

2 Chronicles 36

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36 Then the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and made him king in his father's stead in Jerusalem. (He was not the first born. Eliakim was older)

²Jehoahaz was twenty and three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. (He must have been incompetent to rule such a short time)

³And the king of Egypt put him down at Jerusalem, and condemned the land in an hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold. (put him down = removed him from being king) (Egypt levied a tax or a fine on Judah)

⁴And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and turned his name to Jehoiakim. And Necho took Jehoahaz his brother, and carried him to Egypt. (Judah is no longer a free nation. They are under Egypt's thumb. This is almost 1000 years after Moses brought Israel out of Egypt. Here they are, back under control by Egypt)

⁵Jehoiakim was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD his God. (Jeremiah tells us that the people became murderers, idolaters, liars, perverts, etc...)

⁶Against him came up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and bound him in fetters, to carry him to Babylon. (Judah is basically defenseless against all their enemies)

Daniel-1:1 (This was the first siege against Jerusalem. It will begin the 70 year captivity of Judah by Babylon)

⁷Nebuchadnezzar also carried of the vessels of the house of the LORD to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon. (He left Jehoiakim on the throne of Judah as a vassal king for another 3 years, before removing him) 2Kings-24, Jeremiah-36

⁸Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found in him, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah: and Jehoiachin his son reigned

in his stead. (found in him = found upon him -> it is believed that he had idolatrous tattoos on his body that were an abomination to God)

⁹ Jehoiachin was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem: and he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD. (He was worthless and Jeremiah dropped the name of God out of his name – Jehoiachin = Yah will establish. He is called Jeconiah in 1Chronicles-3:16. Jeremiah called him Coniah = established) Jeremiah-22:24

¹⁰ And when the year was expired, king Nebuchadnezzar sent, and brought him to Babylon, with the goodly vessels of the house of the LORD, and made Zedekiah his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem. (Zedekiah was not his brother, but a relative; possibly an uncle) (This is during the second siege of Jerusalem by Babylon)

¹¹ Zedekiah was one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. (The last king, also evil. He was a weak king, and took men's advice, instead of God's. He even imprisoned Jeremiah; because Jeremiah was trying to set him right with God's Word)

NOTE: (These rich and powerful men were telling Zedekiah that all is fine. They aren't going into captivity in Babylon. Just like today when preachers tell people – you don't have to study the Book of Revelation. You're going to be gone with the rapture of the church. It's not in the Bible. The rapture theory was invented in 1830 by a psychotic woman who had a dream. Ignorant preachers ran with it and added rapture into mainstream Christian teachings. Satan, as antichrist, will use rapture to turn most Christians into his cult. They will worship him, thinking that he is Messiah, coming to rapture them away)

¹² And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD his God, and humbled not himself before Jeremiah the prophet speaking from the mouth of the LORD. (Many prophets suffered under evil kings because they were speaking the Word of God. These evil kings didn't want to hear it)

¹³ And he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from turning unto the LORD God of Israel. (He broke his oath of loyalty to Babylon, which he took in the name of Yahoveh) Ezekiel-17:11- on

¹⁴ Moreover all the chief of the priests, and the people, transgressed very much after all the abominations of the heathen; and polluted the house of the LORD which he had hallowed in Jerusalem. (Even the priests were corrupt idolaters. Judah had become a heathen nation)

¹⁵ And the LORD God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place: (The prophets that God had sent were not listened to. The people were utterly corrupt)

See 2Peter-3:9 (God is patient with His people)

See Jeremiah-26:3 (I will end this if the people harken to My voice. They didn't)

¹⁶ But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till there was no remedy. (Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and many other prophets)

Jeremiah-26:20-23 (the prophet Uriah is murdered)

Jeremiah-37 (Jeremiah was imprisoned in mud up to his neck and left him there to die. A eunuch ended up saving his life)

¹⁷ Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for age: he gave them all into his hand. (Chaldees = Babylonians) (in the house of their sanctuary – God had removed His name from the temple and from the people by now) (This is the third and final siege of Jerusalem)

¹⁸ And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all these he brought to Babylon. (The prophecy of Isaiah to Hezekiah is being fulfilled) 2Kings-20:17

¹⁹ And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof. (God was no longer there to defend them. They abandoned Him long ago, so He abandoned them in return)

²⁰ And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia: (When Medial-Persia defeated Babylon and allowed the people of Judah to return to what was left of the old Judah. It was never a nation again, until 1948 AD. That began the generation of the fig tree)

²¹ To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: for as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years. (The 70 year captivity to Babylon; this was all foretold) Leviticus-26:33-34

²² Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD spoken by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, (God named Cyrus decades before he was born) Jeremiah-25:11->on

²³ Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people? The LORD his God be with him, and let him go up.