

THE STORY

Questions for the Week

God divided the nation because his people were sending a wrong message

God divided the nation so that he could purify the message regarding his character

God sent prophets to the Northern Kingdom to call his people back to himself

Through Elijah we see God's power

Through Hosea we see God's grace

Big Idea: God goes to great lengths to lead his people to turn from their sin.

Key Verse: Hosea 14:4

I will heal their waywardness
and love them freely,
for my anger has turned away from them.

Tell about a time you saw a sign, followed what it said, and were glad you did. Or, tell about a time you missed or ignored a posted sign and suffered for it.

What do you learn about faith from Elijah's ups (victory over the prophets of Baal) and his downs (depression in the desert)?

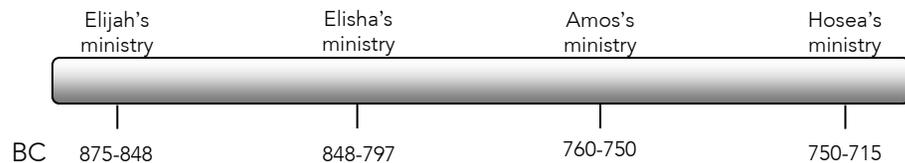
God revealed himself to Elijah in a gentle whisper. What does this tell you about God's character and methods of communication?

Read 2 Kings 6:8-23. Describe the Upper Story and the Lower Story as you follow Elisha and his servant through this account.

Through the prophets Amos and Hosea, God pointed out the people's sin and actions of rebellion. What were some of Israel's sins and why do you think God was being so severe with them?

When Israel walked closely with God, they were joy-filled and fruitful. When they were distracted with other pursuits (false gods and idols), their whole community life went sour. How does your life, including your attitude and general disposition, change when you are not walking closely with Jesus?

God still loves his people, still tenderly seeks to warn us when we are in danger. Name some ways God posts a warning sign in the middle of the road as we travel through life.



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