

“MIRACLES - WHERE IS THE LORD GOD OF ELIJAH?” [Pt. 4] [“Mother’s Day Miracles”] (2Ki. 2:9-4:37)

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INTRO: Elijah asked Elisha what he wanted him to do for him, and Elisha answered that he wanted a double portion of Elijah’s spirit upon him (2King 2:9). Elijah told him he could have it if he was with him when he was taken away, which occurred (vv. 10-12).

WHERE IS THE LORD GOD OF ELIJAH (2Ki. 2:13-14a)?

Elisha picked up Elijah’s mantle that had fallen, stood by the bank of the Jordan, struck the water and said, *“Where is the LORD God of Elijah? ...”* (2Ki. 2:13-14a)

1. Elisha did this after grieving (v. 12) - there’s a time to grieve and there’s a time to move on!
2. Would miracles cease or continue?

Miracle #1: The Jordan River is Divided (2Ki. 2:14).

1. When Elisha struck the water, it divided and he crossed back over the Jordan River (v. 14).
2. Is Elisha repeating Elijah’s journey in reverse order?

Miracle #2: Elisha Purifies the Bitter Water (vv. 15-22).

1. The sons of the prophets recognized Elisha’s anointing and showed their respect (v. 15).
2. They thought the Spirit of the Lord carried Elijah up to a mountain and wanted to go look for him (v. 16).
 - A. The prophetic doesn’t reveal everything (1Cor. 13:9)!
3. Because of their persistence, Elisha allowed them to look but they didn’t find him (vv. 17-18).
4. The water in the city was bad (v. 19).
5. Elisha put salt in the water & it was healed (vv. 20-22).
 - A. Why did God choose to use this salt?

Miracle #3: Elisha Pronounces a Curse Upon Some Rebellious Youth (2Ki. 2:23-25).

1. Some youth mocked Elisha for being bald, so he pronounced a curse on them and 2 bears came out of the woods and mauled 42 of the youths (vv. 23-25).

•*Was Elisha retracing Elijah’s journey in reverse to see or prove if God would do the same kinds of miracles in the same kind of places through him?*

Miracle #4: Elisha Prophecies Water in the Wilderness without Rain & Victory Against Moab (2Kings 3).

1. The kings of Israel (Jehoram) and Judah (Jehoshaphat) teamed up against Moab (vv. 4-7) but there was no water for their army (vv. 8-10).
2. They sought out Elisha for the word of the Lord, and Elisha told them that the valley would be filled with water without it raining and they would be victorious against Moab (vv. 11-19), which is exactly what happened (vv. 20-27).

Miracle #5: The Multiplying of Oil (2Ki. 4:1-7).

1. A woman’s husband had died and her creditor was coming to take her two sons to be his slaves (v. 1).
2. Elisha told her to borrow vessels and pour the oil into those vessels (vv. 2-6).
3. He then told her to sell the oil, pay her debt, and live on the rest (v. 7).

Miracle #6: A Barren Woman Has a son (2Ki. 4:8-17).

1. Elisha prophesied to this barren woman that she would have a son, and it happened (vv. 8-17).

Miracle #7: Elisha Raises the Woman’s Son from the Dead (2Ki. 4:18-37).

1. After some time, this son died, but Elisha raised him from the dead (vv. 18-37).

CONCLUSION: *“Where is the Lord God of Elijah?”* He’s alive and well and still doing miracles through ordinary people – people like you! *Miracles 5-7 were miracles for moms! Mom, do you need a miracle in your life?*