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In this prophetic picture of the Bride, we recall that the City of Samaria had been under siege by the army of the Syrians, resulting in a great famine in the City. But notice who is outside the City:

And there were four leprous men at the entering in of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die? (2 Kings 7:3)

So we see that outside the City gates were four leprous men. These would normally get their sustenance from the City, except now there was a famine. After weighing their chances of survival, they went out to investigate the camp of the enemy - the Syrians:

And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid it; and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried thence also, and went and hid it. (2 Kings 7:8)

When the lepers came to the camp, there were no soldiers present, for they had all fled. What they found was food and drink, silver, gold, and raiment.

Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household. (2 Kings 7:9)

So they came and called unto the porter of the city: and they told them, saying, We came to the camp of the Syrians, and, behold, there was no man there, neither voice of man, but horses tied, and asses tied, and the tents as they were. (2 Kings 7:10)

And he called the porters; and they told it to the king's house within. (2 Kings 7:11)

Beloved, the above passages tell a very revealing, prophetic story of the Bride. Let us elaborate.

The City of Samaria is highly prophetic, in many ways, of the "Believing World" of today - those that make up the "Household of the King." We all realize the Jews do not have dealings with Samaria. Likewise the Samaritans worshipped at Gerizim, at the mount of "Blessings," yet they regarded not the rest of the Testimony of the other Mountain.

The name *Samaria*, Strong's number <08111>, comes from <08104> - which means "keep, observe, watch, watchmen" - and implies those that are keeping/watching over the Word of Scriptures. The City-Congregation of today, however, has become a mixed-multitude, having mixed Truth with the error of "Doctrines of Men."

In the eyes of many that are still captive within the commercial City-Congregation, those among the Bride Company are considered as "Lepers" and "Outcasts," and are to be kept out of the Camp - outside the gates of the City-Congregation.

Likewise, those doctrines that do not agree with those of the City-Congregation are considered the "camp of the enemy" and are strictly off-limits to all those of the City.

At some point, however, each one of the Leper-Bride Company will wander into the "enemy" camp - the "enemy" of traditional doctrine. For these Bride-Candidates are now

searching the Scriptures on their own, and they are finding what they have never tasted of before: the prophetic, living Word of YHWH.

Notice next what the lepers found. This is exactly a picture of what the Bride has found. The lepers found "meat and drink indeed" - of feeding on the Body and Blood of Messiah, in keeping Passover. They found the "raiment" of Wedding Garments - of allowing "Messiah in you" to keep his own Commandments, and to walk daily in the Everlasting Covenant.

Indeed, the Bride Company had found the "silver" of redemption by His blood, and the "gold" that results from trials and testings brought by YHWH, to refine and to purify. Yes, they had found a "great spoil" - a treasure:

I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil. (Psalms 119:162)

It was not long, however, before the lepers realized that they would be in big trouble with the King, if they did not go back to tell the King's household of all the riches they had found.

Likewise, the Bride knows that unless she passes on this great treasure to the King's household, she herself will be in trouble with the King, and that the great famine of the Word would continue in the City-Congregation of the King's Household.

Thus we see one more Bride scenario. The outcast Bride has wandered into Seeking the Scriptures on her own; she has found great treasure, and has hidden this treasure for herself - is herself preparing for the Wedding - but she must pass along what she has found to the Household of the King. For she perceives that the Famine is great, and there are yet many needing what she has found.