

#1132 The Curse of Jehoiakim and the Lineage of Jesus Christ – The 3-month reign of Jehoiachin marked the end of the line of kings in the lineage from King David to the Messiah, Jesus Christ

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2 Kings 24:8-17 (KJV) JEHOIACHIN [also called Jeconiah and Coniah] **was eighteen years old when he began to reign, and HE REIGNED IN JERUSALEM THREE MONTHS** [598-597 B.C.].

And his mother's name was Nehushta, the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.



Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months (2 Kings 24:8)

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

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

11 And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against the city, and his servants did besiege it.

12 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 [captive] in the eighth year of his

[Nebuchadnezzar's] reign.



Babylonian clay tablet, unearthed near the Ishtar Gate, describing the rations meted out to prisoner King Jahukinu (Jehoiachin) of the land of Jahudu (Judah), confirming the Bible (2 Kings chapter 24)

[Jehoiachin apparently went out to meet the king of Babylon with his entourage and was simply taken captive, or went out with his entourage to surrender.]

13 And he [Nebuchadnezzar] 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.

14 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.

*15 **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.*

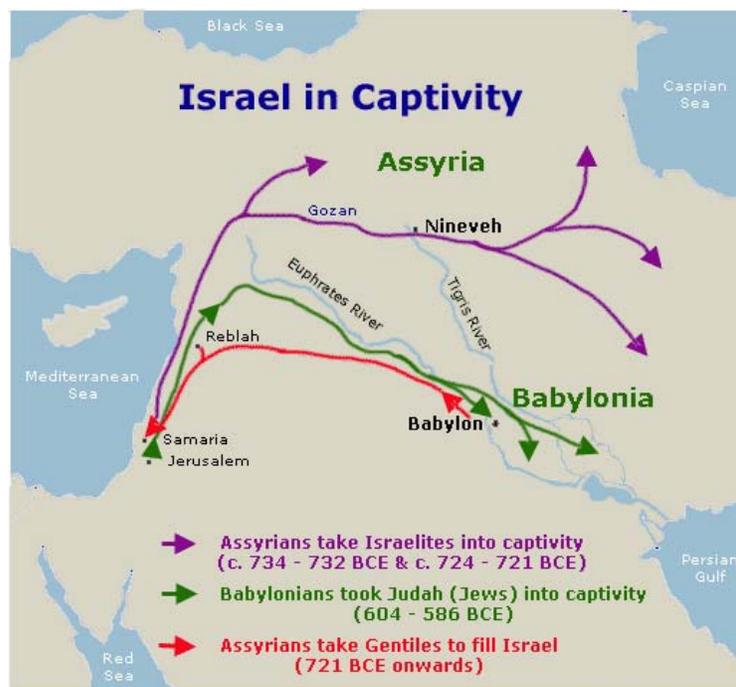
16 And all the men of might, even seven thousand, and craftsmen and smiths a thousand, all that were strong and apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon.

*17 **And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his father's** [Jehoiakim's] **brother king in his stead, and changed his name to ZEDEKIAH.** [Jehoiakim was a son of Josiah, with Zebidah as*

the mother (2 Kings 23:36). Zedekiah was a son of Josiah, with Hamutal as the mother (2 Kings 24:18).]

Key Understanding: *The 3-month reign of Jehoiachin marked the end of the line of kings in the lineage from King David to the Messiah, Jesus Christ. Zedekiah was the very last king of Judah (597-586 B.C.). Zedekiah was a son of Josiah, the half-brother of Jehoiakim, and the uncle of Jehoiachin. Thus, the kings in the line from David to the Messiah, Jesus Christ, as listed in Matthew chapter 1, included the cursed Jehoiakim and the cursed Jehoiachin (Matthew 1:11), but not Zedekiah, for though he was a king of Judah, he was not a part of the direct lineage of Jesus Christ.*

Matthew 1:11 (NIV) and [King] Josiah [the father of Jehoiakim, who was given the curse of “he shall have none {none of his seed} to sit upon the throne of David”] the father of [King] Jeconiah and his brothers at the time of the exile to Babylon.



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