

# Elisha - Coming to the Aid of Foreigners

II Kings 5:1-14

ELIJAH  
& ELISHA

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## Introduction:

### I. NAAMAN EXPERIENCES INFIRMITY (vs. 1-7)

#### A. The Disease He Carried (vs. 1)

“Naaman, captain of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man with his master and highly respected...”

“by him the LORD had given victory to Aram”

“the man was also a valiant warrior”

“but he was a leper.”

#### B. The Decision He Considered (vs. 2-5)

“the Arameans had gone out in bands and had taken captive a little girl from the land of Israel, and she waited on Naaman’s wife”

“I wish that my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! Then he would cure him of his leprosy.”

“Naaman went in and told his master, saying, ‘Thus and thus spoke the girl who is from the land of Israel.’”

“the king of Aram said, ‘Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel.’ ”

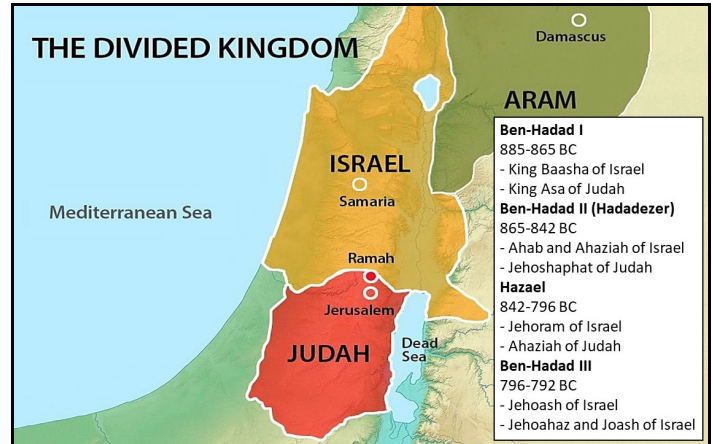
“He departed and took with him ten talents of silver and six thousand shekels of gold and ten changes of clothes.”

#### C. The Disturbance He Caused (vs. 6-7)

“He brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, ‘And now as this letter comes to you, behold, I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may cure him of his leprosy.’ ”

“When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, ‘Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man is sending word to me to cure a man of his leprosy?’ ”

“But consider now and see how he is seeking a quarrel against me.”



## II. NAAMAN ENCOUNTERS ELISHA (vs. 8-14)

### A. His Delegation Arrives (vs. 8-10)

“when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent word to the king, saying, ‘Why have you torn your clothes?’ ”

“Now let him come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.”

“So Naaman came with his horses and his chariots and stood at the doorway of the house of Elisha.”

“Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, ‘Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh will be restored to you and you will be clean.’ ”

### B. His Displeasure is Aroused (vs. 11-12)

“But Naaman was furious and went away and said, ‘Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper.’ ”

“Are not Abanah and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?”

“So he turned and went away in a rage.”

### C. His Deliverance is Assured (vs. 13-14)

“Then his servants came near and spoke to him and said, ‘My father, had the prophet told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, ‘Wash, and be clean’?”

“So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God...”

“and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child and he was clean”

“Behold now, I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel...your servant will no longer offer burnt offering nor will he sacrifice to other gods, but to the LORD.” (vs. 15, 17)

## Conclusion:

### Food for Thought:

- 1) What does it take for a servant girl to be a success for the Lord?
- 2) What was going on in the international politics of this text?
- 3) Why did Elisha not go to the door himself in vs. 9-10?
- 4) Why was Naaman required to do some menial task?