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**Objection #82: Daniel 9:24-27 was clearly *not* fulfilled by Jesus.**

Brown's short response to this objection:

Since Daniel 9:24-27 speaks of events that must be fulfilled before the destruction of the Second Temple (which took place in 70 C.E.), the question that must be asked is this: If Jesus did not fulfill Daniel 9:24, who did? Who was it that ushered in everlasting righteousness and made atonement for iniquity before 70 C.E. if not Jesus the Messiah? In reality, if Jesus did not fulfill Daniel 9:24, then no one fulfilled it and the prophecies of Daniel cannot be trusted.<sup>1</sup>

Although there are many different interpretations regarding the dividing up of the 490 years of Daniel, we do have the major bookends: rebuilding of Jerusalem on one end and the destruction of the Temple in A.D. 70 on the other end. These are clear bookends within which six major redemptive events are to take place (finish transgressions, put an end to sin, atone for wickedness, bring in everlasting righteousness, seal up vision and prophecy, and anoint the most holy). These were all accomplished on the basis of the Messiah's atoning work. If Jesus is not accepted as the one who fulfilled these activities, the verses are unintelligible. Who else claimed to put an end to the penalty of sin and provide the perfect righteousness of God? Christ is the only one who came within the 490 years of Daniel's prophecy who even claimed to have paid the price for all sins and provide God's own righteousness to those who would trust in Him.

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<sup>1</sup>Michael L. Brown, *Messianic Prophecy Objections—Volume 3*, (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2003), 92-100. 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).

Either these verses were fulfilled by Jesus or they have no fulfillment. Since the orthodox Jew accepts Daniel's prophecy and the 490 year timeline, he effectively *ups the ante* on his own culpability in rejecting Jesus as the Messiah.

In Him

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