

#1135 The Curse of Jehoiakim and the Lineage of Jesus Christ – Zedekiah, the final King of Judah, II

Key Understanding: *Zedekiah*. Zedekiah succeeded the cursed Jehoiachin who succeeded the cursed Jehoiakim, but was not a descendant of either. He was a son of Josiah and the half-brother of Jehoiakim.

Below is a part of the scriptural account of Zedekiah in 2 Kings 24 and 25.

2 Kings 24:17-20 (KJV) And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his father's [Jehoiakim's] brother king in his stead, and changed his name to ZEDEKIAH.

18 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.
19 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.

20 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.

2 Kings 25:1-11 (KJV) *And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he, and all his host, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it; and they built forts against it round about.*

2 *And the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.*

3 *And on the ninth day of the fourth month the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land.*

4 *And the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled by night by the way of the gate between two walls, which is by the king's garden: (now the Chaldees were against the city round about:) and the king went the way toward the plain.*

5 *And the army of the Chaldees pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army were scattered from him.*

6 *So they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they gave judgment upon him.*

7 *And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon.*

8 *And in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, which is the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard, a servant*



Slaughter of the sons of Zedekiah before him
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of the king of Babylon, unto Jerusalem:

9 And he burnt the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great man's house burnt he with fire [depicted in the picture below].
10 And all the army of the Chaldees, that were with the captain of the guard, brake down the walls of Jerusalem round about.

11 Now the rest of the people that were left in the city, and the fugitives that fell away to the king of Babylon, with the remnant of the multitude, did Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carry away.



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