

# 2 KINGS 5 vs 1

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The first and second books of the kings originally were one book, which Jewish tradition credits to the prophet Jeremiah. The subject follows the successes and failures of the kings of both Judah and Israel. This second book of kings follows the decline of **Israel** leading up to their captivity in Syria; and 170 years later, to the decline of **Judah** leading up to their captivity in Babylon.

Elisha and Naaman the leper,

**<sup>1</sup> Now Naaman, captain of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honorable, because by him the LORD had given deliverance to Syria: he was also a valiant warrior, but he was a leper.**

**<sup>2</sup> And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive from the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on the wife of Naaman.**

**<sup>3</sup> And she said to her mistress, O that my master was with the prophet who is in Samaria! for he would heal him of his leprosy.**

**<sup>4</sup> And one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the girl who is from the land of Israel.**

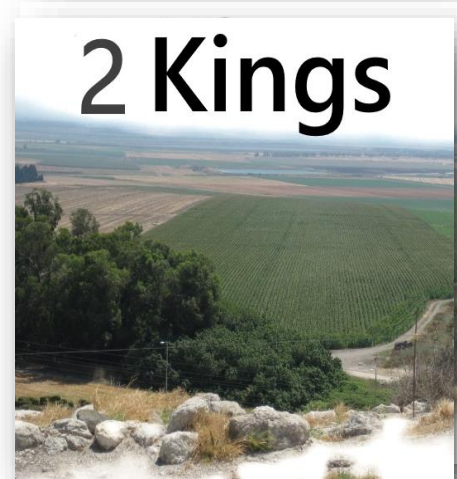
**<sup>5</sup> And the king of Syria said, Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and 6,000 pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment.**

**<sup>6</sup> And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, Now when this letter comes to you, behold, I have with it sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may cure him of his leprosy.**

**<sup>7</sup> And it happened, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he ripped his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends to me to heal a man of his leprosy? So please consider, and see how he seeks a quarrel against me.**

**<sup>8</sup> And it was so, when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had ripped his clothes, so he sent to the king, saying, Why have you ripped your clothes? let him come now to me, and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel.**

**<sup>9</sup> So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.**



**<sup>10</sup> And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh will come again to you, and you will be clean.**

**<sup>11</sup> 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 heal the leper.**

**<sup>12</sup> 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.**

**<sup>13</sup> And his servants came near, and spoke to him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid you do some great thing, would you not have done it? how much more then, when he says to you, Wash, and be clean?**

**<sup>14</sup> Then he went down, and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh returned like to the flesh of a little child, and he was healed.**

**<sup>15</sup> 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**: so now, please take a blessing from your servant.**

**<sup>16</sup> But he said, As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take it; but he refused.**

**<sup>17</sup> And Naaman said, If not please let your servant at least be given two mules' loads of earth? for your servant will no longer offer burnt offering nor sacrifice to other gods, but to the LORD.**

**<sup>18</sup> In this thing the LORD pardon your servant, that when my master goes to the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leans on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon: when I bow down myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon your servant in this thing.**

**<sup>19</sup> And he said to him, Go in peace. So he departed from him a little way.**

**<sup>20</sup> But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, my master has spared Naaman this Syrian, in not receiving at his hands what he brought: but, as the LORD lives, I will run after him, and take something from him.**

**<sup>21</sup> So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when Naaman saw him running after him, he came down from the chariot to meet him, and said, Is all well?**

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<sup>22</sup> And he said, All is well. My master has sent me, saying, Behold, even now two young men of the sons of the prophets have come to me from the hill country of Ephraim: Please give them a talent of silver, and two changes of garments.

<sup>23</sup> And Naaman said, Be content, take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and laid them on two of his servants; and they bare them before him.

<sup>24</sup> And when he came to the hill, he took them from their hand, and deposited them in the house: and he let the men go, and they departed.

<sup>25</sup> But he went in, and stood before his master. And Elisha said to him, Where have you come from, Gehazi? And he said, Your servant went nowhere.

<sup>26</sup> And he said to him, Did not my heart go with you, when the man returned from his chariot to meet you? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and olive orchards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants?

<sup>27</sup> So the leprosy of Naaman will cling to you, and to your descendants forever. And he went out from his presence a leper as white as snow.

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