

The Lord is witness



Those who hear God's word are also responsible for acting upon it. God accuses His people of not listening to the prophets He had sent, but following false prophets instead.

The same applies today: "Take heed what you hear" (Mark 4:24) (vv.15-19). But the deceivers carry an even heavier responsibility. God mentions their names and their sin. They didn't only tell lies, but also committed adultery. But even that, God didn't miss (vv20-23).

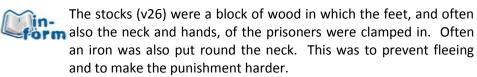
Again, God announces the death of the deceivers. No one will be able to twist God's word, deceiving His people, and remain unpunished.

Shemaiah's judgment gets a special mention because he wrote letters in his own name and in that way deceived people and stirred them up against Jeremiah (vv24-32).



81. What are the names of the two false prophets which God mentions by name (vv20-23)?

82. The false prophets probably committed adultery in secret. But still, there was a witness. Who?





"Take heed what you hear!" (Mark 4:24) "Take heed how you hear!" (Luke 8:18) A difference worth thinking about!



