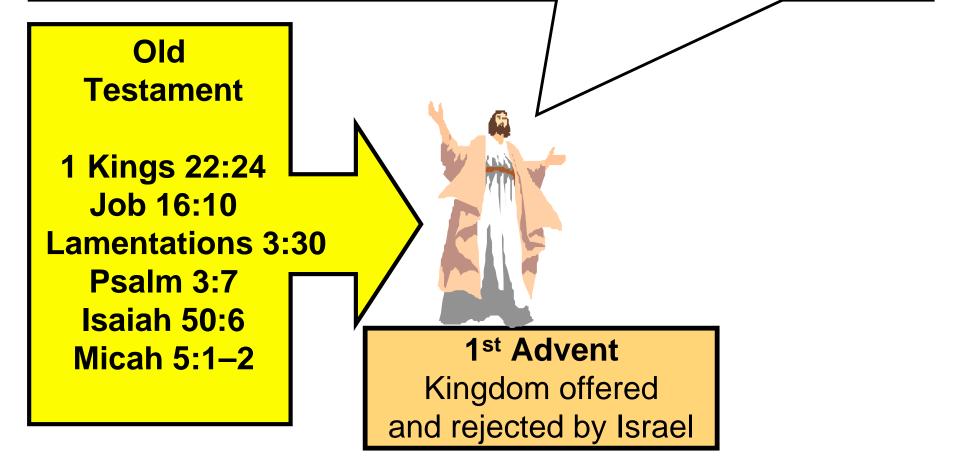


Luke 6:27–31, "But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. Whoever hits you on the cheek, offer him the other also; and whoever takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt from him either. Give to everyone who asks of you, and whoever takes away what is yours, do not demand it back. Treat others the same way you want them to treat you."



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• א (*Alef*)

- 3:1 I am the man who has experienced affliction from the rod of his wrath.
- 3:2 He drove me into captivity and made me walk in darkness and not light.
- 3:3 He repeatedly attacks me, he turns his hand against me all day long.

• □ (Bet)

- 3:4 He has made my mortal skin waste away; he has broken my bones.
- 3:5 He has besieged and surrounded me with bitter hardship.
- 3:6 He has made me reside in deepest darkness like those who died long ago.

• ג (Gimel)

- 3:7 He has walled me in so that I cannot get out; he has weighted me down with heavy prison chains.
- 3:8 Also, when I cry out desperately for help, he has shut out my prayer.
- 3:9 He has blocked every road I take with a wall of hewn stones; he has made every path impassable.

Lamentations 3:19, "<u>Remember my affliction</u> ('יִיְיִ') and my wandering, the wormwood and bitterness."

Jesus, the covenant God, will remember His covenant and will "bless the afflicted":

Leviticus 26:45, "But I will remember for them the covenant with their ancestors, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God. I am the Lord."

Psalm 106:45, "And He remembered His covenant for their sake, and relented according to the greatness of His lovingkindness."

A main point from Lamentations 3:28–30:

These three verses in the YOD section define the proper response to God for those who are under affliction as a result of covenant failure.

' (Yod)

- 3:28, "Let him sit alone and be silent since He has laid it on him.
- 3:29, "Let him put his mouth in the dust, perhaps there is hope.
- 3:30, "Let him give his cheek to the smiter, let him be filled with reproach.

Jeremiah's seven principles about the nature of Israel's affliction (3:25–40):

- (1) Affliction should be endured with hope in God's salvation, that is, ultimate restoration (vv. 25–30).
- (2) Affliction is only temporary and is tempered by God's compassion and love (vv. 31–32).
- (3) God does not delight in affliction (v. 33).
- (4) If affliction comes because of injustice, God sees it and does not approve of it (vv. 34–36).
- (5) Affliction is always in relationship to God's sovereignty (vv. 37–38; cf. Job 2:10).
- (6) Affliction ultimately came because of Judah's sin (v. 39).
- (7) Affliction should accomplish the greater good of turning God's people back to Him (v. 40).

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- **Deuteronomy 32:35,** "<u>Vengeance is Mine, and retribution</u>, in due time their foot will slip; For the day of their calamity is near, and the impending things are hastening upon them."
- Leviticus 19:18, "You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the Lord."
- **Psalm 94:1,** "O Lord, God of vengeance, God of vengeance, shine forth!"
- Isaiah 34:8, "For the Lord has a day of vengeance, a year of recompense for the cause of Zion."
- **Isaiah 61:1,** "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners;
 - **Isaiah 61:2**, "To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord **and the day of vengeance of our God**; to comfort all who mourn,"