



Now I know there is a God in Israel

Study 4

Israel's moment of peace with Syria

1 Kings	20	→	War against Benhadad in Samaria
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	22	→	After 3 yrs of peace, war at Ramoth-gilead (Ahab slain)
2 Kings	1		
	2		
	3		
	4		
	5	→	King of Syria appeals to King of Israel to heal Naaman
	6	→	Benhadad besieges Samaria
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	8	→	War against Hazael at Ramoth-gilead (Jehoram wounded)
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	10	→	Hazael smites Israel in its coasts including Gilead.
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	12	→	Hazael set his face to go to Jerusalem
	13	→	Yahweh gave Israel continually into the hands of Hazael.

Leprosy



- 1. Leprosy works insidiously and almost imperceptibly.
- 2. Leprosy is infectious.
- 3. Leprosy leads to anaesthesia (loss of sensation).
- 4. Leprosy is a state of living death.
- 5. Leprosy was dealt with by banishment.
- 6. Leprosy makes its victim an object of shame.
- 7. Leprosy was largely incurable in O.T. times.

Leprosy represents sin and its consequences

The faithful little maid



- Was forgiving
- Served “as unto the Lord”
- Showed integrity
- Remained separate to God
- Was courageous
- Remained faithful

“She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness ... let her own works praise her in the gates”

Prov. 31:26,31

The journey to Samaria



The power of forgiveness



The captive maid and her family endured enormous suffering in order that salvation could be made available to Naaman. Likewise 'Christ hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God (1 Pet 3:18)

The danger of pride



Naaman was prepared to take advice from a little maid and his servants. He was amenable. However pride and a susceptibility to anger almost cost him eternal life.

We like Naaman are cleansed by hearkening to the words of the man of God. 'Now are ye clean through the words which I have spoken unto you'. Let not let pride or anger jeopardize our obedience.

The insidious nature of sin



The punishment imposed upon Gehazi made visible the very thing he sought to hide – sin!

As Gehazi watched the disease spread in a seemingly harmless way, yet with grave effect, he was being reminded of the insidious nature of sin that he had allowed to overcome him.

Lay hold on eternal life and flee temptation lest we be drowned in destruction and perdition, and pierced through with life long sorrows?

