

## 2 Kings 24

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**24** In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant three years: then he turned and rebelled against him. **Jeremiah-25:9 (Judah is defeated by Babylon, and put into subjugation – chastisement by God for Judah's idolatry and perversions)**

<sup>2</sup>And the LORD sent against him bands of the Chaldees, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by his servants the prophets. **(Judah was attacked continually on all sides)**

<sup>3</sup>Surely at the commandment of the LORD came this upon Judah, to remove them out of his sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did; **(The people were also complicit with Manasseh. They were as guilty as he was, although he led them to it)**

<sup>4</sup>And also for the innocent blood that he shed: for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; which the LORD would not pardon.

<sup>5</sup>Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?  
**2Chronicles-36**

<sup>6</sup>So Jehoiakim slept with his fathers: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead. **Jeremiah-22 (God changed his name from Jehoiachin to Coniah. God took HIS name out of the king's name because he was evil; from "Yahoveh will establish" to "establish")**

<sup>7</sup>And the king of Egypt came not again any more out of his land: for the king of Babylon had taken from the river of Egypt unto the river Euphrates all that pertained to the king of Egypt. **(Babylon ruled the entire region)**

<sup>8</sup>Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. And his mother's name was Nehushta, the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem. **Ezekiel-19:6-7 (No one was safe from this evil king – even the widows and children of Judah)**

<sup>9</sup> And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father had done.

<sup>10</sup> At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city was besieged.

<sup>11</sup> And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against the city, and his servants did besiege it. (This will be the end of Jerusalem)

<sup>12</sup> And Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his officers: and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign. (He surrendered to Babylon)

<sup>13</sup> And he carried out thence all the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD, as the LORD had said. 2Kings-20:17 (Foretold to Hezekiah by Isaiah)

<sup>14</sup> And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valour, even ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths: none remained, save the poorest sort of the people of the land. (As prophesied by Isaiah; this is the end of Judah) (He only left the peasants because they could not mount a rebellion against Babylon)

<sup>15</sup> And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his officers, and the mighty of the land, those carried he into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon. (Daniel and his associates were among these captives)

(About this time, a false prophet named Hannaniah "prophesied" that in 2 years all would be returned to Jerusalem. Jeremiah-28 Jeremiah opposed him and foretold that within 1 year, Hannaniah would be dead; because he prophesied falsely to the people. He died 2 months later)

<sup>16</sup> And all the men of might, even seven thousand, and craftsmen and smiths a thousand, all that were strong and apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon.

<sup>17</sup> And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his father's brother king in his stead, and changed his name to Zedekiah. (The youngest son of

Josiah) (At this point, Babylon is ruling over Judah. Zedekiah was just a vassal king)

(Mattaniah = gift of Yah) (Zedekiah = justice of Yah)

<sup>18</sup> Zedekiah was twenty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. (Not the prophet)

<sup>19</sup> And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. (Another idolatrous king in Judah. He even persecuted Jeremiah the prophet)

<sup>20</sup> For through the anger of the LORD it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon. (Zedekiah took a loyalty oath, in God's name, to the king of Babylon. He later broke that oath and paid with his life)

(Jeremiah the prophet warned them over and over – God had judged against Judah. They WERE going into captivity to the Babylonians. They could do it the easy way or the hard way. Judah imprisoned Jeremiah, and refused to listen)