

**Study Aids**  
**Discussion Questions**  
For “What’s the Message?” Lessons

Lesson 62

As we have seen, the time of the divided kingdom had little good to say for it, either in the north or the south, although there were a few times when the king and the people did profess a need and a desire to return to Yahweh, and attempt to put Him back into their lives. Unfortunately these periods were brief, and were typically followed by a return to paganism and punishment inflicted by an outside military power.

Questions:

Why was paganism so attractive to the Children of Israel? As you see it, what values did paganism reflect in their lives?

Where have we placed our values? When an entertainer, whether they are in TV, movies, music, or sports, is paid 100 times – and more – than, say, a teacher, what does that say about our priority of values?

In what ways do you see our society and that of the people of the divided kingdom paralleling each other? Could our failures to put God first in our lives be marking us for judgment?

Do we need to put more emphasis on living our lives in a way that we give witness to God’s love and forgiveness? How might this be achieved?