take time **29 June** **Jeremiah 29:1-14** read

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A letter from God

study

God doesn't only have his message proclaimed orally. He gives it to the Jews in written form as well.

Jeremiah has to write a letter on behalf of God to those Jews who are already in Babylon in captivity. The content of the letter is as follows:

1. Expect to stay in Babylon for some time. Build houses and have families (vv1-6).

2. Pray for the city in which you live (v7). (This is also good advice for you!)

3. Don't listen to the false prophets (vv8-9)!

4. I will keep all my promises. You will in the future return again to Jerusalem (vv10-14).

answer

78. Why should the Jews pray for the peace of Babylon?
79. When will the captivity in Babylon end, according to God's word?
80. What thoughts does God have concerning His people?

inform

The Jews in Babylon were those of the first deportation into captivity (see 2 Kings 24:10-16). The final deporation of the rest of the Jews remaining in Jerusalem took place eleven years later (2 Kings 25:1-7).

think

You can do better than to demonstrate for peace in the world – you can pray for it!

note down

78. If there is peace in Babylon, the Jews living in Babylon will also be able to live in peace. There is a similar instruction in the New Testament. Read 1 Timothy 2:1-2! 79. After 70 years (v10). 80. Thoughts of peace (v11). – God has only plans for good for you, even if sometimes it doesn't seem like it at first glance.