



THE BIG STORY CHAPTER 15/25

The Prophets:
God Sends His Word

Today's Chapter...

After Solomon died, the kingdom split in half. The southern kingdom became Judah and the northern kingdom became Israel. They were almost constantly at conflict with one another. More than that, they were in almost constant rebellion with God. So, God sent a group of people named the prophets to them...



Today's Scripture:

2 Kings 17:13-14

“Yet the Lord warned Israel and Judah by every prophet and every seer, saying, “Turn from your evil ways and keep my commandments and my statutes, in accordance with all the Law that I commanded your fathers, and that I sent to you by my servants the prophets.” But they would not listen, but were stubborn, as their fathers had been, who did not believe in the Lord their God.”



The Story: The Prophets

- Even though Israel and Judah abandoned God, God did not abandon them.**
- He sent them prophets, men and women who He had given His holy word to.**
- These prophets went and preached to the people, urging them to turn back towards God and be forgiven.**
- The prophets were ignored, hated, murdered, and driven out of the land, for the people did not want to hear the Word of God.**

Why it Matters in the Big Story

- Even though Israel and Judah defied God for a long time, He did not destroy them.**
- Instead, out of His great love, He chose to give them His Word to remind them how good He is!**
- In the same way, He does not destroy us when we do wrong, but sends us His Word so we may remember how good He is!**



GOD IS...

God is Merciful. That means that God does not punish us according to our actions. Instead, He sends us His Word so that we can choose to come back to Him!

Reflection Questions

1. **What two kingdoms did Israel divide into?**
The Kingdom of Judah and the Kingdom of Israel.
2. **Who were the prophets?**
People who brought God's Word to others!
3. **Why didn't God immediately punish Israel and Judah?**
Because He loved them!

Challenge Question: How will you listen to God's Word this week?