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JEWISH APOLOGETICS (59)  
ANSWERING JEWISH OBJECTION #49  
(DDR #677)

**Objection #49: The Book of Jonah shoots down all your arguments about sacrifice and atonement, especially with reference to Gentiles. When Jonah preached, the people repented, and God forgave them—no sacrifice, no blood offering.**

Brown's short response to this objection:

Did you know that traditional Judaism, based on the Torah, teaches the Temple sacrifices made atonement for the Gentile world? This was part of Israel's call as a priestly nation, and it was Israel's Temple offerings that helped make Gentile repentance acceptance to God.<sup>1</sup>

Brown documents the fact that Israel was called to be a priestly nation (Exod. 19:4-6) and that when a Gentile nation repented and turned to God its repentance would be accepted in conjunction with the sacrifices and prayers offered up by the people of Israel. Brown notes

the words of Rabbi Yohannan, 'For when the Temple was standing, the altar made atonement for them. But now who will make atonement for them?' . . . Ultimately, these sacrifices pointed to the once-and-for-all sacrifice of Yeshua for the sins of the world.

In His Matchless Grace,

*Pastor Don*

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<sup>1</sup>Michael L. Brown, *Answering Jewish Objections to Jesus: General and Historical Objections—Volume 2*, (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Books, 2000), 152-53. In his book, Brown lists the objection and then gives a short response that 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 the DDRs).