

The Mistakes of Naaman



2 Kings 5:1-14

“For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.”

Romans 15:4

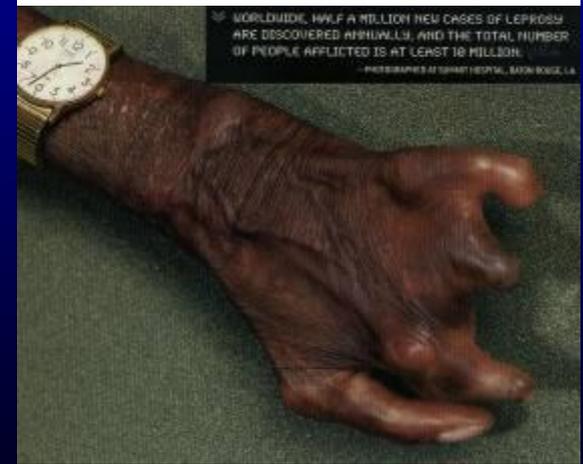
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Disfigurement of hands in leprosy.
M.G.Lebwohl. Atlas of the Skin
and Systemic Disease, 1995.



WORLDWIDE, HALF A MILLION NEW CASES OF LEPROSY ARE DISCOVERED ANNUALLY, AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE AFFLICTED IS AT LEAST 10 MILLION.
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- **Naaman went to the wrong man for help**
 - The king (v6)
 - People today go to various individuals
 - John 14:6

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- **Naaman's cleansing was conditional**
 - Wash in the Jordan (v10)
 - People today must obey Christ
 - Hebrews 5:9; Matthew 7:21
- **Naaman became angry**
 - Didn't accept the instructions (v11)
 - People today unwilling to accept the truth
 - Acts 22:16; Ephesians 1:22-23

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- **Naaman wanted his way**
 - “I thought” (v11)
 - People today want it “their way”
 - James 2:24; Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 5:23; John 9:4; 1 Corinthians 15:58
- **Naaman wanted to substitute**
 - Other rivers (v12)
 - People today want to substitute
 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 15:13

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“I will build My church”

Matthew 16:18

Denominations

Denomination	Founder	Year	Place
Adventists	William Miller	1830	America
A. M. E. Church	Split from Methodists	1787	America
Baptist	John Smythe	1607	Holland
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	Thomas Campbell	1807	America
Christian Scientist	Mary Baker Eddy	1866	America
Church of Nazarene	Methodists and Holiness	1907	America
Congregational	Robert Browne	1550	England
Episcopalian	Henry VIII	1534	England
Jehovah's Witnesses	Charles T. Russell	1872	America
Latter Day Saints	Joseph Smith	1830	America
Lutheran	Martin Luther	1520	Germany
Methodist	John Wesley	1739	England
Presbyterian	John Calvin	1536	Switzerland
Roman Catholic	Boniface III (assumed title of universal bishop)	606	Rome

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- **Naaman blessed at obedience**

- Dipped 7 times (v14)
- People today must obey God's will to be saved
 - **Hear** (Romans 10:17)
 - **Believe** (John 8:24)
 - **Repent** (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
 - **Confess** (Romans 10:10)
 - **Be Baptized** (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21)

Like Naaman, we must follow God's plan!