



MICAH

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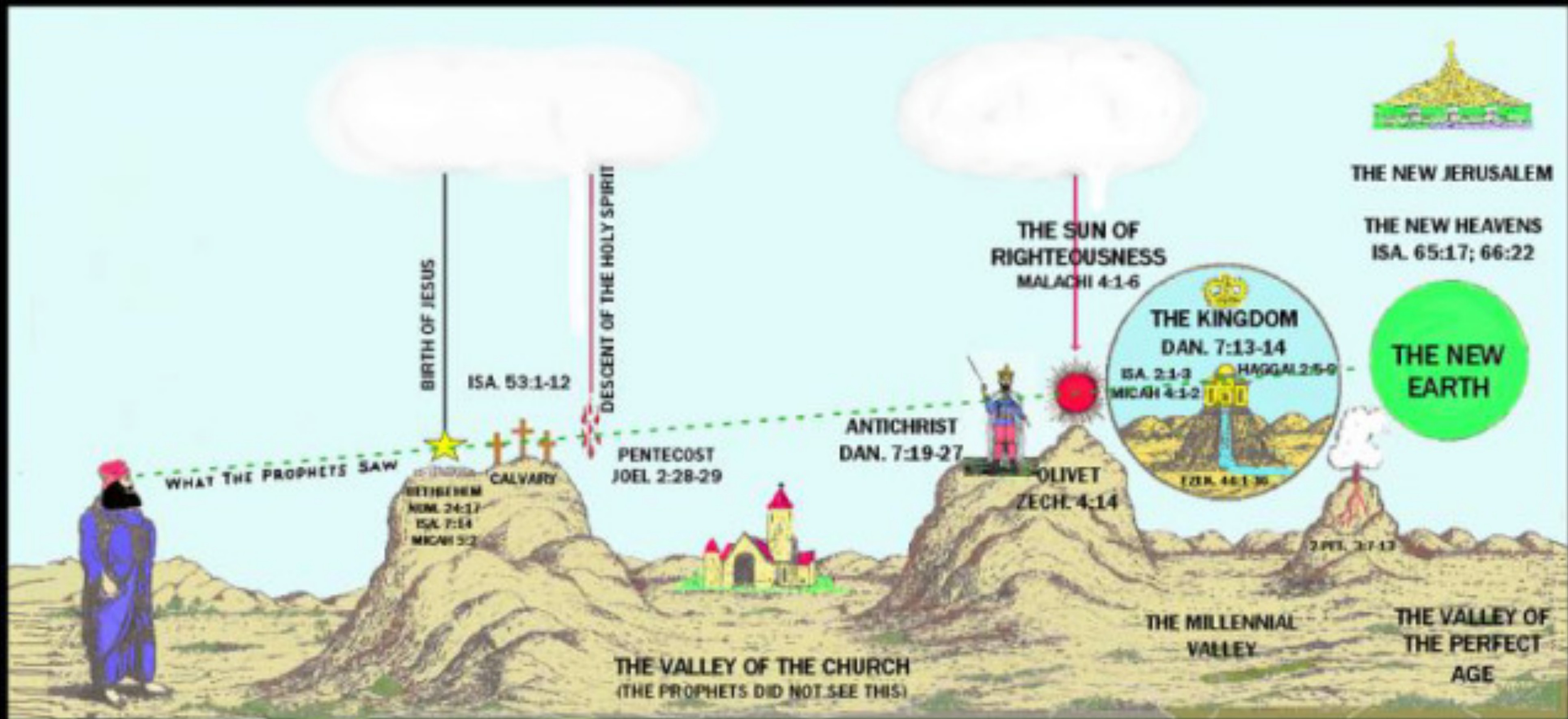
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— Micah 3:1-4

9 And the people of Israel did secretly against the Lord their God things that were not right. They built for themselves high places in all their towns, from watchtowers to fortified city. 10 They set up for themselves pillars and Asherim on every high hill and under every green tree, 11 and there they made offerings on all the high places, as the nations did whom the Lord carried away before them. And they did wicked things, provoking the Lord to anger, 12 and they served idols, of which the Lord had said to them, “You shall not do this.” 13 Yet the Lord warned Israel and Judah by every prophet and every seer, saying, “Turn from your evil ways and keep my commandments and my statutes, in accordance with all the Law that I commanded your fathers, and that I sent to you by my servants the prophets.”

14 But they would not listen, but were stubborn, as their fathers had been, who did not believe in the Lord their God. 15 They despised his statutes and his covenant that he made with their fathers and the warnings that he gave them. They went after false idols and became false, and they followed the nations that were around them, concerning whom the Lord had commanded them that they should not do like them. 16 And they abandoned all the commandments of the Lord their God and made for themselves metal images of two calves; and they made an Asherah and worshiped all the host of heaven and served Baal. 17 And they burned their sons and their daughters as offerings and used divination and omens and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord, provoking him to anger.

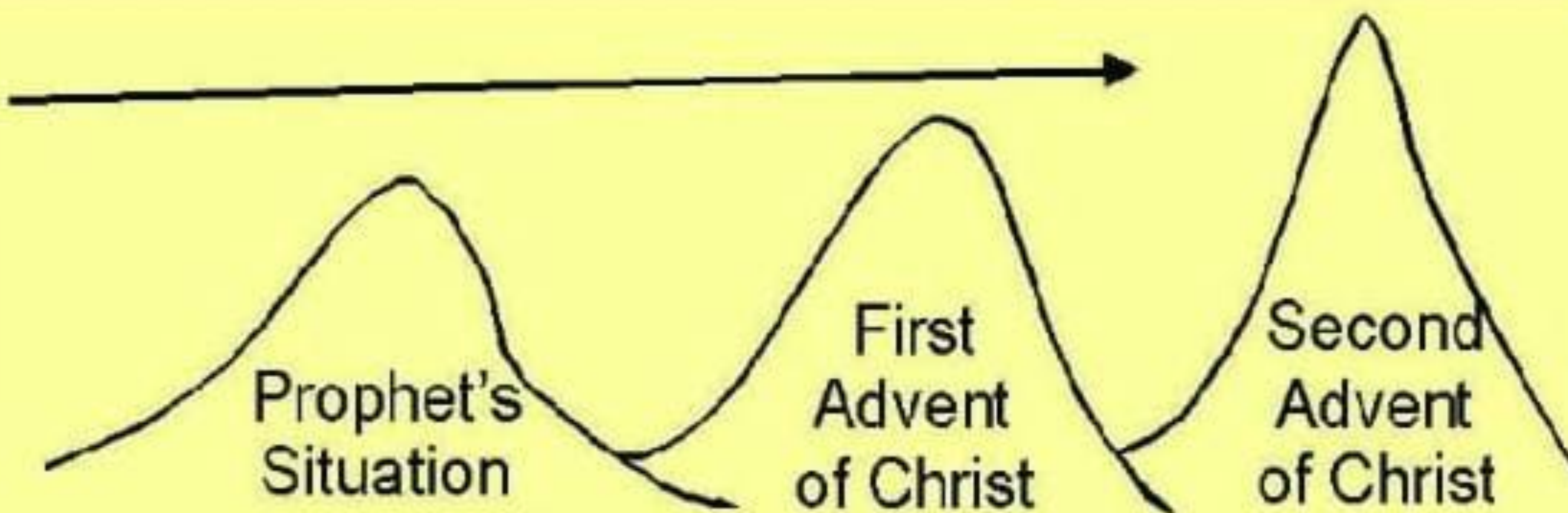
— 2 Kings 17:9-17



THE OLD TESTAMENT VALLEY
THE "VIEWPOINT" OF THE PROPHETS

OUR VIEWPOINT
WE SEE THE "MOUNTAIN PEAKS" AND "VALLEYS" FROM THE SIDE
AND SO CAN SEPARATE THE FIRST AND SECOND COMING PROPHECIES
THE MOUNTAIN PEAKS OF PROPHECY

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Micah 3-4:

Chapter 3: Judgment on the unjust rulers

- 3:1-4 - Unjust judges
- 3:5-8 - Untrue prophets
- 3:9-12 - Ungodly leaders

Chapter 4: Salvation promised for the Nations

- 4:1 – 8 - Salvation in Zion.

Main Idea:

Corrupt rulers bring sin, chaos and destruction, but the righteous Ruler brings peace, justice and restoration.

Micah 3:1-4: Corrupt Judges

And I said: Hear, you heads of Jacob and rulers of the house of Israel! Is it not for you to know justice?

—Micah 3:1

18 “You shall appoint judges and officers in all your towns that the Lord your God is giving you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment. 19 You shall not pervert justice. You shall not show partiality, and you shall not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and subverts the cause of the righteous. 20 Justice, and only justice, you shall follow, that you may live and inherit the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

— Deut 16:18-20

2 you who hate the good and love the evil, Who tear the skin from off my people and their flesh from off their bones, 3 who eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them, and break their bones in pieces and chop them up like meat in a pot, like flesh in a cauldron.

—Micah 3:2-3

Micah 1:7 + Micah 5:12-14 – Carved images and idol worship

Micah 2:2 – They covet fields and houses and seize them. They oppress a man and his house.

Micah 2:9 – They cause women and children to stumble.

Micah 3:10-11 – They built Jerusalem with blood and fulfilled their duties only in return for a bribe.

Micah 6:10-12 – wicked scales, bag of deceitful weights, men full of violence and deceitful tongues.

Then they (meaning the rulers) will cry to the LORD (that is when the invasion comes). But He will not answer them. He will hide his face from them at that time because they have made their deeds evil.

— Micah 3:4

“...but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that he does not hear.”

-Isaiah 59:2

Micah 3:5-8: Corrupt Prophets + Priests

5 “Thus says the Lord concerning the prophets who lead my people astray, who cry “Peace” when they have something to eat but declare war against him who puts nothing into their mouths.”

— Micah 3:5

Do not preach” – thus they preach, one should not preach of such things,
disgrace will not overtake us”.

—Micah 2:6

15 “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.”

—Matthew 7:15

Therefore, it shall be night to you, without vision, and darkness to you, without divination. The sun shall go down on the prophets, and the day shall be black over them; The seers shall be disgraced, and the diviners put to shame; they shall all cover their lips, for there is no answer from God.

-Micah 3:6-7

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8 But as for me, I am filled with power, with the Spirit of the Lord, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin.

— Micah 3:8

Micah 3:9-12: The Motive behind the Corrupt Judges and Prophets

9 Hear this, you heads of the house of Jacob and rulers of the house of Israel, who detest justice and make crooked all that is straight, 10 who build Zion with blood and Jerusalem with iniquity. 11 Its heads give judgment for a bribe; its priests teach for a price; its prophets practice divination for money; yet they lean on the Lord and say, “Is not the Lord in the midst of us? No disaster shall come upon us. Therefore because of you Zion shall be plowed as a field; Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins, and the mountain of the house a wooded height.”

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— Micah 3:9-11

“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

—Matthew 6:24

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Micah 3:11b

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—Micah 3:12

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4:1 It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains and it shall be lifted up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it, 2 and many nations shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

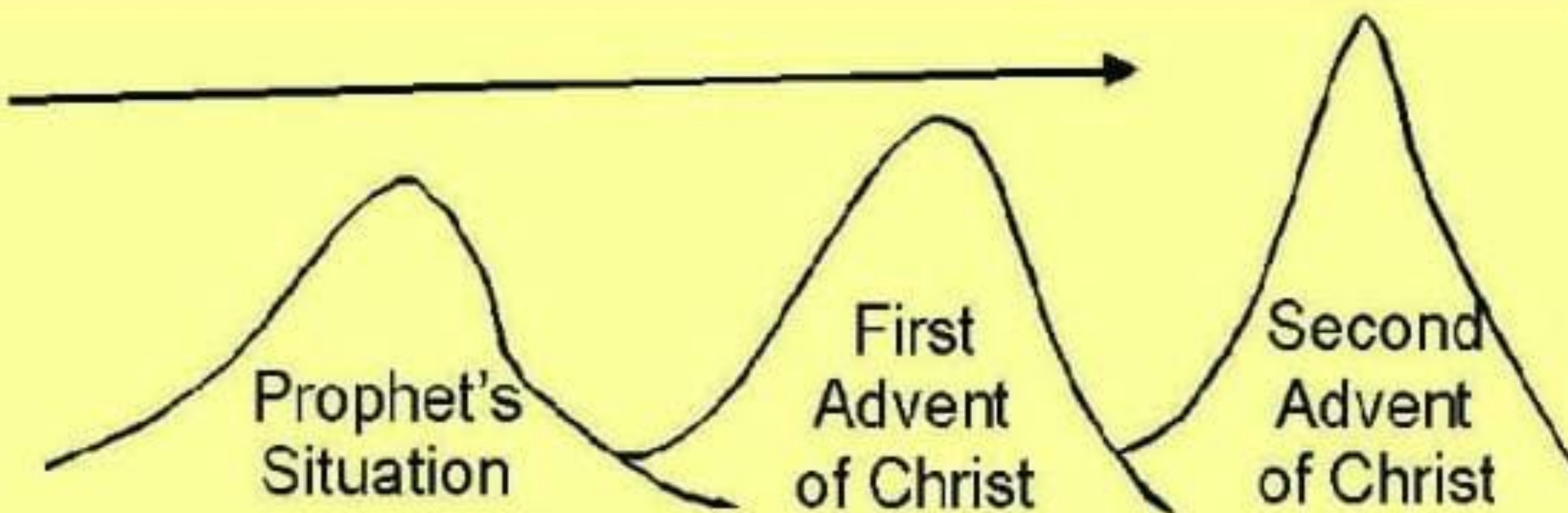
Micah 3:12-4:2

He (meaning Jesus) shall judge between many peoples and shall decide disputes for strong nations far away. and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

— Micah 4:3

...every man shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid, for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

— Micah 4:4



In that day, declares the LORD, I will assemble the lame and gather those who have been driven away and those whom I have afflicted; the lame I will make the remnant and those who were cast off, a strong nation; and THE LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion from this time forth and forevermore.

—Micah 4:6-7

Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tried you in the furnace of affliction. For my own sake, for my own sake, I do it....

-Isaiah 48:10-11a

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1. Idolatry leads to wickedness and injustice.
2. The leaders of Israel fell into spiritual slumber.
3. And finally, it is good to remember what God brought us out of.

3 For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. 4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

—Titus 3:3-7

