

## Study Aids

### Discussion Questions for “What’s the Message?” Lessons

#### Lesson 38

##### Questions:

Why was Israel so vulnerable to the influence of Baal? Why did Yahweh have to go to great lengths to protect them from this false god?

Had this new generation of Israelites not learned anything during their years of wandering in the desert?

Why was the command of the *Shema* so important? What is the emphasis here?

How does the theme of selection and separation play a role here?

Could the Israelites earn God’s blessings by keeping the commands of the *Shema*?

In what sense could the Israelites chose life? Could they chose God, or could they chose not to reject God?