

NAAMAN and the HOUSE OF ISRAEL

Learn the Code



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This story is full of coded messages. The healing of Naaman, the Syrian (Aramean) general, was a physical re-enactment of the spiritual healing of the 10-tribes of Israel. This story Jesus reminded the Jews in Nazareth many years ago, made them very angry when he said, “And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed— **only Naaman the Syrian.**’ All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him down the cliff. But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way” (Luke 4:27-30). The **curse of Gehazi** reared its ugly head—the Gentiles were not welcome and if the must come, they will pay.

LEARN THE CODE. Like Q anon who is posting to truth-seeking patriots in the U.S.A. events before they happen and proofs in his coded language, God coded His secrets hundreds of years ago. God’s message is hidden in a coded language of parables/analogies, imagery/symbols, and parallels. He is the great Engineer, the Architect of all creation, the Creator of mathematics and science. He is an author who writes His story for us through 44 servants in 66 books. He challenges **you** to search and find His hidden secrets.

“It is God's privilege to conceal things and the king's privilege to discover them” (Proverbs 25:2).

Do you have the strength of the greatest to search through every layer, look at every detail, study every word, reason and sort through all there is to know to find what the Great God has hidden? Learn the code and you will discover God’s great plan.

The story of Naaman, the Syrian general is recorded in II Kings 5. We will step through the verses to analyze and reveal God’s hidden message kept secret during times of trouble and preserved for our time.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

“Naaman was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him **the LORD had given victory to Aram**. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy” (II Kings 5:1).

- We learn early in the story that Naaman was given the **victory by God**—God gave victory to a Gentile general who was noble and brave.

The name ‘Naaman’ in Hebrew comes from the verb נָאֵם, ‘naem’, which means ‘to be pleasant, delightful, or lovely.’ His name suggests he had been a handsome man.

Not evident in the beginning of this story, is the revelation that Naaman represents the returning 10-tribes of Israel of whom God loves and longs to bring them back to him. **“Is not Ephraim my dear son, the child in whom I delight? Though I often speak against him, I still remember him. Therefore, my heart yearns for him; I have great compassion for him,”** declares the LORD” (Jeremiah 31:20). There is great significance in a name. Naaman’s name reflects what God sees in his returning lost 10-tribes.

- Naaman is a valiant general. In this story a Gentile man is used to identify the 10-tribes. This means that God is addressing the government or nation as a whole in this account not the church. Women always represent the church, learn the code, men represent the government or nation. Naaman is a general. This nation of people, hold an important role in the pagan world, one that is respected and acknowledged to have access to the Almighty God who can give them a victory.

THE YOUNG GIRL

“A **captive young girl from Israel, served Naaman’s wife**. She said to her mistress, ‘If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy’” (II Kings 5:2-3).

- Identifiers of the young girl:
 - A captive
 - A slave girl
 - A servant girl in Naaman’s household
 - She has no place of authority or political power
 - She is compassionate and wants to see Naaman healed
 - Trusts in the power of Elisha, the prophet
 - Indirectly, states that the God of Israel is more powerful than the god of Syria.

This young girl represents the little voice of the righteous remnant of Israelite people who at this time are held captive in a wicked world, slaves to those who have overpowered them. She is vulnerable and powerless in the political arena. Yet, she has compassion and wants to see this Gentile healed. She is representative of God’s saints who love all of mankind and want to see them repent and be healed of the depravity that consumes them leaving them in spiritual decay. She speaks up like the Saints who do not shrink back. She trusts in the power of her prophet, Elisha

who is like Jesus Christ through whom we can be healed by God from spiritual decay. She knows that her God is greater than the god of Syria, for if the god of Syria was as powerful, Naaman would be healed.

THE PAYMENT

Naaman receives permission from his king to go to Israel for healing and the king adds, **“I will send a letter to the king of Israel. So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing. The letter read: ‘With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy’”** (II Kings 5:5-6).

- The king of Aram is cooperative and desires the healing of this general he honors.
- Naaman goes without delay.
 - Naaman brings payment for his healing:
 - 10 talents of silver
 - 6,000 shekels of gold
 - 10 sets of clothing
 - The letter of request for healing.

This may appear like an ordinary story, but underneath like layers covered by the sands of time, it is a story that God wants to be revealed and remembered by a people who have forgotten their roots. Learn the code.

The wayward house of Israel was ruled by wicked kings for hundreds of years was taken into captivity by the Assyrians. They became known as Gentiles because they did not repent upon their release; they continued in sin. They exasperated God with their vile practices and He divorced them from the covenant family. They were the DNA Israelites who became Gentiles.

- Now, let’s take a look at the payment Naaman brought for he too at this point, still thinks that physical works bring forgiveness of sins:
 - **Silver represents purification and talents represent behavior.** They came with a mind to discuss their behavior. The number talents refer to the **who**—all ten tribes came to discuss their behavior. Matthew’s parable of the talents is all about behavior. They came with one talent per tribe. Silver represents purification. They came with a desire to be refined and cleaned up from misconceptions of truth and disinformation. 10 talents represent all 10 tribes came to be refined. God often speaks of how he will purify his people. **“I will refine them like silver”** (Zechariah 13:9).
 - **The 6,000 shekels of gold refers to payment of a guilt offering.** The gold is more than silver. They are using gold because they are making restitution. The ten tribes were very aware of what was required when you come before the Almighty God to ask for forgiveness of sins. Six thousand shekels of gold refers to the amount “as

measured by the weight of the sanctuary shekel” for each of the ten tribes in payment of a guilt offering. They are repenting and asking for forgiveness.

- **A desire for a righteous covering refers to the 10 sets of clothing.** All of the ten tribes came to God with the desire to live God’s Way.
- **A letter for healing** is communication between a pagan king to the king of Israel. This is where the God of Israel holds up the prophetic mirror. To the king of Israel, God says, “You don’t see it now, but the future proves past. In the future, you will return to me and ask for healing and read this story in the pages of your Ancient Book. I hope by then you have learned the code.”

“As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, ‘Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!’” (II Kings 5:7).

- Poor boy! This king of Israel is so distant from God that he is scared stiff of this request. He thought this general was creating a situation that would bring about war.

ELISHA, THE PROPHET

“When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: ‘Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel’” (II Kings 5:8).

God rarely mentions the name of this faithless king who has no trust in Elisha, the prophet.

- Elisha is representative of Jesus Christ. Through him, God can heal those who are systemically spiritually decayed. In this 21st century, Christ has continued to stay with the 10-tribes for now 2,000 years.

“So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha’s house. Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, ‘Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed.’ But Naaman went away angry and said, ‘I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. Are not Abana 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.” (II Kings 5:9-11).

- Naaman expected a showy display of religious, ritualistic, self-glorifying, attention-seeking healing ceremony, maybe something pagans would do. But, God’s servants are humble.
- The 10-tribes turned away angry from God the first time they came for healing because their expectations were wrong. They were still not repentant. They wanted things their way, “Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?”

“Naaman’s servants went to him and said, ‘My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, ‘Wash and be cleansed!’” So, he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy” (II Kings 5:13-14).

Now, how difficult was that? It just took a little humbling.

- Not trusting in the words of God is often a weakness of immature Christians. The secret to trusting God is putting His Way into practice. To practice His Way, we need to be washed through baptism, then filled with God’s Holy Spirit.
- Naaman’s flesh has healed completely and was made young without the scars of battles and aging. So, the 10-tribes were healed and God accepted them back, as if they were never rejected. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will **remember their sins no more**” (Hebrews 8:12) and Micah says, “He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities under foot. Yes, **God will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea**” (Micah 7:19).
- Taking this thought yet a layer deeper, we are reminded of the importance of being born again. “Jesus answered him, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God’” (John 3:3). Baptism and the receiving of God’s Holy Spirit was the washing Naaman underwent.

THE PRODIGAL SON RETURNS

“Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, ‘Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. Please accept now a gift from your servant’ (II Kings 5:15).

“The prophet answered, ‘As surely as the LORD lives, whom I serve, I will not accept a thing.’ And even though Naaman urged him, he refused” (II Kings 5:16).

- Naaman stands face-to-face before Elisha and acknowledging the Supreme God. This face-to-face encounter is symbolic of the 10-tribes coming before Jesus and acknowledging that the God of Israel is the Almighty God—the God of gods.
- They were a treasonous people, we should take the time to understand this very significant moment – the acknowledgement of **WHO is the Supreme God, the God of Israel. Not the gods of any of the nations.**

THE GODS KING DAVID KNEW

This concept of acknowledging that the God of Israel is the Supreme God is ignored by 21st century Christianity. They have mythicized the ancient gods and they are baffled why God Almighty makes such a big deal out of this point. **The first commandment states, “You shall have no other gods**

before Me.” If these gods were mere poorly crafted wooden idols, God Almighty would not be concerned.

King David lived in the days when the sons of God ruled over the nations and he said:

“God presides in the great assembly; **he gives judgment among the ‘gods’**” (Psalm 82:1). This scripture points to the fact that God has a holy council with members that He calls ‘gods.’

And “I [God] said, ‘You are gods; you are all sons of the Most High. **But you will die like mere men; you will fall like every other ruler**” (Psalm 82:6).

King David said, "Let all those be ashamed who serve graven images, **who boast themselves of idols; worship Him, all you gods**" (Psalm 97:7). King David urged these rogue gods to repent and return to worshipping the Almighty God.

THE PAYMENT

- Naaman offered to pay for his healing. Mankind has no acceptable or worthy commodity of exchange that can pay the price for the forgiveness of their sins. The lesson is that we cannot enter God’s kingdom through human effort or human payment of any kind.
- Elisha does not accept payment. Christ’s sacrifice was the payment for the sins for all of mankind. That was the lesson Elisha was teaching Naaman, which he accepted immediately and without question.

HUMBLE ISRAEL

““If you will not [i.e. to accept payment],’ said Naaman, ‘please let me your servant, be given as much earth as a pair of mules can carry, for your servant will never again make burnt offerings and sacrifices to any other god but the LORD’” (II Kings 5:17).

- Naaman now refers to himself as “Elisha’s servant.” He is speaking humbly as did the 10-tribes when they repented. The ten tribes vowed to worship only the God of Israel. They have never returned to their homeland, the land of their fathers (the Promised Land), but the imagery of Naaman taking back holy soil with him, which he could kneel on in prayer is symbolic of the ten tribes creating a sanctuary for God in their own land.

PAGAN PRACTICES CHRISTIANIZED

Naaman becomes immediately troubled and approaches Elisha about his new concern. ““But may the LORD forgive your servant for this one thing: When my master enters the temple of Rimmon to bow down and he is leaning on my arm and I bow there also—when I bow down in the temple of Rimmon, may the LORD forgive your servant for this’” (II Kings 5:18).

- This bowing while holding up the arm of his master is a prophesy that the 10-tribes will compromise the word of God. Over the past 2,000 years, while their heart may be in the right place, their doctrines and practices have drifted away from the pure teachings of the Apostles to include the Christianization of old pagan practices.

Hosea prophesied this compromise. “For the Israelites will live **many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred stones, without ephod or idol**” (Hosea 3:4).

- Their **KING is referring to God Almighty** and the **princes** references the rogue rulers over the nations.
- The **TEMPLE SACRIFICES** came to an end with the destruction of the last temple in 70 AD. The **sacred stones** taught by the mystic priests as objects of power, charms of protection from the wrath of the gods or an object that guarantees blessings and healings.
- The **EPHOD** is part of the official dress of the High Priest in Israel. It is symbolic of true religious practice, while the household **idols** are symbolic of false practice.

Christians today do not acknowledge any of the ancient gods as real never mind considering worshipping them. They do not look to mystical powers in stones or objects or have shrines for idols. But, they also do not worship the God of Israel as the Bible instructs. They are a large group of people with many differing theological views with many who embrace the Christianized pagan practices.

GO IN PEACE

“Go in peace,” Elisha said (II Kings 5:19).

- Despite the prophesied compromise, Elisha like Christ knew they would return fully to God in the last days. “**They will come trembling to the LORD and to his blessings in the last days**” (Hosea 3:5).

GEHAZI, THE HOUSE OF JUDAH

“After Naaman had traveled some distance, Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said to himself, ‘My master was too easy on Naaman, this Aramean, by not accepting from him what he brought. As surely as the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him.’”

“So Gehazi hurried after Naaman. When Naaman saw him running toward him, he got down from the chariot to meet him. ‘Is everything all right?’ he asked.

“‘Everything is all right,’ Gehazi answered. ‘My master sent me to say, ‘Two young men from the company of the prophets have just come to me from **the hill country of Ephraim**. Please give them a talent of silver and two sets of clothing’” (II Kings 5:22).

- Gehazi thought that Elisha was too easy on Naaman by not accepting payment. So **he asked for payment: two talents and two sets of clothing.**

THE HOUSE OF JUDAH

This segment of the story requires some understanding of the history of the Israelites. The kingdom of the Israelites divided into two houses: Judah and Israel at the time of King Rehoboam. The house of Judah is comprised of **two** tribes: Judah and Benjamin. Though the house of Judah had not always been faithful, God did not divorce them like He did the house of Israel.

The house of Judah became known as the Jews. They were given the oracles of God to protect. With fervor they preserved the word of God, but over time, they added the traditions of the elders and taught these, as if they were equivalent to the commandments of God.

- Gehazi, in Naaman's story, represents the mindset of what the house of Judah had become over time, believing and teaching that through their own efforts—their works of the law, they could earn salvation and they wanted to impose their traditions and beliefs onto the newly returning 10-tribes. The two talents and two sets of clothing represented both tribes: Benjamin and Judah of the house of Judah imposing the payment supposedly provided the covering of righteousness (the two sets of clothing), but in fact, it took away from the gift of grace from God.
- “Two young men from **the hill country of Ephraim**” in II Kings 5:22 represent the cover-up of the house of Judah, especially in the time of Jesus who claimed to be helping the returning ten tribes, but really they were only serving themselves. They were the two people pretending to be from the hill country of Ephraim.

GLAD TO PAY

“By all means, take two talents,’ said Naaman. He urged Gehazi to accept them, and then tied up the two talents of silver in two bags, with two sets of clothing. He gave them to two of his servants, and they carried them ahead of Gehazi” (II Kings 5:20-23).

- Naaman gladly paid the price. Like the 10-tribes returning to the faith, they gladly wanted to do what it takes for salvation. This request of Gehazi tells of a time recorded in Acts when the Gentiles came to repentance, the Jewish leaders insisted that the Gentiles not only keep the Torah but also many of the traditions of the elders, the very traditions that Jesus was abolishing because they were never part of the original commandments.

GEHAZI CURSED

“When Gehazi came to the hill, he took the things from the servants and put them away in the house. He sent the men away and they left. Then he went in and stood before his master Elisha” (II Kings 5:24).

“Where have you been, Gehazi?” Elisha asked.

“Your servant didn't go anywhere,” Gehazi answered.

“But Elisha said to him, ‘Was not **my spirit with you** when the man got down from his chariot to meet you? Is this the time to take money, or to accept clothes, olive groves, vineyards, flocks,

herds, or menservants and maidservants? **Naaman's leprosy will cling to you and to your descendants forever.**' Then Gehazi went from Elisha's presence and he was leprous, as white as snow" (II Kings 5:25-26).

The curse of Gehazi reveals many issues:

- **Elisha's spirit was as real** as Christ and God who sees all that we do.
- **Is this the time to accept payment?** God's grace is a gift available for those who accept Christ as their sacrifice. There is nothing equivalent on earth to the magnitude of the gift of grace. The generosity to be in God's eternal kingdom and transformed into His glory through Jesus will only be fully cherished when Christ returns and we see what is behind the veil. In the meantime, humbly and patiently wait for the resurrection continuing to run the race set before us without slowing down or without stopping.
- **The refusal to accept Christ as our Savior.** Christ paid the price for our sins. He was the perfect sacrifice. To believe that the efforts of self of any kind can earn salvation is a fallacy that brings systemic spiritual decay.
- **The arrogance of putting yourself above any people is self-destructive.** God is able to graft in again those he cut off—the 10-tribes. God is able to graft in those who were never there and God will cut off the natural branches, if they do not continue in righteousness (Romans 11:17-22).
- **Gehazi became leprous.** He represents the house of Judah who then became systemically spiritually sick.

Through Elisha, God was teaching an important lesson. Salvation cannot be bought. Christ gave his life to pay the price and in God's great compassion for all of mankind, He offers grace. The key here is: **no one can boast of their own righteousness.**

"For God has bound **all men over to disobedience** so that **he** may have **mercy on them ALL**" (Romans 11:32).

We are to love one another and encourage each other in righteousness.

CHRISTIAN ROOTS

The Apostle Paul reminds the Christians of their roots.

"For it is **by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves**, it is the **GIFT of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.** For **we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works**, which God prepared in advance for us to do... **remember** that at the time **you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.** But now in Christ Jesus **you who once were far away** have been **brought near through the blood of Christ**" (Ephesians 2:8-10, 12-13).

The Christians were:

- Separate from Christ

- Excluded from citizenship in Israel
- Foreigners to the covenants of the promise
- Without hope and without God
- Once far away
- Now, brought near through the blood of Christ.

They were like the whole house of Israel in Ezekiel 37:

- Many—like a vast army
- Dried up
- Without hope
- Cut off

God prophesies that these people will be saved, given hope and brought back into the covenant family.

REVIEW

The healing of Naaman in this story is the healing of the house of Israel—the 10-tribes. Remember, Jesus said, “**I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel**” (Matthew 15:24). Jesus was sent to bring the lost 10-tribes back into the covenant family.

The house of Judah and the house of Israel have a long history of hostility. The Jews in Nazareth became violently angry with Jesus when he reminded them that only Naaman, a Gentile commander was healed of leprosy, when in Israel many suffered from the deforming illness. They didn’t like to hear that God chose to heal a Gentile over His remaining covenant people.

Through the story of Naaman, Jesus was preparing the Jews to accept their Gentile brothers back into the family. But, there remained much hostility between the two houses, which led to the building of the court of the Gentiles in the outer area of the temple, to keep the Gentiles away from the inner courts. With the destruction of the temple in 70 A.D., the man-made rules for the Gentiles disappeared.

A new relationship exists today, one with many surprises for the house of Israel who has forgotten their identity and the house of Judah has forgotten their brothers. The restoration of the two houses is still a future event. It will come after a time of great distress for **both houses at the same time. Together**, they will return to their God. Jeremiah tells us so.

“In those days, at that time, the **people of Israel** and the **people of Judah TOGETHER** will go in **tears to seek the Yahuah, their God**. They will ask the way of Zion and turn their faces toward it. **They will come and bind themselves to the Lord in an everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten**” (Jeremiah 50:4-5).

This time they will enter into an everlasting covenant that they will not break, for they will **know** their God and obey Him **willingly**.

THE MYSTERIES REVEALED BY APOSTLE PAUL

The Apostle Paul revealed so many of God's mysteries. He has decoded them for us today. Listen, Paul breaks down the code in Ephesians 2.

“For he [Christ] himself is our peace, **who has made the TWO one** [Jews and the Gentile 10-tribes] **and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility** [the hostility between the Jews and the 10 tribes—divorced house of Israel], by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations [This does not mean that the commandments were nailed on the cross. It means, that through Christ's death payment of our sins was made. Death no longer hangs over our heads for those who accept Christ's sacrifice and receive God's grace. And with the receiving of God's Holy Spirit, we obey God willingly, with a heart of flesh.] **His purpose was to create a new man out of the two** [God's purpose was to create ONE spiritually new group of people out of the two houses. People who love each other], thus making peace, and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put **to death their hostility** [BOTH of them are to accept Christ's sacrifice and stop the hostility between them so that they can be reconciled to God]. He [Christ] came and preached peace to you who were far away [the 10-tribes who were far away physically and spiritually] and peace to those who were near [the Jews who lived in the Promised land and had Jesus walking among them; they were near]. For through him [Christ] **we both** [the Jews and the 10-tribes] have access to the Father by one Spirit. Consequently, you [the 10-tribes, if you feel still cut-off be assured that you are not] you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, **built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets** [built on what the new testament and the old testament speakers have said], with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. **In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.**” Paul repeats, “And in him, you [the 10-tribes] **too** are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit” (Ephesians 2:14-22).

ALL OF ISRAEL WILL BE SAVED

The two houses of Israel will be restored into a **ONE holy kingdom of royal priests**. The tumultuous 3,700-plus years of rebellion of these people of Israel has been and continues to be a witness to the nations of the world of God's enduring grace, which will become an international witness when Israel, a company of twelve nations, in the latter days drops to their knees and cries out again to their God for **His** help.

“Ephraim's jealousy will vanish, and Judah's enemies will be destroyed; **Ephraim will not be jealous of Judah, nor Judah hostile toward Ephraim**” (Isaiah 11:13).

All of Israel—all TWELVE tribes will be saved

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