

Reasoning out of the Scriptures

by Allegory and Type



Of Individual's Lives

class 2 - Naaman

1Cor 1:18-31 “The preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God... For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: THAT NO FLESH SHOULD GLORY IN HIS PRESENCE...”

NAAMAN—CLEANSING THE GENTILE 2 Kings 5

Luke 4:24-27 “(Jesus) said, Verily I say unto you, NO PROPHET IS ACCEPTED IN HIS OWN COUNTRY. But I tell you of a truth, *many widows were in Israel* in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land; *But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow. And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian*”

- *As he began his ministry the Lord told the Jews assembled in the synagogue those in Israel would not receive his doctrine, but the Gentiles would embrace it. His proof: the pattern of Elijah and Elisha. Although Israel resisted the voice of the prophets—and the Great Prophet—the Gentiles would receive it and find healing.*

Luke 4:28-29 “And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong”

2Kin 5:1 Now NAAMAN, *captain of the host of the king of Syria*, was a great man with his master, and honourable, because BY HIM *the LORD had given deliverance unto Syria*: he was also a mighty man in valour, ~~but he was~~ a leper.

Naaman—means pleasant. His demeanor leads him to redemption. Captain of the host—leader of Syrian army, which subdued Israel under king Ahab (who married Jezebel and turned to worship of Baal—1Kin 16:31-32). Remember context: Israel’s idolatry By him Yahweh gave deliverance unto Syria—(1Kin 20-22:31-34). Ahab died in battle by the arrow of Syria. This wicked king of Israel, like the Jews, sought the fall of the upright Jehoshaphat of the line of David. In kingly apparel, Jehoshaphat cried unto Yahweh and He delivered him (1Kin 22:30-32). *Type of Christ*. Remember: Ahab believed the false prophets, instead of the True prophet (1Kin 22:7) Rom 11:11 “I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: *but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles*, for to provoke them to jealousy”

Great Man with His master—under servitude of Sin (Rom 6).

Mat 6:24 “No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon”

Changing the Master—Mat 10:24; 23:8; Rom 14:4; Eph 6:9; Col 4:1; 2Tim 2:21

Mighty man of valour—expert in warfare, but only in the natural.

A Leper—a representation of Sin and Mortality:

Num 12:9-10 “And the *anger of the LORD was kindled... and, behold, Miriam became leprous, white as snow*”

2Kin 15:5 “And the LORD smote the king, so that *he was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a several house.*”

2Chr 26:18-19 “And (the priests) withstood Uzziah the king, and said unto him, *It appertaineth not unto thee, Uzziah, to burn incense unto the LORD, but to the priests the sons of Aaron... for thou hast trespassed... Then Uzziah was wroth, and had a censer in his hand to burn incense: and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead...*”

2Kin 5:2 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. **ecclesias., religion*

Captive—the condition of Israel for the enlightening of the Gentiles

Luk 21:24 “They shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away CAPTIVE into all nations: AND JERUSALEM SHALL BE TRODDEN DOWN OF THE GENTILES, UNTIL THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES BE FULFILLED”

- *Like the Roman Centurion Cornelius—Acts 10—Naaman, was a member of the Gentile military power that subdued Israel.*

Rom 5:10 “For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life”

Little maid—least, small. The Hebrew opposite of Naaman’s status of a “great” man. It’s used multiple times in extremes in the Bible between “great” and “small” and “elder” and “younger” (Gen 19:11; 27:42; 29:16; 44:12; Exo 18:22; Deu 1:17; 25:13; 1Sam 5:9...etc.)
Maid—*a virgin* (Gen 24:16; Deu 22:15): disciple of Christ (Rev 14:1⁶4)

2Kin 5:3 And SHE SAID unto her mistress, Would God my lord *were* WITH THE PROPHET that *is* in Samaria! for he would RECOVER him of his leprosy. *(2Tim 2:2—...teach others...)*

Recover—Heb. “take away.” Trans. “*take away our reproach*” *Isa 4:1*. It reps. a removal of the disease of this Gentile.

She said...the Prophet—like many others, this event reveals the important principle that it is the word that heals!

The Word of God Is The Cure

Mat 4:23-24 “Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and *preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people*”

Mat 8:16 “When the even was come, *they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick*”

Luke 8:35 “They went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, *sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind*”

- The teaching of Christ and the apostles especially records the cure for those with perverse thinking (Luk 8:1-2).

Mat 8:8 “The centurion answered and said... *Speak thy word only and my servant shall be healed*”

- *The Bible records that healing is based upon believing the Word taught: according to thy faith (Mat 15:22-28; John 4:48-53).*

Mat 9:35 “Jesus went about **all** the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing **every** sickness and **every** disease among the people”

- *Yahweh also provided immunity to Israel from the “diseases of Egypt”—leprosy among them—if they would “diligently hearken to the voice of Yahweh” (Exo 15:26 cf. Psa 107:20).*

2Chr 16:12 “Asa... was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD...”

2Chr 36:15 “LORD God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers... But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his PROPHETS, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till there was no remedy” ⁸

2Kin 5:4 And *one* went in, and *told* HIS LORD, saying, Thus and thus SAID *the maid that is* OF THE LAND OF ISRAEL.

2Kin 5:5 And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter *unto the king of Israel*. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand *pieces* of gold, and ten changes of raiment.

The Land of Israel—most critical element of the Truth: the doctrine of Israel. It must never become a misplaced emphasis on Gentiles:

Rom 11:11-15 “I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: *but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy*. Now if the fall of them *be* the riches of the world, and *the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?* For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: If by any means I may *provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them.*”

The apostle goes on to warn Gentiles “if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee”—Rom 11:21

2Kin 5:4 And *one* went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus SAID *the maid that is of the land of Israel*.

2Kin 5:5 And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter *unto the king of Israel*. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand *pieces* of gold, and ten changes of raiment.

The King of Israel—the PROPHET in Israel; the little MAID of the land of Israel; and the KING of Israel. In all aspects, the Gentile is to look directly to Israel for the root of salvation. The cure for Gentiles is to be found in Israel; the very nation subdued by Gentiles.

Rom 11:25-27 “For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; *that blindness IN PART is happened to Israel, UNTIL the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved...*”

Luk 21:24 “They shall fall by the edge of the sword, *and shall be led away CAPTIVE (maid) into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled*”¹⁰

2Kin 5:5 And *he departed, and took with him ten talents of *silver*, and six thousand *pieces* of *gold*, and ten changes of *raiment*. **leaves land of Gentiles for Israel*

Silver, Gold, Raiment—gifts sometimes offered to influence the prophetic word (Num 22:7,17-19; 24:13; Act 8:18-20). These are temporal things that cannot neither redeem from sin and death, nor provide a covering. The leper learns that only obedience and humility are required to remove sin: “*still, small voice*”—1Kin 19:12

1Pet 1:18-20 “Forasmuch as ye know that YE WERE NOT REDEEMED WITH CORRUPTIBLE THINGS, AS SILVER AND GOLD, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers; ***But with the precious blood of Christ***, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God” (redemption offered without money—Isa 55:1)

2Kin 5:6 And he brought the letter to *the king of Israel*, saying, Now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have *therewith* sent Naaman my servant to thee, *that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy*.

2Kin 5:7 And it came to pass, when the *king of Israel* had read the letter, *that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy?*

King of Israel—the Hope of the Gentiles is not “Israel after the flesh” (1Cor 10:18), but the promises made to Abraham related to Israel.

Rom 9:6-8 “Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed”

Gentiles are graft into the Abrahamic root as wild branches, while the natural branches have been cut off—Rom 11

2Kin 5:8 And it was so, when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? *let him come now to me*, and ***HE SHALL KNOW THAT THERE IS A PROPHET IN ISRAEL. *not the secular, but religious aspect of Israel**

Elisha—means “salvation of God.” *typical of the Lord Jesus Christ*
Man of God—a man formed by God and not the flesh. Used for Moses, angels, prophets, Timothy (Deu 33:1; Jud 13:1-8; 1Sam 2:27; 9:6-10; 12:22; 1Kin 12:22; 13:1-31; 17:18-24; 20:28; 2Kin 1:9-13; 1Tim 6:11).
Prophet in Israel—like the leper, Gentiles must “**COME NOW TO ME**” (Christ). Once alienated, Gentiles can be graft into Israel (Eph 2; Rom 11); the seed of Abraham by baptism into Christ (Mat 3:9; Gal 3:26-29)
Rom 2:28-29 “*For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God*”
Joh 4:22 Christ told the woman of Samaria, “salvation is of the Jews”

- “There is, then, a partial and primary restoration of Jews before the manifestation, which is to serve as the nucleus, or basis, OF FUTURE OPERATIONS in the restoration of the rest of the tribes AFTER he has appeared in the kingdom. The pre-adventual colonization of Palestine *will be on purely political principles*; and the Jewish colonists will return *in unbelief of the Messiahship of Jesus*, and of the truth as it is in him.” *Elpis Israel*

The Three Israels of The Bible—“*Thou art My servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified*“ (Isa. 49:3).

- “The Bible reveals the story of three Israels. The first, of course, is the nation of the Old Testament which was chosen by Yahweh, and called to be His servant. The second Israel (the one specifically referred to by Isaiah in the quotation above) is the Lord Jesus Christ, the ideal Israelite, the suffering servant who undertook to accomplish what the first Israel had failed to do. The third Israel is the Ecclesia, represented in the New Testament as the multitudinous Christ (1 Cor. 12:12), the true Commonwealth of Israel (Eph. 2:12; Rev. 7). Each, in turn, has been born out of water (1 Cor. 10:1-2; Matt. 3:17; John 3:5 — the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord was described by him as his “baptism” — Luke 12:50), brought forth therefrom, that they might reveal the glory of Yahweh to the Ninevites around them (Deut. 28:9-10; John 12:28; Acts 15:14).”—*HPM, Jonah and Nahum Expositor*

2Kin 5:9 So Naaman *came* with HIS HORSES AND WITH HIS CHARIOT, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.

His Horses and His chariot—these are used throughout the Bible for false trust and safety in the flesh (Psa 147:10; Isa 31:1; Jer 17:5).

Psa 33:16-18 “There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a might man is not delivered by much strength. An horse is a vain thing for safety”

Pro 21:31 “The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the LORD”

Psa 20:7 “Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God”

- **The “horse and chariot” of Egypt Yahweh cast into the waters of the Red Sea—*symbol of baptism* (Psa 76:6; Exo 14:27-28 cf. 1Cor 10:1-3)**

Naaman CAME—this is an important scriptural principle: that men *come to Christ; that people follow after him*. Great multitudes “gathered” to Christ (Mat 13:2); the blind man was “called” over to come to Jesus for healing (Mat 10:49); disciples were obligated to “follow” him (Mat 4:19). The bride of Isaac “came” to him (Gen 24:5-8).

2Kin 5:9 So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and *stood at the door of the HOUSE of Elisha*.

Stood at the Door—Christ declares “I am the door, *by me if any man enter, he shall be saved*” (John 10:1-9). No man can enter otherwise!

○ This is also expressive of redemption extended to the Gentiles—**Act 14:27** “When they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, *and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles*”

○ Accordingly, the “door” is expressive of teaching (**1Cor 16:9**)—**2Cor 2:12** “Furthermore, when I came to Troas to *preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord*” (Psa 141:3; Mic 7:5)

Col 4:3-4 “Praying also for us, *that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ... as I ought to speak*”

House of Elisha (God's salvation)—this is the Ecclesia of the Living God, which belongs to Yahweh and His anointed; not men.

1Tim 3:15 “If I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself *in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth*” (Heb 3:1-6)¹⁶

**2Kin 5:10 *Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and*
**WASH IN JORDAN SEVEN TIMES, and thy flesh shall come again*
*to thee, and thou shalt BE CLEAN *washed by blood (Rev 1:5; 7:14; 1Joh 1:7)***

Sent messenger—rep. apostles (Gk. *sent*), as Gentiles never personally physically saw the Lord face-to-face (Joh 20:28-29; John 4).

1Pet 1:8 “Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing”

Wash in Jordan—where Jesus Christ the Lord was himself baptized (Joh 3:13). The name “Jordan” means descending. It’s waters run into the “Dead Sea”—a sea with no life! Thus, when Joshua brought Yahweh’s people into the Land, through Jordan, we are told reversed and stood in a heap back to the “city of Adam” (Jos 3:16).

**Flesh, be clean—Jesus *commanded* “be thou clean, and immediately his leprosy was cleansed” (Mat 8:3). The Word of Yahweh’s Anointed cleanses flesh: “*Ye are clean through the Word*” (Joh 15:3 cf 13:10-11):
1Cor 6:11 “(idolaters, fornicators, theives, drunkards) such were some of you: BUT YE ARE WASHED, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God”**

Seven times—used in the Law for the cleansing of LEPROSY (Lev 14:1-9); the sprinkling blood in the SIN OFFERING (Lev 4:17); and the DAY OF ATONEMENT (Lev 16:14-19); YEAR OF RELEASE (Lev 25:8)...etc. *Sin Cleansed*

2Kin 5:11 But *Naaman was wroth*, and WENT AWAY, and said, Behold, I thought, HE WILL SURELY COME OUT TO ME, AND STAND, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.

2Kin 5:12 *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.

Wroth, Rage—by inspiration the divine narrative records the humbling necessary for Gentiles to enter by baptism into Christ (1Cor 1-2).

Come out to me and stand—enlightenment of the Gentiles is based belief in the “word.” Accordingly, there is no “humanism” in the Truth.

Joh 20:29 “Blessed are they that *have not seen*, and yet have believed”

1Pet 1:8 “Whom *having not seen*, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable...” (Mat 8:8)

2Kin 5:13 And **his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My **father**, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean? Adam/Christ: Rom 5*
2Kin 5:14 Then *went he down, and DIPPED HIMSELF SEVEN TIMES IN JORDAN, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again LIKE UNTO THE FLESH OF A LITTLE CHILD, and he was clean. *the voice of servitude! (birth: Jam 1:18)*

Dipped—Septuagint “baptized”—obeying the doctrine of “the man of God” (Rom 6:17). As Gentiles, we have no open manifestation of angels or miracles (Luk 7:1-10; Joh 4:39-44; Joh 20:20). But we do possess the complete testimony of the Word (Col 1:25-27; Eph 3:1-10; Rom 16:25-26)

Little child—new man born by the Word to enter kingdom (Luk 18:17):

Col 3:10 “Put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that CREATED him” (Joh 3:1-6; 6:63; 2Cor 5:17; Gal 6:15).
Eph 4:22-24 “Put off concerning the former conversation the old man ... be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is CREATED in righteousness and true holiness”

2Kin 5:15 *And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and *came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, BUT IN ISRAEL: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant. *the converse of v. 11*

2Kin 5:16 *But he said, As the LORD liveth, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take it; but he refused.*

No God, but in Israel—Israel are God’s witnesses (Isa 43:10-11; 44:6-8; 45:6). Yahweh is not a vague “higher power,” But exclusively and specifically identified with Israel. Gentiles embrace “the Hope of Israel,” confessing the gods of the nations are idols and lies (Jer 16:19-21; Psa 96:5); graft in to the Olive Tree (Rom 11). Thus, the “Israel of God” is both Jew and Gentile (Gal 15-16).

I will receive none; he refused—redemption is “without price” (Isa 55:1). The Truth forbids worshipping idols made with men’s hands, or men; such belongs to Yahweh Alone (Act 10:25; 14:9-15; 3:12-13).²⁰

Acts 20:32-35; 1Cor 9:12-18; 2Cor 12:14-17; 1Pet 5:2

2Kin 5:17 And Naaman said, Shall there not then, I pray thee, be given to thy servant two mules' burden of earth? for **thy servant will henceforth offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice unto other gods, but unto the LORD.* ***personal repentance**

2Kin 5:18 In this thing the LORD PARDON THY SERVANT, *that when my master goeth into the house of *Rimmon to worship there, and he leaneth on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of *Rimmon: when I bow down myself in the house of *Rimmon, the LORD PARDON THY SERVANT in this thing.*

2Kin 5:19 And he said unto him, Go in peace. So he departed from him a little way. ***3x dedication of flesh (Rimmon—pom. tree)**

Pardon thy servant—how brethren address idolatry in the world:

1Cor 5:9-11 “I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: Yet *not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother... no not to eat*”

Gentiles turning for idolatry is major focus in the N.T. see: 1Cor 8; Rom²¹ 14

Gentiles Turn From Idolatry—

1The 1:6-10 “And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost: So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia. For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing. For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and HOW YE TURNED TO GOD FROM IDOLS TO SERVE THE LIVING AND TRUE GOD; And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come”

1Cor 12:2 “Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led” (1Cor 10:19-20)

Gal 4:8 “Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods” (1Pet 4:3; Rom 1)

- **While the Jews were very hard to dislodge from superficial Judaism, the Gentiles were very hard to turn from idolatry (Act 14:12; 17:16-33)**
- **Naaman’s name appears 12x in Bible: Israel of God (Gal 6:15-16)**

2Kin 5:20 But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, *my master* hath spared Naaman this Syrian, in *not receiving at his hands that which he brought: but, as the LORD liveth, I will run after him, and take somewhat of him.*

2Kin 5:21 So Gehazi *followed after Naaman*. And when Naaman saw *him* running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, *Is all well? *Jews go way of Gentiles*

2Kin 5:22 And he said, *All is well. MY MASTER HATH SENT ME, saying, Behold, even now there be come to me from mount Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets: give them, I pray thee, a talent of SILVER, and two changes of garments.*

Gehazi—Heb. *prophet of the valley (low)*. Reps. the lying prophets of Israel. His name used 12x in Scripture. Israel after the flesh (Gen 49:28). My Master, Sons of the prophets—Jews try to “turn Gentiles away from the faith” (Acts 13:1-12; 45-50; 14:2,19; 17:5,13; 1The 2:15-16).

Silver, two changes of Garments—false redemption, atonement (Exo 30:16; 39:25-26; Mat 9:20-21; Rev 3:4; 16:15). Teaching things they ought not for filthy lucre’s sake (2Pet 2; Jud 1:11; Tit 1:11; 2Cor 12:17-18)

Mount Ephraim—Heb. double fruit. Jew and Gentile. The place reps. foundation of the Truth (Jud 3:27; 4:5; 7:24; 10:1; 1Sam 1:1; Jer 31:6).

2Kin 5:23 And Naaman said, Be content, take TWO talents. And he urged him, and bound TWO talents of silver in TWO bags, with TWO changes of garments, and *laid them upon TWO of his servants*; and they bare *them* before him.

2Kin 5:24 And when he came to the *tower, he took *them* from their hand, and BESTOWED *THEM* IN THE HOUSE: and he let the men go, and they departed. ***tran. “presumed” Num 14:44**

Two—both Jew and Gentile are under the bondage of sin and in need of redemption from its condemnation (Rom 8:15; 2Pet 2:19).

Laid upon two servants— “false brethren” bringing liberty in Christ back “into bondage” of the Law (Gal 2:4 cf. Gal 5:1).

- In Christ, brethren are “redeemed” from being “servants” who are “under the Law.” In Christ, they are become “sons” by adoption (read: Gal 4:1-10).

In the House—spirit of the Law dwelling in Israel after the flesh is still a system of bondage; one that could not provide atonement (Heb 10:1)

2Kin 5:25 But *he went in, and stood before his master.* And Elisha said unto him, Whence *comest thou, Gehazi?* And he said, Thy servant went no whither.

2Kin 5:26 And **HE SAID UNTO HIM**, Went not mine heart *with thee*, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet thee? *Is it* a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and oliveyards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants? **spirit-Christ inspects inward (Atonement)*

2Kin 5:27 THE LEPROSY THEREFORE OF NAAMAN SHALL CLEAVE UNTO THEE, AND UNTO THY SEED FOR EVER. And he went out from his presence *a leper *as white as snow. *deep disease*

Leprosy—condemned by the MASTER Israel after the flesh contracted the disease of Gentiles (Exo 15:26; Deu 7:15). This is prophesied in the Law of the Leprous House recorded in the Law of Moses. Luk 19:41-46

➤ Entering Jerusalem for the last time, “*Jesus beheld the city and wept over it.*” Predicting the coming destruction in AD 70, he declared “*they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another.*” He then entered the temple and denounced the house as a “*den of thieves.*”²⁵

Lev 14:34—the Law of the leprous house only pertained to Israel when occupying the Land: **“when they be come into the land”** ... **“and I PUT the plague of leprosy in the house of the land of your possession.”**

- Yahweh’s people are called **“the House of Israel”** (Act 2:36). And the leprosy concerns their occupancy of the Land.

Lev 14:36—the **“priest”** commands that **“they empty the house”** ... **“that all that is in the house be not made unclean.”**

- In the days of the Jeremiah, the righteous were told *not* to refuse captivity, because Yahweh would make certain all would be well with them (Jer 15:11; 39:12; 40:1-6). They were not to be condemned with the **“leprous house.”** There is always **“a remnant”** or **“few names”** that remain faithful, though the overall **“house”** is condemned.

The Lord said the same, when he warned of AD 70, the **“abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet”**—(Mat 24:15-18): **“let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains...”**

- Jeremiah the *priest-prophet*, inspected and rebuked his brethren for false reliance on the **“House of Yahweh”** (the temple). Christ began and ended his ministry with a visit to the House of God. *Jer 7:1-5 cp. Lev 14:38 priest at the “door” of the house (v.38)*

Lev 14:37-41—this reps. a deep leprosy; and prophetically the overthrow of Jerusalem by Babylon; when they broke down the “walls” (v.39) and destroyed the House of Yahweh; “taking away the stones” and removing them to “an unclean place outside the city” (v.40). see: 2Kin 25:8-10.

- *Heb “stone” is eben from the same root as “son” (ben). The taking away the stones symbolized the taking away of the “children” of Israel*

Lev 14:42—the setting up and rebuilding the “house” with “other stones” is the prophetic work of Ezra and Nehemiah; who with the help of Zerubbabel and Joshua revived the “house of Yahweh” (Neh 4:2; Ezra 5:8; 6:4). Like Jeremiah—Ezra was a priest-prophet.

Lev 14:43-44—this reps the time of Christ, which began with John Baptist appealing to Israel to repent. He was *the son of Zechariah the priest*. It is a follow-up inspection after the “stones” were removed by Babylon, new stones and timber put its place in the days of Ezra and Nehemiah. Note carefully the language: if it breaks out again and “spreads in the house, it is a fretting leprosy in the house, it is unclean.” (v.44).

Lev 14:45—this is the reference to Luke 19: the inspection and condemnation of Christ: The Great High Priest (Heb 4-10).

Lev 14:47—the only way for individuals to cleanse was to “washing their clothes.” A symbol of the Christ-Atonement provided in baptism (**Act 22:16**—“*wash away thy sins*”).

- This principle is important for all saints to understand as it pertains to Gentile times. Of course, the ecclesia is the “house of God” (**1Tim 3:15**). Note the remarkable events as Christ moved toward Jerusalem:

Luke 17:11-19 “And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. (*passed through the region of Gentiles*)... there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: And they lifted up *their* voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw *them*, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, And fell down on *his* face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where *are* the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: **THY FAITH HATH MADE THEE WHOLE**”