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JEWISH APOLOGETICS (119) – with a Pastoral Exhortation
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Objection #102: I can find prophecies in the Bible, that point to Muhammad just as easily as you can find prophecies that point to Jesus. That’s because all of your so-called proofs are either distortions, make-believe creations, or Jewish midrash—free, homiletical interpretations—of the worst kind.

Brown’s short response to this objection:

Really? Then why didn’t the Muslims find Muhammad everywhere in the Hebrew Bible? Why did they have to completely rewrite their own version of the Scriptures (i.e., the Koran) instead of referring back to the Hebrew Bible—the Word of God accepted both by Christians and Jews? And where does the Tanakh point to Muhammad’s place of birth, or his alleged ascension to heaven? (Remember, the Hebrew Scriptures point to the place of Yeshua’s birth, the time of his coming, the manner of his death, and his resurrection!) I also remind you that modern scholars—both Jewish and Christian—recognize that the authors of the New Testament were highly sophisticated in their interpretive techniques. Sorry, but you’ll have to do better. Objections like this are hardly worthy of the name.¹

This is the last objection in volume three of Brown’s four volumes of *Answering Jewish Objections to Jesus*. He concludes this volume with plea to the Jews to look at the biblical facts which unmistakably point to Jesus as the only candidate for being the Messiah. He writes:

I want to appeal to you, Jewish reader, in the words of the Lord as spoken through the prophet: “Come now, let us reason together (Isa 1:18a). Can I ask you to hear me out? Maybe you’ve had many objections to the Messiahship of Jesus, believing that he really didn’t fulfill the Messianic prophecies. But now you’ve seen each of these objections answered, systematically and comprehensively. Still, you’re hesitant to believe. After all, generations of our people have rejected Jesus as Messiah, and it has only been a small Jewish minority that has acknowledged him as our promised Redeemer and King. But what if the minority is right? This would not be the first time such a thing has happened in our history!

¹Michael L. Brown, *Messianic Prophecy Objections —Volume 3*, (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2003), 184-88. 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).

In the Messiah,

Pastor Don