

EXILIC & POST-EXILIC PROPHETS OF THE BIBLE

Senior Adults & Friends Bible Study — Summit View Church of Christ
Summer 2022

PART THREE — THE EXILE OF 597 BC

Section 1 — The Second Exile of Jerusalem

- **2 Kings 24:1b-4, Jehoiakim Rebels against Nebuchadnezzar**
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about 602 BC

2 Kings 24:1b-4

- *Jehoiakim had become king of Judah in 609 BC. He became Nebuchadnezzar's vassal when the Babylonians took control of Jerusalem and Judah in 605 BC. Three years later he broke his treaty with Nebuchadnezzar.*
- For what reasons did God send raiders to weaken Judah at this time?
 - *Jehoiakim's sin (24:1b):*
 - *sins of his great-grandfather Manasseh (24:3-4):*
- Why do you think God was "not willing to forgive" in this case (verse 4)? Is our God not a forgiving God?

598 BC

2 Chronicles 36:6-9

36:6 — Nebuchadnezzar attacked King Jehoiakim, captured him, bound him with _____ shackles, and took him to _____.

36:7 — What else did Nebuchadnezzar take from Judah to Jerusalem?

36:9 — Jehoiakim was succeeded by his son, _____.

- *The fact that his son succeeded him, but was not placed on the throne by Nebuchadnezzar, suggests that Jehoiakim was captured in battle, while his son remained in Jerusalem to rule until his father's safe return—which, in this case, did not happen. This was common practice when kings went into battle, if they had a son old enough to rule in their absence.*
- *From Babylonian records we know that Jehoiakim was captured (and so his son became king of Judah) on December 9, 598 BC.*

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December 598 to April 597 BC

2 Kings 24:10-20a

24:10-12 — What did young King Jehoiachin (only 18 years old; 24:8) do when Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem?

- *Babylonian records tell us the date of this event: March 16, 597 BC. Jehoiachin had reigned in Jerusalem for 3 months (24:8).*

24:12 — What did Nebuchadnezzar do with King Jehoiachin?

24:13-14 — What did Nebuchadnezzar take away to Babylon?

- the treasures from the _____ of the Lord, including gold articles made by Israel's King _____ (almost 400 years earlier)
- treasures from the royal _____
- all _____, including the officers, fighting men, skilled workers, & artisans— a total of _____ people

24:14 — Whom did Nebuchadnezzar leave in the land?

24:15 — What did Nebuchadnezzar do with King Jehoiachin now?

24:17 — Nebuchadnezzar made Jehoiachin's uncle, _____, king of Judah and changed his name to _____. Did the new king do good or evil in the Lord's eyes? _____

in/after 587 BC

Jeremiah 29:1-23

29:4-9 — What instructions did God (through Jeremiah) give to the Jewish exiles in Babylon?

- Build _____ and settle down; plant _____ and eat what they produce.
- _____ and have sons and daughters; find _____ for your sons and give your _____ in marriage. Increase in number there; do not decrease.
- Seek the _____ and _____ of the city to which I have carried you into exile. _____ to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.
- Don't be deceived by the _____ and diviners when they talk about their dreams. They are prophesying _____. God has not sent them.

24:10-14 — What plans did God have for the Jewish exiles?

- After _____ years, God would bring them back to their homeland.
- verse 11: "For I know the _____ I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to _____ you and not to _____ you, plans to give you _____ and a _____. Then you will pray to me, and I will _____ to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your _____."

24:15-23 — What will God do with the false prophets among the exiles?