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(40) So they poured out for the men to eat. And it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, O man of God, *there is death* in the pot. And they could not eat of it.

(41) But he said, Then bring meal. And he cast *it* into the pot; and he said, Pour out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no harm in the pot.

(42) And there came a man from Baalshalisha, and brought the man of God bread of the first-fruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn in its husk. And he said, Give to the people, that they may eat.

(43) And his servant said, What, should I set this before one hundred men? He said again, Give the people, that they may eat: because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, **They shall eat, and shall have food left over.**

(44) So he set *it* before them, and they ate, and had food left over, according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah}.<sup>b</sup>

**Chapter 5**

(1) 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 {Jehovah} had given deliverance to Syria: he was also a mighty man in valor, *but he was* a leper.

(2) And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman's wife.

(3) And she said to her mistress, I wish to God that my master *were* with the prophet who *is* in Samaria! because he would heal him of his leprosy.

(4) And *one* went in, and told his lord, saying, This is what the maid said who *is* of the land of Israel.

(5) And the king of Syria said, Go there, go, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver {about 750 lbs; 340 kg.}, and six thousand *pieces* of gold, and ten changes of clothing.

(6) And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying,

Now when this letter has come to you, see, I have sent Naaman my servant to you with all of this, that you may heal him of his leprosy.

(7) And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he tore 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? I ask you therefore consider, and see how he seeks a quarrel against me.

(8) And it was *that*, when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Why have you torn your clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.

(9) So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.

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(10) And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, Go and wash in the Jordan River seven times, and your flesh shall return to you, and you shall be clean.

(11) But Naaman was angry, and went away, and said, Indeed, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} his God, and strike his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.

(12) *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.*

(13) 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 rather then, when he said to you, Wash, and be clean?

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

(15) And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Look, now I know that *there is* no God in all the earth, but in Israel: I ask you now therefore, receive a gift from your servant.

(16) But he said, As the LORD {Jehovah} lives, before Whom I stand, I will receive none. And he {Naaman} urged him to take *it*; but he {Elisha} refused.

(17) And Naaman said, I ask you then shall there not then, be given to your servant two mules' load of dirt? because your servant will from this time forth offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice to other gods, but to the LORD {Jehovah} only.

(18) May the LORD {Jehovah} pardon your servant, in this one thing *that* when my master goes into 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, may the LORD {Jehovah} pardon your servant in this thing.

(19) And he said to him, Go in peace. So he departed from him a little way.

(20) But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Indeed, my master has spared Naaman this Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: but, *as* the LORD {Jehovah} lives, I will run after him, and take something from him.

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