. However, what they are reading into the text is correct, since the prophecy is clearly about the work of the Messiah.¹

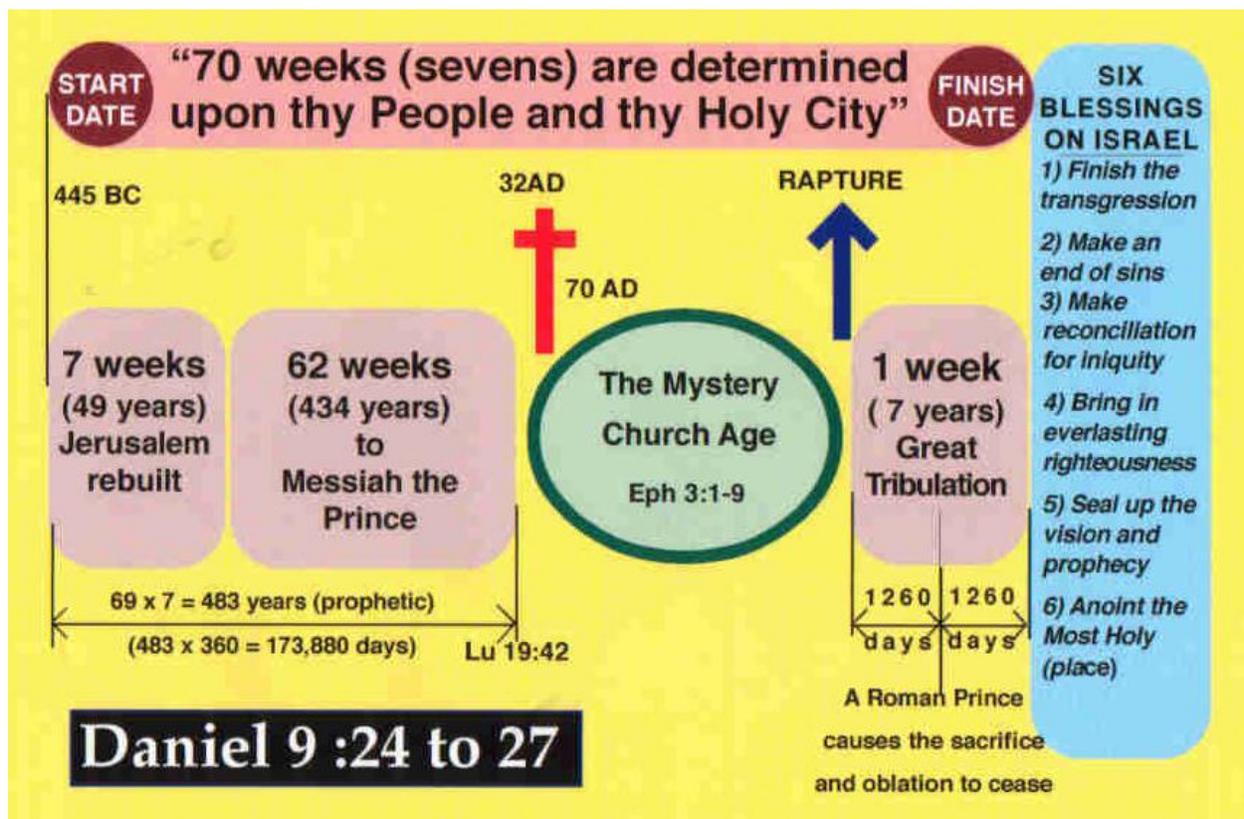
After Brown discusses the definite article and translation of *mashiach*, he documents the famous Jewish scholars who for thousands of years have understood this passage as a prophecy of a specific anointed one who came around the time of fall of Jerusalem. In conclusion he writes:

The verse does speak of the death of the Messiah, and Christian interpreters are fully justified in explaining Daniel 9:24-27 in Messianic terms. . . . A simple translation, however, should either speak of “an anointed one” (as does NRSV), “the anointed one” (as in the Stone edition [orthodox Jewish translation]), or possibly, but with much less likelihood, “Messiah” (without the definite article, as in the NKJV). The bottom line is that this prophecy foretells the Messiah's atoning death, and Christian translators can be forgiven if they sought to bring this meaning out even more clearly than the original author intended, since the anointed one of whom Daniel spoke in 9:26 is none other than King Messiah.

The next few objections deal with Daniel 9:24-27. Below I have included the passage as well as some charts to help visual the passage.

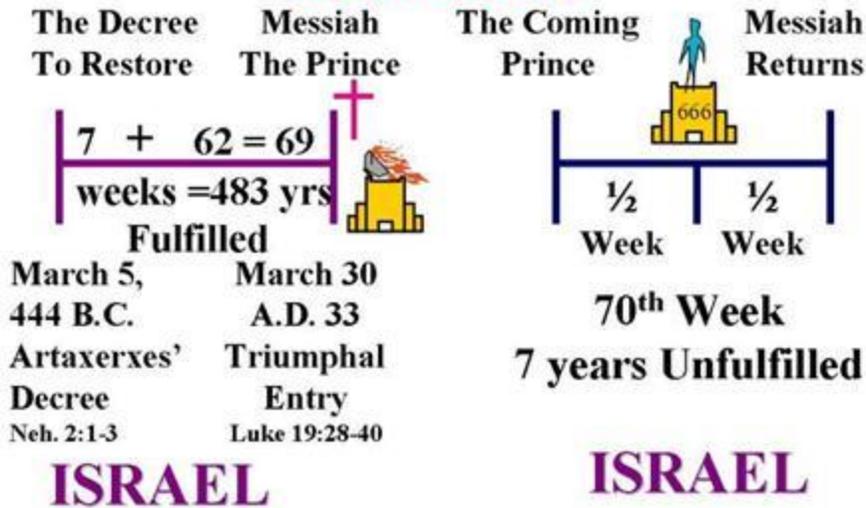
¹Michael L. Brown, *Messianic Prophecy Objections —Volume 3*, (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2003), 86-92. In his book, Brown lists the objection and then gives a short response which is followed by a more developed response. This DDR series, for the most part, tracks the objection and his *short* response 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).

Daniel 9:24-27 "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy place. ²⁵ "So you are to know and discern *that* from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince *there will be* seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress. ²⁶ "Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end *will come* with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined. ²⁷ "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations *will come* one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."



**Daniel's Seventy "Weeks"
Seventy Periods of Sevens**

DANIEL 9:24-27



In Him,

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