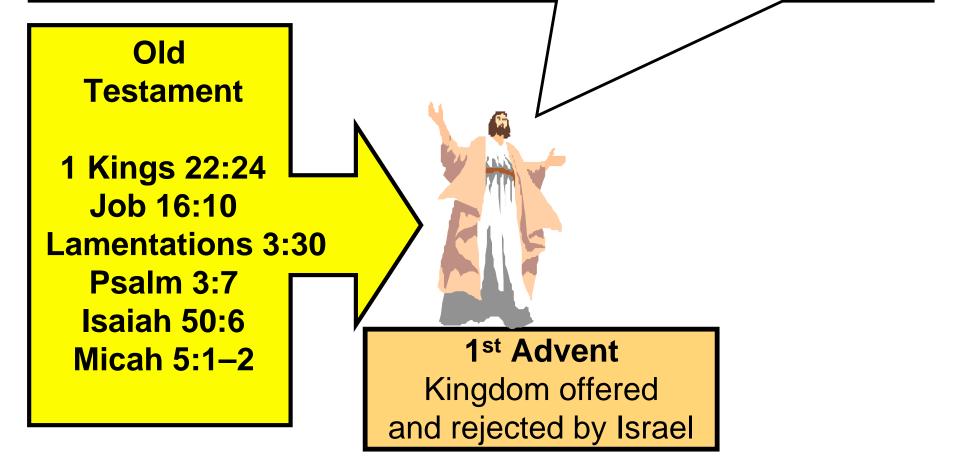


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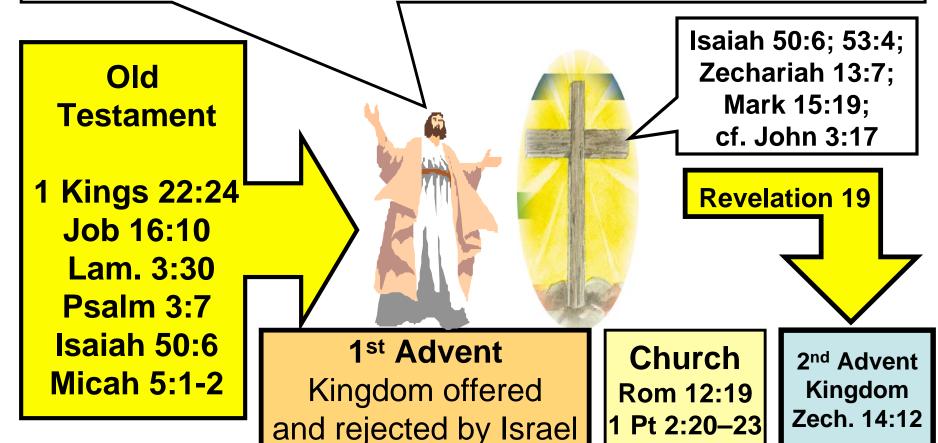
- 3:28, "Let him sit alone and be silent since He has laid it on him.
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- Deuteronomy 32:35, "Vengeance is Mine, and retribution, in due time their foot will slip; For the day of their calamity is near, and the impending things are hastening upon them."
- 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 79:9–10, "Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name; and deliver us and forgive our sins for Your name's sake. Why should the nations say, 'Where is their God?' Let there be known among the nations in our sight, vengeance for the blood of Your servants which has been shed."
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- 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;

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In the context of Lamentations 3, those in the nation Israel who recognize their covenant failure before the Lord and recognize God's covenant faithfulness are to wait for God's salvation and allow their "cheeks to be given to the smiter" as they wait on the Lord to deliver them and take vengeance on their enemies.

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"While men like Micaiah, the true prophet of the Lord, may be smitten on the cheek by false prophets like Zedekiah (I Kings 22:24; II Chr 18:23) and Job may be verbally smitten on his cheeks by his miserable comforters (Job 16:10), God will deliver the last blow to the enemies' cheeks (Psalm 3:7). Men will even smite with a rod the leader of Israel on the cheek (Micah 5:1). The Servant of the Lord, the Messiah, will voluntarily submit his 'back to the smiters and [his] cheeks to those that pluck out the beard' (Isaiah 50:6), but he too will emerge triumphant."

<u>Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament;</u> notes on ' ַח ָ ל (lĕḥî) – jaw, cheek.