take time **3 June** **Jeremiah 8:1-23** read

http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jeremiah%208:1-23&version=NKJV

The people – no sense of guilt

study

The enemy who is going to attack Judah from the north will take the bones of the dead out of their graves and spread them out. They will then lie, so to speak, before the "eyes" of the sun, moon and stars, who they had served (vv1-3).

God accuses His people of having less common sense than the migrant birds who return each year, whilst the Jews wouldn't be prepared to do that (vv4-9).

That's why He has to repeat what He had already said in chapter 6 (vv10-13). As far as his emotions were concerned, the prophet Jeremiah was anything else than a block of ice. You can see this in his sad emotions which he expresses in a conversation with God (vv14-23).

answer

19. Which migrant birds are mentioned in this chapter?
20. Which other animals are used as an illustration?

inform

Astrology (study of the stars). From early times onwards until this present time, people have superstitiously believed that the stars have an influence over their future and have worshipped sun and moon as gods. In numerous passages in the Bible, God warns us not to have anything to do with these things, because the devil uses them with his demonic powers to enslave people (see also Deuteronomy 18:10-12 and Leviticus 19:26+31).

think

Occult films or computer games have the same satanic origins as horoscopes and divination!

note down

19. Stork, turtle dove, swallow and swift (v7).
20. Horses (vv6+16), serpents and poisonous vipers (v17).