

in the light of Jesus' first coming are quite natural and proper but if the average person were to be told that all six the entire possible Their entire possible (?) although perhaps not absolutely required, but if the average person were to be told that all six predictions relate only to the first advent of Christ and nothing more distant, he would be greatly surprised. A look at any newspaper with its many accounts of sin and violence would lead one cause one to be broadly surprised if told that sin had been ended and transgression finished two thousand 2000 years ago. A number of writers, comparatively few but some of them/vociferous, insist that all six ~~purposes~~ purposes were completely fulfilled at the first advent of Christ. We shall try to look frankly (nc?) and fully at their arguments.

Reading the first and second purpose in the ~~NIV~~ New International Version, one would be inclined be extremely skeptical ~~assumptive~~ of the statement that both of these were fulfilled at the first coming of ~~XXXXX~~ Christ. The skepticism might be slightly decreased a little when he read that in the NIV in the first of these there is a note with the word "to finish" a marginal note saying "or restrain." This represents the kethiv (?) of the Hebrew, while the qeri is properly translated as "to finish."

Actually there is a ~~verb~~ ~~and~~ ~~purpose~~ qeri in connection with the first verb of the second verse as well as of the first, but this second is not represented in the margin of the NIV. The King James Version put both ~~ka~~ ~~ka~~ kethiv's in the margin and reads the qeri in the text. There have been translations which read the kethiv in the text of the second purpose. The kethiv reads "to seal" or "seal up," to seal up sin. It is a bit hard to know just what (quotes?) is meant by saying that/sin was sealed up. Attempts to explain it have been made