THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY

God's Messengers

Chapter 15 — July 26, 2015

I. God <u>Divided</u> the Nation of Israel

- A. Because His people were sending the **wrong message**.
 - 1. God blessed Israel so that others would be **drawn** to their God.
 - The wrong message was conveyed by their rebellion and disobedience.
- B. To **purify** the representation of His character.
 - 1. God does not need **all** 12 tribes to fulfill his promises.
 - From the tribe of <u>Judah</u> God will bring the <u>Messiah</u>.

II. God Sent Prophets to Call His People Back

- A. **9** prophets during the reigns of the **19** kings in **Israel** over **208** years.
- B. Only the prophet **Jonah** was heard, but not by God's people!
- C. Elijah and the prophets of Baal on Mount Caramel
- D. <u>Hosea</u> married Gomer, a prostitute, and loved her.
 - 1. Hosea 1 3: the life message
 - 2. Hosea 4 14: the prophetic message

III. God Sent His Son

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. - Hebrews 1:1-2

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