take time **28 May** **Jeremiah 2:1-37** read

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God remembers, pleads and warns

study

Jeremiah addresses the people in Jerusalem with his first message. The Lord has not forgotten how Israel followed Him at the beginning (vv1-3). God asks the Jews what He has done wrong that they have turned away from Him and are serving idols instead (vv4-8) Then God analyses the condition of the people (vv9-13). Judah doesn't notice their bad condition (vv14-19); they even deny their guilt (v23).

They haven't got time for God, but He is useful to be called on in an emergency (v27b). Displaying this attitude, the people won't escape punishment.

answer

4. Which two serious mistakes have the Jews made, according to verse 13?
5. How many idols of wood and stone have they made? Clue: read again verses 26-28!
6. Why will God's judgment meet them (v35)?

inform

Baal was the name of a heathen idol. People believed that the growth of crops and herds was dependent on this idol. He is often mentioned in the Bible in connection with the female goddess Asherah.

think

God shows you the things in your life which are not pleasing to Him because He wants you to return.

note down

4. They have forsaken God, the fountain of living waters, and have made themselves idols (cisterns), which weren't able to help them. 5. They have at least as many idols as cities. 6. Because they deny their guilt and say: "I haven't sinned."