

The people of Bohemia were horrified by the execution of John Huss; they felt he had been murdered and many studied his writings with greater attention and many believed the truth.

When the Emperor brought his large army to take charge of Bohemia, General Ziska, also called One-Eyed-Ziska, led the Hussites, the followers of Huss, to victory against the larger army. After Ziska's death other general's led including Procopius or Prokop the Bald.



Time after time, the Emperor built up new armies; those who fought were promised forgiveness from all types of sins, a rich reward in heaven and, if they survived, honour and riches on earth. But each time they were defeated.

One time, the two armies approached each other with only a stream between them. The Emperor's army was the larger, but instead of dashing across the stream to attack, they suddenly ran away! Something similar happened another time too.

The Emperor finally gave up trying to win by force and turned to diplomacy. The Bohemians agreed to peace on four conditions.

1. The free preaching of the Bible
2. The right of the whole church to communion
3. Worship to be held in the common language
4. Priests would not hold positions of secular authority and would be tried and sentenced for any crimes committed.

The Emperor finally agreed to the conditions but reserved the right to explain them and it was not long before many of the Bohemians realised they had been betrayed. Emperor Sigismund declared himself king of Bohemia and soon reinstated the system of worship as before. Those who did not want to compromise their faith were for a time forced to hide in the woods and caves and from there they sent secret messengers to both Bohemian cities and surrounding nations, who found small groups of believers here and there including the Waldensies.

Elisha's Miracles

Sabbath

Have you ever seen a miracle? If you haven't seen one do you know someone who has? Or have you heard about one?

If you have a one litre jar of oil, how many one litre jars can you totally fill from it?

If you had one loaf of bread and nothing else – how many of your hungry friends do you think you could feed and have everyone feel totally full?

A one litre jar can only fill one, one litre jar – and then the first jar will be empty. A pastor tells the story of buying a fresh loaf of bread and sharing it with one friend and when they were finished - nothing was left over! - So perhaps one loaf will feed two hungry people.

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Refer: 2 Kings 2-4; 8 NLT; Prophets and Kings ch19; The Bible Story vol5 p65; The Great Controversy ch7

Sunday

Moab had been required to pay tax to Israel since David conquered them but now they decided to rebel. So Joram, Ahab's son who was now king, sent a message to Jehoshaphat the King of Judah as well as the King of Edom to help. The three armies travelled through the desert, but after seven days they ran out of water.

Jehoshaphat called for a prophet of the Lord and Elisha was found. Elisha called for a harpist, and as the harp played he said, "The Lord will fill this valley with water - and you will defeat the Moabites."

The next morning water flowed over the ground just as Elisha had said.

The Moabite army, seeing the sun reflecting from the water in the distance thought it was blood and thinking the three kings had killed each other ran to investigate and were taken by surprise when they found their enemies alive and ready.

One day a widow came to the Prophet Elisha, crying "My husband is dead and you know how he loved the Lord. But he owed money and now a creditor has come and is going to take my two sons as slaves if I cannot pay the money."

Elisha asked. "What *do* you have?"

"Nothing at all, except a jar of olive oil," she replied.

So Elisha said, "Borrow empty jars from your friends and neighbours; as many as you can. Then take your sons into the house with you and shut the door. Pour olive oil from your jar into the borrowed jars."

So they borrowed many jars from their neighbours and then they went in and shut the door. Then one by one, her sons brought jars to her, and she filled them from her jar. Soon all the jars were totally full!

When she told Elisha what had happened, he said, "Sell the olive oil and pay your debts, and then you and your sons can live on what is left over."

Friday

Do miracles still happen today? Yes – although there seems to be times and places when they are much more common, like in the time of Elisha and when Jesus and the apostles were on earth.

Why not so much at other times?

- Some people might say that perhaps they are not needed – life is very easy today, much is known about hygiene and preventing the spread of disease; in Australia we have religious freedom and access to education and other services.
- Perhaps we do not have enough _____ (7 down). Matthew 17:20
- Perhaps we do not recognise when God does something for us.

The story is told of a man who needed a parking space and prayed for one; just then someone pulled out leaving a space right in front of him, "Never mind, God," he prayed, "I've just found one." This man had witnessed an answer to prayer and never realised it. How many times does this happen to us?

Fill in the missing words and use them to solve the crossword.

Psalm 50:15^{NLT}, "Then _____ (4a) on me when you are in _____ (2d), and I will rescue you, and you will give me glory."

1 Thessalonians 5:18^{NLT}. "Be thankful in all _____ (8a), for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." Do you remember to thank God for everything?

Matthew 28:20^{NLT}, "...And be sure of this: I am _____ (1a) YOU _____ (5d)..."

Jeremiah 29:11^{NLT}, "For I know the _____ (3d) I have for you," says the Lord.

"They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a

_____ (6a) and a

_____ (9a)."



Thursday

Did the harp cause the water to come? Can a single jar of oil fill many jars? Can lying on a dead body cause it to come to life again? Can flour take poison away? The answer to all of these questions is no. So how did they happen?

They were a _____. John 7:21 NLT or NIV

According to www.dictionary.com it is "An effect or extraordinary event... that surpasses all known human or natural powers and is ascribed to a supernatural cause; and ...considered the work of God."

The Bible is full of miracles.

How many miracles in the Bible can you think of that involved?:

Food:

Water:

Healing:

Battles:

Other:

(Challenge your family and friends to see how many they can come up with)

Monday

One day a woman who lived in Shunem said to her husband, "Let's build a room for the Prophet Elisha on the roof of our house. Then he will have a place to stay when he is here." And so they did.

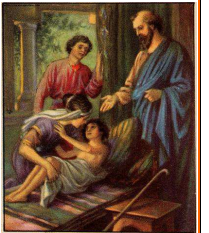
One day Elisha was resting in his upper room; he wanted to do something to thank the woman for her kindness. He called her and said "Next year you will have a baby son in your arms!" And so it happened.

One day when the boy was older, he was helping his father in the fields when suddenly he cried out, "My head hurts!"

His mother held him until he died. She carried him up and laid him on Elisha's bed. Then she saddled her donkey and went to bring Elisha.

When Elisha arrived, he went in alone and shut the door and prayed to the Lord. Then he lay down on the child's body, and the child's body began to grow warm! Elisha got up, walked back and forth, and then lay down again. This time the boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes!

Then he called the boy's mother. She was overwhelmed with thankfulness.



One day a company of prophets met with Elisha. "Let's cook some stew," said Elisha. There was a famine at the time so when one of them found a wild vine with gourds he picked the gourds, cut them and added them to the stew. But as soon as one of them tasted the stew he cried out, "There is death in the pot!"

Then Elisha asked for the some flour which he stirred into the pot, the poison vanished and the stew was good to eat.

Another time a man brought Elisha twenty loaves of bread. Elisha told his servant to give it to the people but the servant protested, "How can twenty loaves feed one hundred people?"

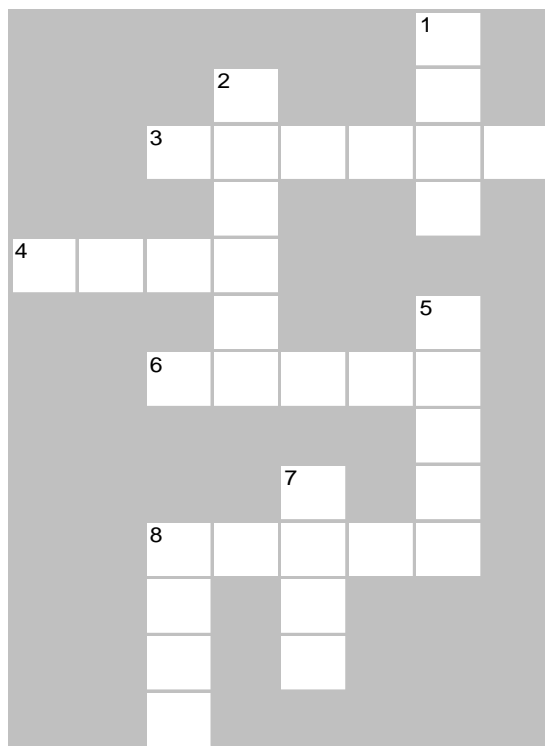
Elisha told him, "The Lord says you will eat and have some left over."

The servant did as he was told, everyone had enough and there was some left over!

Tuesday

Use the clues to fill the crossword.

- Elisha raised the son of the woman of Shumen, after he **D**___.
- God's prophet was **E**_____.
- If the widow didn't pay back the money, her sons were going to become **S**_____.
- Elisha told the widow to ask her neighbours for lots of **J**_____.
- Elisha fed one hundred people with twenty loaves of **B**____ and had left overs!
- God sent **w**_____ in the desert for the army.
- The woman of Shumen built a **R**____ for Elisha.
- (across) The enemy army thought the water was **B**_____!
- (down) Elisha promised the woman of Shunem a **B**____ because of her kindness to him.



Wednesday

Do you really believe that God can and will help you? If the king had **refused** to call a harpist, Elisha **would not have delivered God's promise** of water and victory. If the widow **hadn't believed** (and if she hadn't borrowed enough jars) then she wouldn't have made **enough money** to pay off her debts, and her sons would have **become slaves**. If the woman of Shunem hadn't **gone to Elisha when her son died**, he would have stayed dead. If the prophets hadn't **brought flour when Elisha called for it** the poison would not have been removed; if they hadn't believed that the poison was gone they wouldn't have tried the stew again. If Elisha's servant, or even the people hadn't believed that **God could turn twenty loaves into enough bread to feed one hundred** people plus have leftovers – if they had refused to eat it or fought over who would get it – it wouldn't have happened. **All these things happened because people believed and did what Elisha told them too.**

Find the word in bold. If you want a bigger challenge, find all the words!

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