take time **30 June** **Jeremiah 29:15-32** read

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The Lord is witness

study

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).

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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?

in-form

The stocks (v26) were a block of wood in which the feet, and often also the neck and hands, of the prisoners were clamped in. Often an iron was also put round the neck. This was to prevent fleeing and to make the punishment harder.

think

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

note down

81. Ahab and Zedekiah. In Israel, there were two kings by this name, but it's not them that are meant here.
82. The Lord. – Nothing is hid from Him in your life either.