

## LAST KINGS OF JUDAH BEFORE CAPTIVITY

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Kings Name and relation to	took Reign at age - # years	Scripture Locations
<b>Josiah</b>		
son of Amon	Godly - died at Megiddo	2Kings 22:1-23:29; 2Chronicles 34:1-35:27
<b>Shallum / Jehoahaz</b>		
son of Josiah	age 23 - 3 months	2Kings 23:30-34; 2 Chronicles 36:1-4
taken by Pharoah to Egypt - foretold by God died there		Jeremiah 22:10-12 2Kings 23:34
<b>Eliakim / Jehoiakim</b>		
son of Josiah	age 25 - 11 years	
put on throne by Pharoah after removing brother		2Kings 23:34 -37; 2 Chronicles 36:5
paid tribute to Egypt for 3 years while Nebuchadnezzar was conquering area for his father the King of Babylon.		Jeremiah 25:1-3
Judah pays tribute to Babylon under "first year of reign" when Nebuchadnezzar becomes King and puts Egypt and Judah under tribute.		2Kings 24:1-6
lasted 3 years before Jehoiakim rebelled it was a few years before Babylon came back to "fix"		2Kings 24:1
Babylonians put king in fetters to take to Babylon along with Temple vessels and 1st group captives		2 Chronicles 36:6-8, Daniel 1:1-2
God said that this king would be buried like an animal, cast beyond gates of Jerusalem.		Jeremiah 22:13-19
Burned the scroll of God's words. Promised his body would not be buried.		Jeremiah 36:30
<b>Coniah / Jehoiachin / Jeconiah</b>		
son of Jehoiakim	age 18* - 3 months and 10 days	
Babylonians seiged the city. Took King and 8000 captives, along with Temple vessels		2Kings 24:8-16; 2Chron 36:10; Jeremiah 24:1
Spent 37 years in captivity in Babylon. Babylonian King Evil-Merodach (in his 1st year of reign) took Jehoiachin out prison, placed him over other captive kings. He was provided for rest of his life.		2Kings 25:27-30
*2 Chronicles states 8 years old - 2Kings states 18 yrs old		

is believed to be error of omission. He has "wives" when taken by Babylon.

**Mattaniah / Zedekiah**  
youngest son of Josiah

age 21 - 11 years

put on throne by Babylonians

2Kings 24:17-20

Babylonians Besieged Jerusalem the Ninth year of reign Tenth month (Tebeth - January) 10th day of month until the Eleventh year of reign Fourth month (Tammuz - July) Ninth day of month

2Kings 25:1-2;  
2Chronicles 36:11-21

This had been revealed to Ezekiel (while captive in Babylon) occurred exactly the date he prophesied.

Ezekiel 24:1

Punishment from God

Jeremiah 24:8-10

Famine hit Jerusalem 9th day of 4th month  
Revealed to Ezekiel in Babylon

2Kings 25:3  
Ezekiel 4:16-17

Promised by God, he would not die by sword but be taken.  
Taken captive to Babylon. Blinded  
Died in prison

Jeremiah 34:4, 21-22  
2Kings 25:4-7; Jeremiah 39  
Jeremiah 52:11

### **FALL OF JERUSALEM**

2Kings 25:8-21; 2Chronicles 36  
Jeremiah 39; 52

5th month seventh day of month 19th year of Nebuchadnezzar  
Temple and buildings burnt and walls pulled down  
Rest of remaining people taken captive  
poor of land left behind to be vinedressers and husbandmen  
remaining Temple fixtures taken, pillars not taken previously  
High priests and other officials were executed

2Kings 25:12-17  
Jeremiah 27:19-22

Captivity 70 years and **Land had sabbaths**

2Chronicles 36:21  
Jeremiah 25:9-12; Daniel 9:2

### **Book Ten and chapter 8 –after the death of Zedekiah. Josephus states:**

“...after this manner have the kings of David’s race ended their lives, being in number twenty-one, until the last king, who altogether reigned five hundred and fourteen years, and six months, and ten days: of whom Saul, who was their first king, retained the government twenty years, though he was not of the same tribe with the rest.”