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**Objection #83: Christian translations of Daniel 9:24-27 divide the seventy weeks incorrectly, and the dates have no relation to the times of Jesus.**

Brown's short response to this objection:

There are two different ways to understand the division of seventy weeks, but both of them are legitimate and in keeping with the rules of Hebrew grammar. More important, both equally support the Messianic interpretation of the text, and the dates involved clearly point to the times of Jesus. That's one of the reasons why many Christians point to this text as an important Messianic prophecy.<sup>1</sup>

After Brown discusses the various controversial views on the details of the different sections of time mentioned by Daniel, he demonstrates that regardless of how one takes each time period, there is no doubt that the Messiah would be cut off after 483 years. Even Jews who reject Jesus admit that the time period in Daniel reaches to the first century, i.e. Jesus' generation. As Walter Kaiser, a noted Jewish scholar writes, "It is enough to know that there are some 483 years between the time that God began to fulfill this word mentioned to Daniel and the time of the first advent of the Messiah, without trying to nail down the precise day and month." Those who have done the rigorous work on the specifics have demonstrated very clearly that Jesus was crucified on the exact day that Daniel said that the Messiah would be crucified (i.e.  $483 \text{ years} \times 360 \text{ days} = 173,880 \text{ days}$ ). By rejecting Jesus as the Messiah, the Jews are left with no one to fulfill the prophecy in the first century (which they admit the prophecy ultimately points to). These facts are not only stubborn things, they are designed by God to be jarring to

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<sup>1</sup>Michael L. Brown, *Messianic Prophecy Objections — Volume 3*, (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2003), 100-09. 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).

those who take Daniel's prophecy seriously. Jesus and no one else is the Master Key to this passage regardless of how many high-flain' liberal scholars or orthodox Jews attempt to get around the facts. Jesus made it crystal clear to the Jews of His time that He was the Son of Man prophesied by Daniel:

**Matthew 26:64** Jesus said to him, "You have said it *yourself*; nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."

In Christ Alone,

*Pastor Don*