

Read “The Story” Chapter 15 and 1Kings 17- 2Kings 13, Amos, and Hosea – God’s messengers or prophets to the Northern Kingdom.

God’s messengers proclaim the Word or message from God. What is their message?

Elijah – “My God is Yahweh” 1Kings 17- 2Kings 2 (875-848)

- Mount Carmel – The Prophets of Baal – 1Kings 18:26; The People of Israel – 1Kings 18:2; Elijah 1Kings 18:36
- His message from God to the People: **“If the Lord is God, follow him.”** 1Kings 18:21
- Glorify God Now – Is Jesus the one and only Lord of your life? Where can I bring God the greatest glory in 2016?

Elisha – “God is Salvation”-1Kings 19- 2Kings 13:21 (848-797)

- The Calling of Elisha – 1 Kings 19:18-21
- Elisha – The Farmer’s Son – The Plow – 1Kings 19:15-20
- Elisha – The Follower – The Towel – 1Kings 19:19-2Kings 2:12
- Elisha – The Faithful Prophet – The Mantle 2Kings 2:13-13:21

Micaiah – “I can tell him only what the Lord tells me.” 1Kings 22:114

Don’t mock a true messenger of God – 2Kings 2:23-25

- His message from God to the People: **“Obedience to the message of God produces power by the Holy Spirit to live and serve.”**
- Too often we want the miracles or answers from the Lord without obedience to his message.

Amos – “Strong, Brave, Burden Bearer” – Amos (760- 750)

- His message from God to the People: **Judgement is coming so Seek the Lord and Live!** Amos 5:4-6, 14-15
- The Lord wants to restore his people.

Hosea – “Saviour or Safety” – Hosea (750-715) Hosea 4:1-3; 6-9; 11:7-9

- The Adulterous Wife and Faithful Husband (1-3)
- The Adulterous People of God and Faithful Lord (4-14)
- God is holy (4-7), just (8-10) but loving and gracious (11-14).
- His message from God to the People: **Return to the Lord and experience His eternal loyal love.**
- **Jesus Christ has the authority to judge and the authority to save.**

Application: How am I saved? What am I saved from? What am I saved for? Are you hearing and obeying the Word of the Lord?



THE STORY

For Life Groups

1. What impacted you the most from this message?
2. How does Elijah’s example demonstrate how to respond to false religion or when the people of God are silent?
3. After Elijah’s encounter on Mount Carmel, what does God do to restore and encourage him after such a draining ministry experience?
4. What stands out to you about Elisha and his ministry?
5. Why is it so important to listen to the Word of God through his messengers? What are the consequences if we do not?
6. In what ways did Elisha live a life of faith? How has the Lord been faithful to you recently?
7. What specific message of social justice and spiritual faithfulness do you think the prophets Amos and Hosea would have for us today?
8. How does the prophet’s main message impact us today?
9. God speaks to his prophets. He spoke to Elijah in a whisper. But he also speaks to us. How does God speak to us today?
10. What steps can you take to hear the gentle whisper of God?
11. Share one way God has been speaking to you lately. How do you know it is God’s message to you?
12. Take time to pray for one another and encourage each other to listen to God’s message.