

Study Aids

Discussion Questions

For “What’s the Message?” Lessons

Lesson 54

Questions:

Does the geographic location of Jerusalem have any significance? Where does it sit with reference to the northern and southern branches of Israel?

From a political point of view, overcoming the Philistines militarily made possible the expansion of the territorial limits of Israel, even beyond those in Joshua’s original assignment to the 12 tribes. What relation to the covenant with Abraham does this accomplishment have? Could Israel now be truly considered a “great nation”?

Making Jerusalem both the political and religious center of the country enabled Jerusalem to benefit economically from two sources. Did it also tie the hearts and minds of the People of Israel to this capital city and ensure their loyalty to David and his line of successors?

Could the affair with Bathsheba lead to unforeseen consequences? Can you anticipate some?