

2 KINGS 24 vs 1

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The first and second books of the kings originally were one book, which Jewish tradition credits to the prophet Jeremiah. The subject follows the successes and failures of the kings of both Judah and Israel. This second book of kings follows the decline of **Israel** leading up to their captivity in Aram; and 170 years later, to the decline of **Judah** leading up to their captivity in Babylon.

The encounter of Carchemish in 605 bc finished the rule of Egypt, as Nebuchadnezzar entered Jerusalem.

¹ In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his vassal for three years: then he turned and rebelled against him.

² And the Lord sent against him bands of raiders, of Chaldean, Aramean, Moabite, and Ammonite, and sent them against **Judah** to destroy it, according to the word of the Lord, which He spoke by His servants the prophets.

³ Surely this came upon **Judah, at the instruction of the Lord, to remove them from His presence, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did;**

⁴ and also for the innocent blood that he shed: for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; which the Lord would not pardon.

⁵ 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**?

⁶ So Jehoiakim slept with his fathers: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his place.

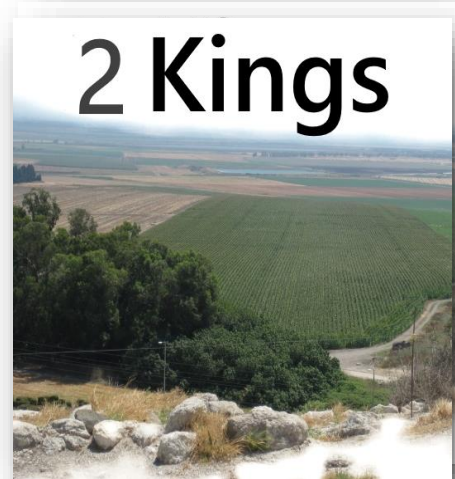
⁷ The king of Egypt never again came out of his land: for the king of Babylon took everything that belonged to the king of Egypt from the Brook of Egypt to the Euphrates River.

Jehoiachin, King of Judah

⁸ Jehoiachin was 18 years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. The name of his mother was Nehushta -- daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.

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

¹⁰ Then the servants of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city was besieged.



¹¹ **The king of Babylon came against the city, even as his servants were besieging it.**

¹² And Jehoiachin the king of Judah, along with his mother, his servants, his commanders, and his officers: **surrendered to the king of Babylon**; so the king took him captive in the eighth year of his reign.

¹³ He also carried off from there all the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the gold articles that King Solomon of Israel had made for the temple of the Lord; just as the Lord had said.

¹⁴ He exiled all Jerusalem, and all the commanders, and all the best warriors – 10,000 captives, including all the craftsmen and metalsmiths: none remained, except the poorest people of the land.

¹⁵ **And Nebuchadnezzar exiled Jehoiachin to Babylon. He took the king's mother, the king's wives, his officers, and the leading men of the land, exiled from Jerusalem to Babylon.**

Zedekiah, King of Judah during the deportation to Babylon,

¹⁶ And the king of Babylon took captive all the best warriors – 7,000, and craftsmen and metalsmiths -- 1,000, all strong and fit for war.

¹⁷ And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah, Jehoiachin's uncle, king in his place, and changed his name to Zedekiah.

¹⁸ Zedekiah was twenty- one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

¹⁹ And **he did what was evil in the sight of the Lord**, just as Jehoiakim had done.

²⁰ For through the anger of the Lord, this happened in Jerusalem and Judah, that He banished them from His presence. Then Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

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