



### There's a lot going wrong



In a clear and unmistakable way God tells His people all the things that are going wrong:

- They don't want to listen (v3).
- They commit constant idolatry (spiritual adultery) (vv7-9).
- They oppress the poor and the weak (vv26-29).
- The prophets and priests act in a godless way (vv30-31).

But God's love to the people is unchanged, although He has to punish them out of love (see also verses 1 and 18).



11. How does God introduce Himself in this chapter (read again verses 22-24)?
12. How do you recognise God's love to His people in verses 1 and 18?
13. Although the leaders carry a special responsibility, the people are equally guilty. Why? Read again the last few verses!



In verse 2, Jeremiah mentions an up-to-date subject. Jeremiah's contemporaries use the name of God in their everyday conversations without really speaking of Him.

Have you already noticed how many people around you say without thought: „Oh my God!“ or „Jesus!“? Or does this occasionally happen to you as well, although you're a Christian? You should definitely tell God that it was wrong and stop it immediately.



**Does it hurt you when the name of God or the name of your Saviour is dragged through the mire?**

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11. As the Creator. 12. God is looking for someone who is faithful. Then He will forgive (v1). Despite the well deserved punishment, God doesn't want to destroy the people completely (v18). 13. The people like the wickedness and sin of the priests and prophets. They want it that way!