

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

Lesson 82

Questions:

Ezra’s reaction to marriages with non-Jewish people may seem unusually harsh, but let’s take a closer look. Go back to Genesis 24:1-9, and 28:1-5. Why did Abraham and Isaac follow this course?

Read Deuteronomy 7:3. Why does God say these words through Moses to the Israelites? What is the objective to be accomplished?

Read Joshua 23:6-13. Why does Joshua have to repeat this warning? To help you put these words of Joshua into context, go back to the Study Aids for Lessons 41 and 43.

What was the intended purpose of selection and separation in the first place?

What was the danger if it were not followed?

What was the predicted result of the failure of Israel to keep God’s commands completely? Is your conclusion the same that Ezra made and taught?