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# GROUP STUDY GUIDE

## The Restoration of Israel in 2 Kings 5

### TEACHING SUMMARY

This teaching explores the account of Naaman's healing in 2 Kings 5 as a prophetic picture of the future restoration of Israel. Building on themes developed in previous teachings, the lesson explains God's prophetic plan to reunite the House of Israel (the northern kingdom) and the House of Judah (the southern kingdom) into one people under Messiah. The teaching reviews prophecies from Jeremiah and Ezekiel showing that the House of Israel was divorced and became unclean because of idolatry, while Judah remained but did not return to God with a whole heart. God nevertheless promises to cleanse both houses and restore them as one nation at Messiah's return.

The lesson then examines the details of Naaman's story. Naaman, a Gentile commander suffering from leprosy, is presented as a prophetic picture of the unclean House of Israel. His cleansing after washing seven times in the Jordan River is viewed as foreshadowing Israel's future cleansing and restoration on the prophetic seventh day. Elisha's refusal to accept payment emphasizes that restoration cannot be purchased but comes only through God's grace. Naaman's departure and return are also seen as reflecting the scattering and future return of the northern kingdom.

The teaching also highlights the symbolic meaning of several numbers found in the narrative. The ten talents and ten changes of clothing are presented as representing the ten tribes of the House of Israel, while the two talents, two bags, two servants, and two changes of clothing point to the two tribes of Judah. The reference to six thousand shekels of gold is understood as symbolizing the completion of six thousand years of redemptive history before the beginning of the seventh-day reign of Messiah. The seven immersions in the Jordan symbolize Israel's cleansing and restoration during the future resurrection.

Finally, the lesson examines Gehazi's deception after Naaman's healing. Gehazi's acceptance of the gifts through deceit and his subsequent leprosy are presented as

symbolically reflecting Judah's treachery described in Jeremiah 3. While both houses require cleansing, God's prophetic plan culminates in removing uncleanness from all Israel and restoring both houses together under one Shepherd. The teaching concludes by pointing to Romans 11 and the promises of Ezekiel 37 as the fulfillment of God's plan to save and restore all Israel through Messiah.

## SUMMARY POINTS

- God promises to restore both the House of Israel and the House of Judah.
- The House of Israel became unclean through idolatry and was divorced by God.
- Ezekiel prophesies the cleansing and reunion of the two houses.
- Naaman's leprosy symbolizes the uncleanness of the House of Israel.
- Naaman's cleansing pictures Israel's future restoration.
- Elisha refused payment because restoration comes by God's grace.
- The numbers in 2 Kings 5 are presented as prophetic symbols.
- The ten and two repeatedly point to the divided kingdoms of Israel and Judah.
- The seven immersions point to cleansing and restoration on the prophetic seventh day.
- Gehazi's deceit illustrates Judah's spiritual condition before restoration.
- Romans 11 anticipates the salvation of all Israel.
- God's ultimate plan is to unite His people under one King.

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### Basic

1. Naaman was healed of his _____ after washing in the Jordan River.
2. Naaman washed in the Jordan _____ times.
3. Elisha refused to accept Naaman's _____.
4. The House of Israel was viewed as _____ because of its rebellion.
5. Ezekiel prophesied that the two houses would become one _____.
6. God's plan is to restore all _____.

## Challenging

1. The _____ talents of silver symbolize the House of Israel in the teaching.
2. The _____ talents of silver symbolize the House of Judah.
3. The _____ thousand shekels of gold point prophetically to the beginning of the seventh day.
4. Gehazi became _____ after his deception.
5. Ezekiel _____ contains the prophecy of the two sticks becoming one.
6. The Hebrew name Elisha means "God is my _____."

## GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why does the teaching view Naaman's cleansing as more than a historical miracle?
2. How do the prophecies in Jeremiah and Ezekiel help explain the symbolism found in 2 Kings 5?
3. Why is it significant that Elisha refused payment for Naaman's healing?
4. How do the repeated numbers in the account contribute to the prophetic interpretation presented in the teaching?
5. What does the contrast between Naaman and Gehazi teach about cleansing, grace, and faithfulness?
6. How does the promised restoration of all Israel deepen your understanding of God's covenant faithfulness?

# ANSWER KEY – GROUP GUIDE

## Basic

1. Leprosy
2. Seven
3. Gift
4. Unclean
5. Nation
6. Israel

## Challenging

1. Ten
2. Two
3. Six
4. Leprous
5. 37
6. Salvation