

# NA'AMAN SUFFERS FROM TZARA'AT

- Na'aman an Aramean army commander
- Hebrew girl says Na'aman could be cured by the Prophet in Shomron (Samaria)
- *Tzara'at* is caused by God
- It is a skin condition that reveals the victim's inner spiritual condition of uncleanness
- It was thought that *tzara'at* ought to only affect Hebrews since it was the Hebrew God who caused it



# BEN-HADAD INSTRUCTS JEHORAM TO CURE NA'AMAN



- The King of Syria sends a letter and lavish gifts to King *Y'horam*
- Letter's intent was NOT that Jehoram personally cure Na'aman
- King of Israel thinks he's being set-up for an excuse to start a war
- Only Elisha could cure Na'aman, but Jehoram had no relationship with Elisha

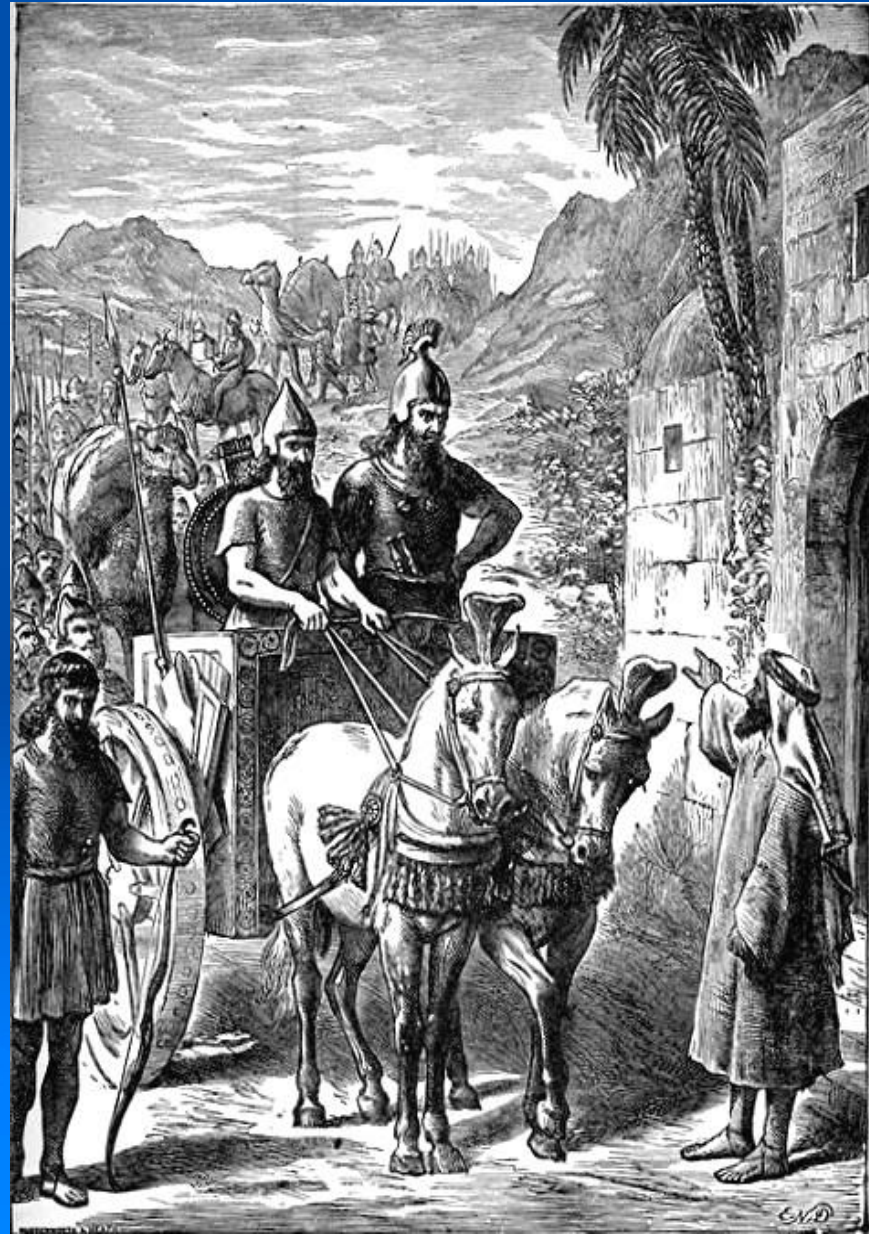
# Fear not, You are a God-protected child



- To tear garments indicates being grief stricken
- The King reacted in fear of what COULD happen, nothing was imminent
- God always gave his kings prophets to bring His oracle to them
- But the Northern Kingdom kings wanted their own “yes men”
- Believers have a helper and deliverer available to us anytime, anywhere

# NA'AMAN GOES TO ELISHA

- Na'aman arrives with pomp and circumstance
- Elisha only speaks to Na'aman through a servant
- Patterned after how Elisha dealt with the aristocratic woman of Shunem
- Tells Na'aman to bathe 7 times in the Jordan River
- **Taher** = cleansed Does NOT mean healed or cured
- Na'aman expected Elisha to incant some magic formula, wave his hand over the diseased skin, and invoke his god's name
- He angrily leaves Elisha

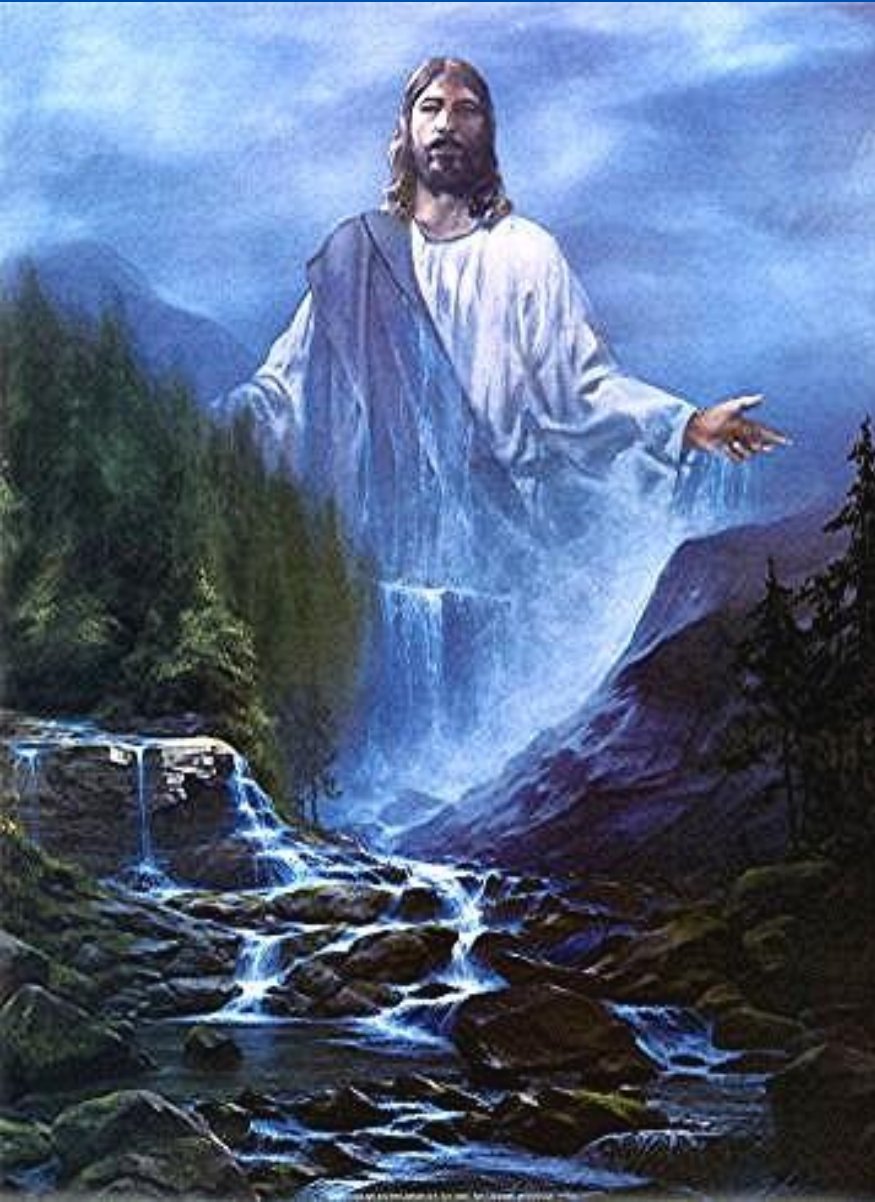


# NA'AMAN'S SERVANTS CONVINCING HIM TO BELIEVE ELISHA

- His servants say if he had been asked to do something difficult, wouldn't he have done it?
- He reconsidered, bathed in the Jordan, and was miraculously cleansed
- His skin was renewed, like that of a young boy
- The simplicity of the requirement was a stumbling block for Na'aman



# YESHUA, THE LIVING WATER



- The stumbling block is that faith and faith alone cleanses us from our uncleanness before God
- It must be in ISRAEL's living waters, Messiah Yeshua, that we are immersed, not a source of our choice
- We only need a prophet to show us the way
- Requirement is the same for one and all

# *“Bathe and be clean.....”*

- “Bathe and be clean” is the principle of the mikveh
- No ritual, is self-immersion
- The water has no magical effect
- It is obedience in faith that brings cleansing
- No doubt Yeshua was not “dunked” by John
- Baptizmo = immerse



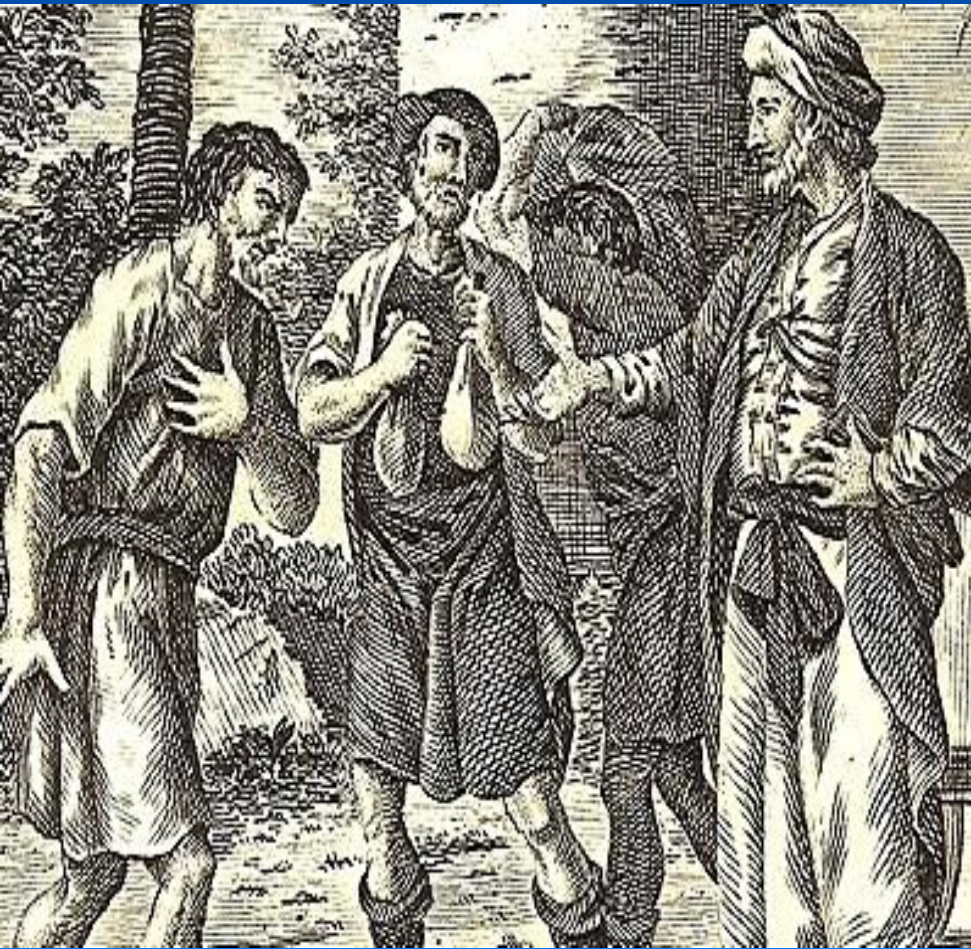
# NA'AMAN IS TRANSFORMED



- *“There is no God....except in Israel”*
- A statement of monotheism, AND that God is God of Israel
- Na'aman is a gentile who has attached himself, spiritually, to the land of Israel
- He asks for forgiveness when he has no choice but to go to Rimmon's Temple
- Elisha responds, “Shalom”
- Acts 21:25



# ELISHA REFUSES PAYMENT



- Elisha will take no money because what has happened, God has done
- **Na'aman**, a gentile, has adopted a Hebrew spirit and soul
- **Geichazi**, a Hebrew, has adopted a heathen gentile spirit and soul
- **Geichazi** chases after **Na'aman** and asks for money in his master's name
- Matt. 5:40 - 42

# GEICHAZI IS CONFRONTED BY ELISHA

- Na'aman doesn't trust *Geichazi* and sends 2 men with him
- When *Geichazi* is confronted he continues to lie
- Why would he think that Elisha and God would not know what he was doing?
- Temptations can blind us
- *Geichazi* is given the *tzara'at* that *Na'aman* has just been relieved from

