



Leprosy is a mildly infectious disease associated with poverty. Leprosy starts by damaging the small nerves on the skin's surface leaving discoloured patches where there is no feeling. Nowadays, leprosy can easily be cured at this stage leaving no damage. If it is left untreated, leprosy goes on to damage the large nerves in the elbow, wrist, knee and ankle, leading to loss of sensation in the hands and feet. This means great risk of injury. Infected wounds often lead to the shortening of fingers and toes or, ultimately, amputation of limbs.

Unfortunately for Naaman, a medical cure was not going to be found for over two-and-ahalf thousand years. Fortunately for Naaman, there was another way for him to get help.

