

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

Lesson 88

Questions:

Does the position of Judea between the Seleucids in the north and the Ptolemies in the south seem historically familiar to you? Does the old saying “The more things change, the more they stay the same” apply here?

What do you see as the significance of a single language becoming dominant at the time of Alexander’s empire? What did God do **to** the people busy constructing the tower of Babel? Now, what was He doing **for** the people of the world with the Greek language?

Did the strict teaching of the Law of God, as practiced by Ezra, prepare the Jews to withstand the pressures of Antiochus to worship Zeus? Would you go so far as to say that the strict Law Community was a necessity to enable the Jews to remain true to Yahweh at this time?

We can consider the message of the book of Daniel as a “pep talk” similar to what a high school, college, or professional team coach might give his players. Do motivational talks like this ever influence the outcome of a game? Do you think it contributed to the religious fervor of the Jews to fight the much larger military forces of Antiochus?