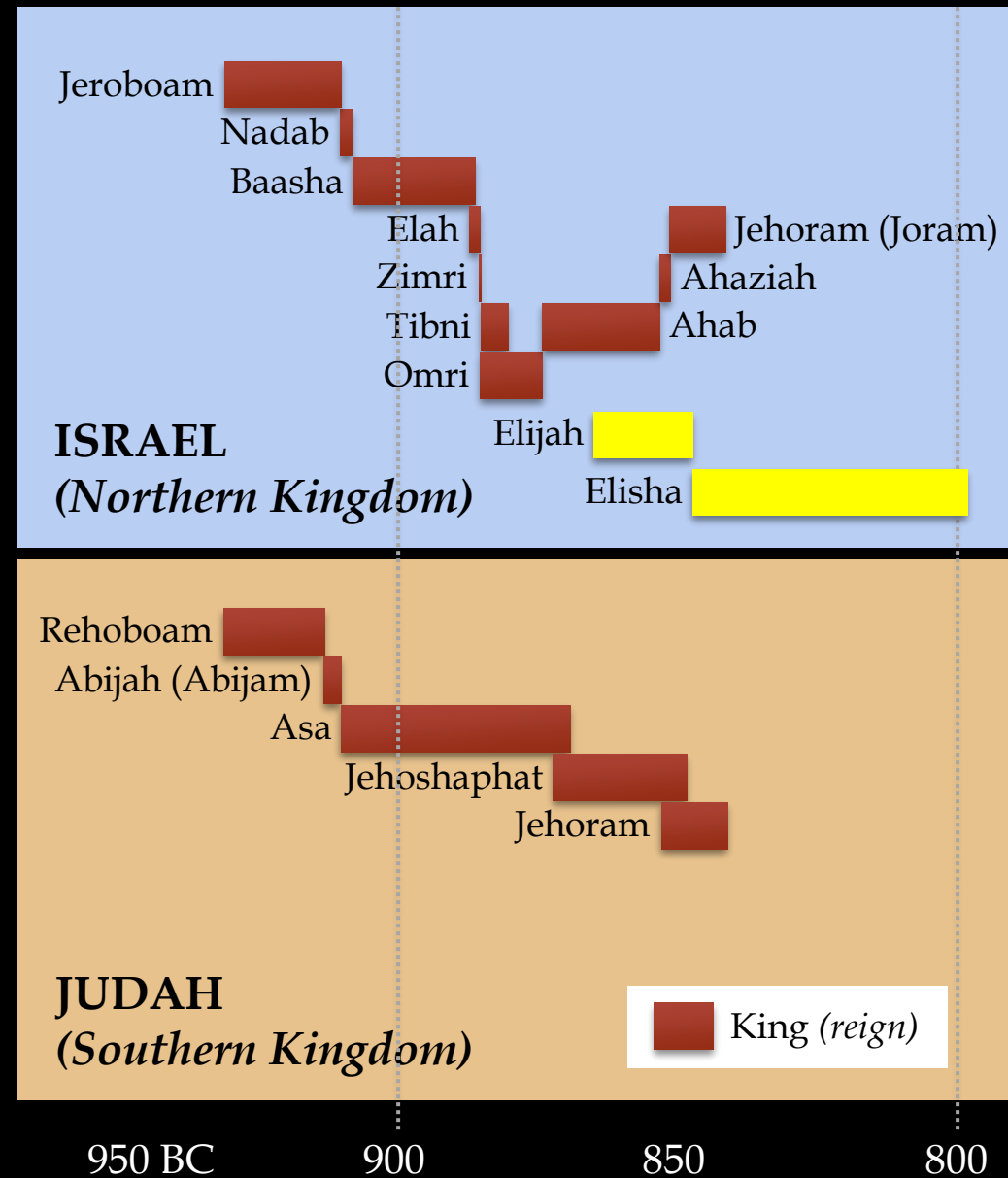


# The Divided Kingdom

## Two Outcomes of Being Humbled

*2 Kings 5*

FAITH BUILDERS



# Summary of 2 Kings 5

*God shows grace to a humbled high-ranking foreigner through Elisha by not only healing his leprosy but also changing his heart to worship God – a preview of what will take place when Messiah comes. God also humbles and punishes a servant of Elisha because of his greed, deception, and dishonoring of the Lord and His anointed prophet.*

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# The Healing of Naaman from

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  - He was highly respected
  - He was a valiant warrior
  - He was a leper



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- Naaman receives advice and gifts in seeking healing from Elisha (vv2-5)
- Naaman approaches the king of Israel, who considers the request a provocation (vv6-7)
- Elisha calls for Naaman and gives him instructions (vv8-10)
- Naaman is furious at Elisha's treatment and instruction (vv11-12)
- Being persuaded by his servants, Naaman submits and is healed (vv13-14)

# The Change and Gratitude of Naaman (vv15-19)

- Naaman acknowledges faith in Yahweh, offers gifts to Elisha but he refuses (vv15-16)
- Naaman seeks to worship God alone and return with some soil from Israel (vv17-18)
- Elisha dismisses Naaman in peace (v19)



# The Greed and Punishment of Gehazi (vv20-27)

- Gehazi, Elisha's servant, covets Naaman's gifts (v20)
- He pursues Naaman and deceitfully requests gifts on behalf of Elisha (vv21-22)
- Naaman gives Gehazi far more than is requested (vv23)
- Gehazi hides the gifts back home (v24)
- Elisha confronts Gehazi about his deception and lies (vv25-26)
- Gehazi is given the leprosy of Naaman as punishment (v27)

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**Luke 4:27** And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.

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**Luke 18:10–14** Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, the sinner!’ I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.

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