

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

Lesson 79

Questions:

As stated in the lesson, the book of Ezekiel is filled with bizarre visions, but they do not have to be analyzed on every detail to get the basic message he was giving the exiles, and us. What do you see as the message of the first vision mentioned in this lesson?

And what does chapter 33, verse 31 say to you?

Why does God refer to us as sheep? What is the behavior of sheep? Are they easily led astray, or fall into danger?

The exiles were so depressed they could well picture themselves as being nothing but a bunch of dried bones. Can such bones be brought back to life? Has God brought you into a new life, even though you were dead in your sins, as St. Paul expressed it?

What life has ever been led that did not have trials and tribulations? Even Jesus was challenged by the leaders of the church of His day, so why can we ever think that unpleasant events will never overcome us? Do you need words of comfort in such a time? How about something even better, the assurance that God is still with you and will use any and every event in your life for His purpose? This is the basic message of Ezekiel: that God may punish you for your unfaithfulness and lack of trust in Him, but He will also encase you in His love and mercy when you repent and turn to Him. This is pure Gospel. So the message of Ezekiel does apply to you today, just as it did so long ago. Do you find comfort in this?