



## Introduction

*The prophet Elisha succeeds Elijah and becomes famous. He continues to demonstrate the power of God by performing miracles.*



## Questions

1. When the king of Israel received the letter from the king of Syria, why did it cause such concern?
2. What was the message that Elijah sent to Naaman and how did Naaman respond?
3. How did Naaman's servants persuade him to do as Elijah had suggested?



## Summary Points

- **v 1 to 6** The king of Syria sends Naaman, the captain of his army who is a leper, with a letter to the king of Israel, requesting that he should be healed
- **v 7** The king of Israel is puzzled about why the king of Syria sends such a message
- **v 8 to 14** Elisha asks the king to send Naaman to visit him. At first Naaman refuses Elisha's command to wash in the local river Jordan. His servants then persuade him to obey (see theme) and he is cured
- **v 15 to 19** Naaman thanks Elisha, recognising his God as the only true God, and offering Elisha a gift. However Elisha refuses to accept any gift and sends Naaman home in peace
- **v 20 to 27** Elisha's servant, Gehazi, goes after Naaman saying that Elisha has changed his mind and wants some money and clothes after all. He is punished with leprosy as a consequence of his lies and his greed

**Timeline** 970 BC (see below)



## Theme

### God asks for obedience

*A selection of verses showing how and why God asks for obedience.*

God asks for obedience from his chosen people, the Israelites. He tells them that obedience will bring blessing on the nation, but disobedience will result in problems for them:

*Exodus 19 verses 5 and 6*

*Deuteronomy 11 verses 26 to 28*

When confronted by the authorities, the apostle Peter makes his position clear:

*Acts 4 verses 18 to 20, 5 verses 27 to 29*

Jesus Christ is our example of obeying God:

*Philippians 2 verse 8*

The letter to the Hebrews, talking about Jesus, says:

*Hebrews 5 verse 8*



## ? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 7, Q 2: v 10 to 12, Q 3: v 13

## Bible timeline

