



Biblical Literacy

Scripture • Substance • Spiritual Passion

Lesson 35.1

Old Testament Survey: The Divided Monarchy, Na'aman

Outline for Class

- Welcome
- Theme Today
As we look at three narratives from 2 Kings including the story of Na'aman, Jehu, and Athaliah. Na'aman had a health problem. He had leprosy. The Israelite girl told Na'aman's wife that there was a prophet in Israel who could cure the general. When Na'aman took that report to the king of Syria, the king of Syria wrote the king of Israel and told him to cure Na'aman of leprosy!
- Prayer for God's Will to Be Done
- Video (37 minutes)
- Discussion & Points for Home

Points for Home

- ❖ "Na'aman stood at the door of Elisha's house" (2 Kings 5:9).
Where are you (where am I) at the petach (doorway) of the man of God? Are we the one coming to God in need? Are we the one with the answers? Are we the messenger carrying the healing words of God? Are we the greedy servant trying to capitalize upon an opportunity, in spite of God's will? Are we the Israelite king who stays away, oblivious to the whole story? Truth be told, at different times in life, I probably fill most roles in this story, if not all. My prayer is that I am the one who comes to God in need, hears his word, however he gives it, and walks in obedience with all the joy that results.
- ❖ "I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel" (Hos. 1:4).
Scripture gives a lot of blessings that flow to the righteous. Those are not blessings enjoyed by Jehu. As believers, our goal should not be simply to get God's blessings. This is never supposed to be about us. Our goal always needs to be walking in God's ways, acknowledging him in each step. This is because we are his and he is our Lord and God. It is right and fitting to do so.
There is no sidestepping the results, however. God does bless the righteous, protect the righteous, uphold the righteous and give peace to the righteous. Do the righteous struggle? Of course! Do the righteous face persecution? Absolutely! But never in any way that conquers the righteous—only in ways that make the righteous purer and holier before God. This is the promise, and this is the goal. Let us seek to be tzadeks before a tzadek God!
- ❖ "Athaliah heard the qol of the guard" (2 Kings 11:13).
This is really a question of sides and agendas. As simple as it may seem, we really do face a constant struggle to live God's agenda, hear his music, or live our own concept of how the world should be, considering God's sound distracting and distasteful noise. This is the point Scripture comes round to over and over. We need to live trying to focus our lives on God's purpose, not our own. We pray for his will to be done on earth rather than our own. We want to dance to his music, and not any noise!

Discussion Questions:

- ◆ What did you hear that really caught your attention or peaked your curiosity?
- ◆ What are you gaining through learning Hebrew?

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