

Story 74: Israel Worships False Gods

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Read about Israel's worship of false gods in the Bible in I Kings 11:41-18:18

Words to Know

weaker – not as strong as before

tribes – the political divisions within the nation of Israel

prophets – people who hear God's message and take it to the people

Questions

1. What did the Israelite people do more and more?
2. What was the condition of the nation of Israel?
3. What was the southern part of Israel called? How many tribes lived there?
4. What was the northern part of Israel called? How many tribes lived there?
5. Why did God send prophets to the people?
6. Did the people listen to the prophets?
7. Who was Elijah? What did God want him to do?

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