

I Have Found the Book of the Law VIII

2 Kgs. 22:1-20; 2 Chronicles 28:1—34:33

VII. The New Testament: Gospels

- A. Gospels: Glad news
 - 1. Rom. 5:17 – “by the trespass of the one, death reigned through the one.”
 - 2. Rom. 5:19 – “through obedience of the one shall the many made be righteous.”
- B. Synoptic Gospels:
 - 1. Synoptic: “something that provides a general view of the whole or a summary of the principal parts of a subject” (Webster’s).
 - 2. Matthew:
 - a. Matt. 9:9; 10:3 – Publican
 - b. Written to the Jews/Hebrews
 - c. Jehovah’s ideal King
 - 1) Zech. 9:9 – “Behold thy king”
 - 2) Jer. 23:5-6 – “Righteous Branch”
 - 3) Jer. 33:15 – “Branch of righteousness”
 - d. Matt. 1:1-17 - Thus, Royal genealogy from Abraham to David and downward
 - e. Glad news: God fulfilled the O.T. prophecies of a savior:
 - 1) Acts 13:22, 30-35 – God hath fulfilled.
 - 2) Lk. 1:31-33 – Birth of Jesus foretold.
 - 3. Mark:
 - a. Jehovah’s ideal Servant:
 - b. As a servant, no genealogy
 - c. Isa. 42:1 – Behold MY Servant
 - d. Zech. 3:8 – MY Servant/Branch

Times Change, People Do Not

Part One

Over the years there has been one spiritual question that continues to arise, i.e., “Why did God require some action?” Or, statements, such as, “I do not understand why God commanded, this or that.” Or, I do not believe a command of God is actually required.”

Well, let us take a look at one particular event that answers these all-inclusive questions, as recorded in 2 Kings 5:1-14, and a man named Naaman.

Naaman is described as “captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honorable, because by him Jehovah had given victory unto Syria: he was also a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper.”

In one of Naaman’s raids he, “brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maiden; and she waited on Naaman’s wife. And she said unto her mistress, Would that my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! then would he recover him of his leprosy.”

Having obtained this information Naaman received permission from the king of Syria to journey to Israel, Naaman took a letter from the king with silver, gold, and changes of raiment, and brought the letter to the king of Israel, which said, “I have sent Naaman my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy:” the king of Israel supposed the king of Syria was seeking a quarrel against him.

When Elisha the man of God 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.

So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariots and stood at the door of the house of Elisha. And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.

Simple, yes? Naaman had a terminal disease, and Elisha gave him a cure. How would you have responded? Let’s see what Naaman thought of the cure: 1) Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, 2) I thought, 3) He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of Jehovah his God, and wave his hand over the place, and recover the leper.

It took faith for Naaman to approach his king and to travel from Syria to Israel. However, before Naaman received the words of Elisha he had already determined how his cleansing would be accomplished, i.e., “He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of Jehovah his God, and wave his hand over the place, and recover the leper.” Solomon spoke, concerning this type of attitude, saying, “There is a way which seemeth right unto man; but the end thereof are the ways of death.”

As the instructions given did not suit Naaman he was wroth, i.e., “burst out in rage angry” (Strong’s). He was so angry that he “went away.” Not only did Naaman question the method he also began to offer alternatives to the command, i.e., “Are not Abanah and Pharpar, the 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,” i.e., “burning anger” (BDB).

Sounds foolish, yes? Well, it is not unusual: The apostle Paul asked the Galatians, “So then am I become your enemy, by telling you the truth?” (4:16). There have been, and shall be occasions when individuals read the word of God, understand what they have read, and are then angry because it does not agree with what they “thought” it should be, or how it should be accomplished.

Time for a level head: “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?”

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Why Does Mankind Need to be Saved?

- 1. Isa. 59:2 – “Your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you.”
- 2. Rom. 5:12 – “All have sinned.”
- 3. Rom. 6:23 – “The wages of sin is death.”
- 4. 2 Cor. 5:10 – “We must all be made manifest before the judgment-seat of Christ; that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he hath done, whether it be good or bad.”
- 5. Heb. 9:22 – “Apart from the shedding of blood there is no remission.”
- 6. Heb. 9:27 – “It is appointed unto men once to die, and after this cometh judgment.”
- 7. Acts 4:12 – “And in none other is there salvation: for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved,” vs. 10 “the name of Jesus Christ.”

Do you think that might be something to look into?

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PUBLICAN	GENERAL VIEW	JEWS
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With Him is

Plenteous Redemption

Psalms 130:7

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Weekly Reading

Isaiah 53:1-12; Isaiah 59:1-21

Psalm 31:1-24; Psalm 91:1-16



Luke 16:19-31

Your Choice
Choose Wisely



Revelation 4:4

What Standard Would You Choose?

When individuals begin to criticize the scriptures, they state that “the scriptures reveal events that took place in the far distant past and have no relevance in the present society.”

Laws enacted around the world testify to the necessity of a standard, i.e., what is evil and what is good? “Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil...!” (Isa. 5:20)

One suggestion for a standard change consists of a humanistic approach: “Do whatever is right in one’s own eyes” (Judg. 21:25), an approach that relies on opinion and opinions vary, therefore unreliable.

What standards are available? “From heaven, or from men” (Matt. 21:25). ret