

NAAMAN & THREE SERVANTS! 2 KINGS 5:1-27

Naaman is one of the great gentile conversion stories!

Genesis 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: **Genesis 12:2** And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: **Genesis 12:3** And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: **and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.**

Genesis 18:18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, **and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?**

Genesis 22:18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

Genesis 26:4 And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; **and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;**

Genesis 28:14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: **and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.**

This story has many moving parts and can be told through the eyes of many characters:

We will look at Naaman's healing & conversion through 3 servants:

1. Just a girl!

2 Kings 5:1 Now **Naaman**, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honourable, because by him the LORD had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valour, but he was a leper. **2 Kings 5:2** And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; **and she waited on Naaman's wife.** **2 Kings 5:3** And she said unto her mistress, **Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy.** **2 Kings 5:4** And one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid that is of the land of Israel.

Naaman:

- **Leader of Syrian army**
- **A great man**
- **Honorable**
- **A man used by God to win the battle!**

Isaiah 10:7 Howbeit he meaneth not so, Neither doth his heart think so; But it is in his heart to destroy And cut off nations not a few. **Isaiah 10:8** For he saith, Are not my princes altogether kings? **Isaiah 10:9** Is not Calno as Carchemish? Is not Hamath as Arpad? Is not Samaria as Damascus? **Isaiah 10:10** As my hand hath found the kingdoms of the idols, And whose graven images did excel them of Jerusalem and of Samaria; **Isaiah 10:11** Shall I not, as I have done unto Samaria and her idols, So do to Jerusalem and her idols? **Isaiah 10:12** Wherefore it shall come to pass, that **when the Lord hath performed his whole work Upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, And the glory of his high looks.** **Isaiah 10:13** For he saith, By the strength of my hand I have done it, And by my wisdom; for I am prudent: And I have removed the bounds of the people, And have robbed their treasures, And I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man: **Isaiah 10:14** And my hand hath found as a nest the riches of the people: And as one gathereth eggs that are left, Have I gathered all the earth; And there was none that moved the wing, Or opened the mouth, or peeped.

Revelation 17:16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

Revelation 17:17 **For God hath put in their hearts to** fulfil his will, and **to** agree, **and** give their kingdom unto the beast, **until** the words of God shall be fulfilled.

- **A mighty man of valor**
- **Yet a leper**

Little maid:

- Syrian raiding parties
- Caught up in a raid
- A little girl → obviously a maid
- Servant of Naaman's wife
- Obviously a believer in Israel!!!
- **Not bitter**
- Concerned about her captor
- Pointed her mistress to Elisha
- Word got to Naaman
- From "**Just a little girl!**"

2. Just some **ghosts!**

2 Kings 5:5 And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment. **2 Kings 5:6** And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, Now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have therewith sent Naaman my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy. **2 Kings 5:7** And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? wherefore consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me.

King of Syria

King of Israel

2 Kings 5:8 And it was so, when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel. **2 Kings 5:9** So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha. **2 Kings 5:10** And **Elisha sent a messenger unto him**, saying, **Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.**

Naaman:

2 Kings 5:11 But Naaman **was wroth**, 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 strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper. **2 Kings 5:12** Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away **in a rage**.

Just some ghosts:

2 Kings 5:13 And **his servants** came near, and spake unto him, and said, **My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it?** how much rather then, when he saith to thee, **Wash, and be clean?** **2 Kings 5:14** Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

3. Just a **grifter!**

2 Kings 5:15 And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, **Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel:** now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant. **2 Kings 5:16** But he said, **As the LORD liveth, before whom I stand, I will receive none.** And he urged him to take it; but he refused.

2 Kings 5:19 And he said unto him, Go in peace. So he departed from him a little way. **2 Kings 5:20** But **Gehazi**, the servant of Elisha the man of God, **said**, Behold, my master hath spared Naaman this Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: but, as the LORD liveth, I will run after him, and take somewhat of him.