

**Aim:** Miracles**Refer:** 1 Kings 17-19; Great Controversy chapter 6**Take:** A book about modern miracle stories

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 in terror! 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, where they found small groups of believers here and there including the Waldensians.

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Last week we read how King Ahab died and how his son Ahaziah died. After Ahaziah, another of King Ahab's sons became king; his name was Joram.

Was Joram a good or bad king? 2 Kings 3:2-3

Do you remember what the sins of Jeroboam were? 1 Kings 12:26-32

The king of Moab had been paying taxes to Israel but now he decided to rebel so Joram called Jehoshaphat the king of Judah and the king of Edom to bring their armies and help. They decided to meet and travel through the Desert of Edom but after seven days they ran into a problem.

What was the problem? 2 Kings 3:9

What did they do? Verse 11

Elisha called for a harp player and while the harpist played Elisha got a message from God. What was it? Verse 16-18

Read verse 20-24

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Another time a group of prophets met together, they decided to cook a stew and since food was scarce - there was a famine at the time – when one of them found a wild vine with gourds on it they cut them up and added them to the stew. (Pumpkins are a type of gourd)

What happened? 2 Kings 4:40-41

Read the next story which happens in 2 Kings 4:42-44. What does this remind you of?

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Our stories this week are filled with lots of miracles. Do miracles still happen today?

Share a modern day miracle story.