

## 2 Kings 24

Verses 1 - 7

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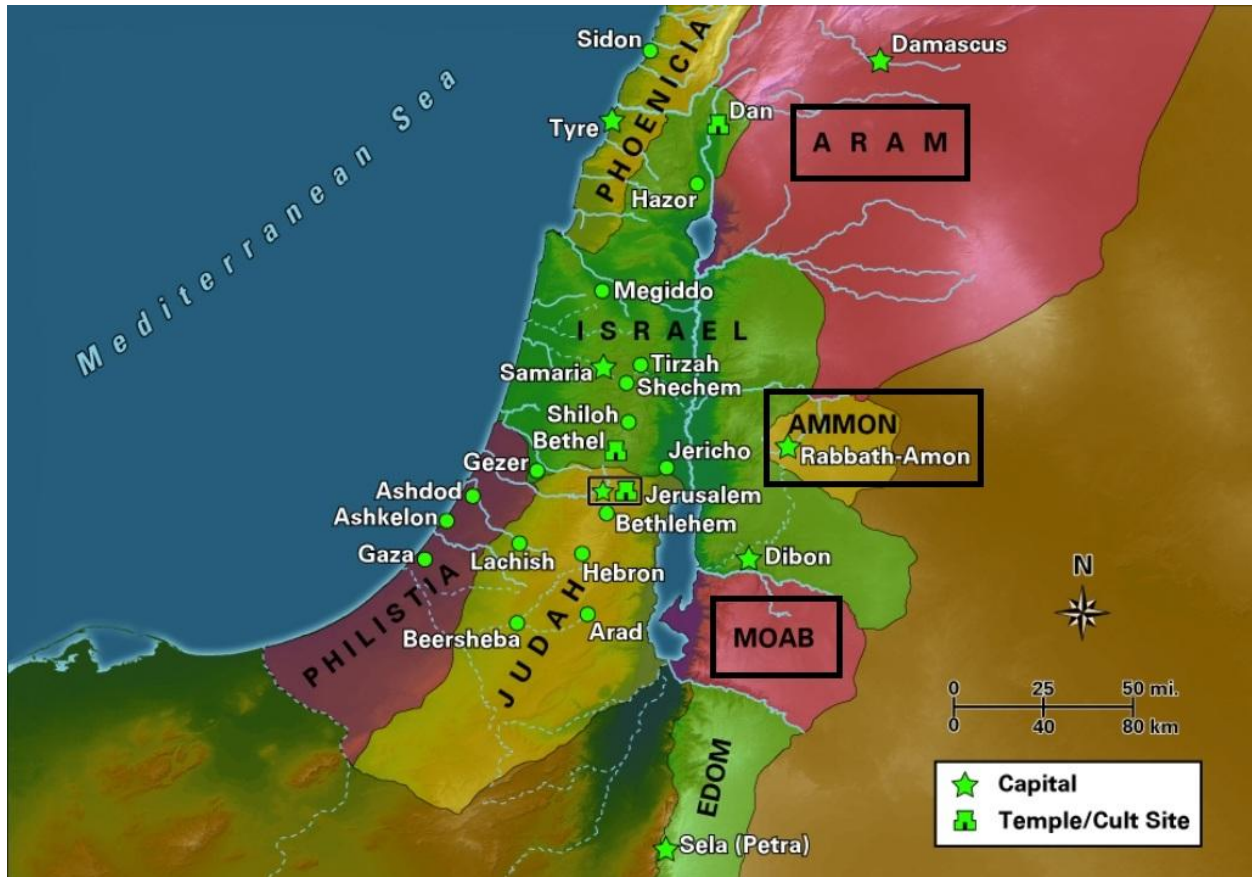
Jehoiakim ruled from 609 BC to 598 BC during the reign of Nebuchadnezzar.

See chart 2405

<b>King</b>	<b>Reign</b>
Nabopolassar	630 - 605
<b>Nebuchadnezzar</b>	<b>605 - 561</b>
Belshazzar	550 - 539

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See Map 2410



The Babylonians were much farther to the Northeast.

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Manasseh was one of the most evil kings of Judah and he reigned for 55 years. An evil king could do a lot of harm in such a long time period. Some might be surprised that the Lord was “unwilling to forgive” but that is exactly what happens to those who reject the Lord and do not repent.

**<sup>6</sup> So Jehoiakim lay down with his fathers, and his son Jehoiachin became king in his place.**

If we didn't have other scriptures concerning the death of Jehoiakim one might take this to mean that he died a natural death but nothing could be farther from the truth.

See 2 Chronicles 36:5 - 7

**<sup>5</sup> Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned for eleven years in Jerusalem; and he did evil in the sight of the Lord his God.**

**<sup>6</sup> Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against him and bound him with bronze chains to take him to Babylon. <sup>7</sup> Nebuchadnezzar also brought some of the articles of the house of the Lord to Babylon, and he put them in his temple in Babylon.**

Nebuchadnezzar bound him with fetters to take him to Babylon but Jehoiakim didn't make it out of the city alive.

See Jeremiah 22:18-19

**<sup>18</sup> Therefore this is what the Lord says regarding Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah:**

**“They will not mourn for him:**

**‘Oh, my brother!’ or, ‘Oh, sister!’**

**They will not mourn for him:**

**‘Oh, for the master!’ or, ‘Oh, for his splendor!’**

**<sup>19</sup> He will be buried with a donkey’s burial,**

**Dragged off and thrown out beyond the gates of Jerusalem.**

This means that he will be dragged out of the city and left to decay without a proper burial.

Jeremiah gave another prophecy regarding Jehoiakim.

See Jeremiah 36:30

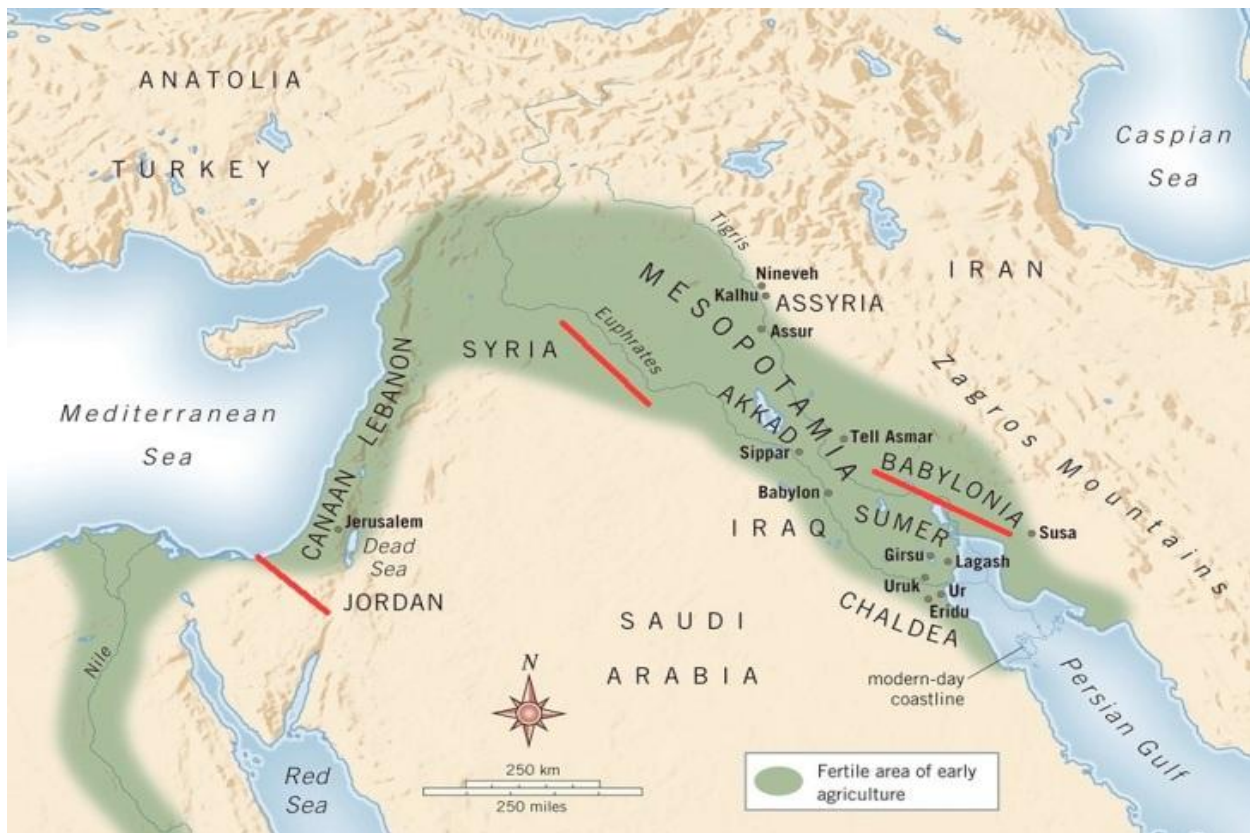
**<sup>30</sup> Therefore this is what the Lord says concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah: “He shall have no one to sit on the throne of David, and his dead body shall be thrown out to the heat of the day and the frost of the night. <sup>31</sup> I will also punish him, his descendants, and his servants for their wrongdoing, and I will bring on them and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the people of Judah all the disaster that I have declared to them—but they did not listen.””**

His son Jehoiachin sat on the throne, but it was no longer the throne of David.

<sup>7</sup> Now the king of Egypt did not come out of his land again, because the king of Babylon had taken everything that belonged to the king of Egypt from the brook of Egypt to the river Euphrates.

Nebuchadnezzar was supreme from the border of Egypt to the Euphrates

See Map 2415 & 2420





Verses 8 – 9

**Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he became king, and he reigned for three months in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Nehushta the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem. <sup>9</sup> He did evil in the sight of the Lord, in accordance with all that his father had done.**

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See chart 2425

	King	Began	Ended	Years	Co-reign
10	Jotham	750/740	731	16	10 years
11	Ahaz	743/731	715	16	12 years
12	Hezekiah	728/715	686	29	13 years
13	Manasseh	696/686	642	55	10 years
14	Amon	642	640	2	
15	Josiah	640	609	31	
16	Jehoahaz	609	609	3 months	
17	Jehoiakim	609	598	11	
18	Jehoiachin	598	597	3 months	
19	Zedekiah	597	586	11	

Verses 10 - 13

**<sup>10</sup> At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon went up to Jerusalem, and the city came under siege. <sup>11</sup> And Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon came to the city, while his servants were besieging it. <sup>12</sup> Then Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, his mother, his servants, his commanders, and his officials. And the king of Babylon took him *prisoner* in the eighth year of his reign. <sup>13</sup> He also brought out from there all the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house, and he smashed all the articles of gold that Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the Lord, just as the Lord had said.**

**<sup>10</sup> At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon went up to Jerusalem, and the city came under siege.**

This is the second of three invasions and deportations of Judah by Babylon.

See chart 2430

	Reigning king	Year	Scripture
1st	Jehoiakim	605	Daniel 1:1-4
2nd	Jehoiachin	597	2 Kings 24:15-16
3rd	Zedekiah	586	2 Kings 25:11

**<sup>12</sup> Then Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, his mother, his servants, his commanders, and his officials. And the king of Babylon took him *prisoner* in the eighth year of his reign.**

The eighth year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign was 597 B.C.

See chart 2405 above

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Nebuchadnezzar looted Solomon's temple three times:

- (1) He took some of the treasures away in 605 BC when Jehoiakim was king
- (2) He did the same here against Jehoiachin (597 BC).
- (3) He will loot and destroy the temple in 586 at the end of Zedekiah's reign.

Verses 14 - 17

**<sup>14</sup> Then he led into exile all *the people of Jerusalem* and all the commanders and all the valiant warriors, ten thousand exiles, and all the craftsmen and the smiths. None were left except the poorest people of the land. <sup>15</sup> So he led Jehoiachin into exile to Babylon; also the king's mother, the king's wives, and his officials and the leading men of the land, he led into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. <sup>16</sup> And all the valiant men, seven thousand, and the craftsmen and the smiths, a thousand, all strong *and* fit for war, these too the king of Babylon brought into exile to Babylon. <sup>17</sup> Then the king of Babylon made his uncle Mattaniah king in his place, and changed his name to Zedekiah.**

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Nations kept their captors in submission by deporting the leaders and prominent people of the land. The poor were unable to mount any resistance because they were busy eking out a living.

**<sup>17</sup> Then the king of Babylon made his uncle Mattaniah king in his place, and changed his name to Zedekiah.**

Mattaniah (Zedekiah) was the son of King Josiah and the uncle of Jehoiachin.

Verses 18 - 20

**<sup>18</sup> Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned for eleven years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. <sup>19</sup> He did evil in the sight of the Lord, in accordance with everything that Jehoiakim had done. <sup>20</sup> For *it was* due to the anger of the Lord *that this* happened in Jerusalem and Judah, until He cast them out of His presence. And Zedekiah revolted against the king of Babylon.**

**Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned for eleven years in Jerusalem. See chart 2435**

### Southern Kings

	King	Began	Ended	Years	Co-reign
10	Jotham	750/740	731	16	10 years
11	Ahaz	743/731	715	16	12 years
12	Hezekiah	728/715	686	29	13 years
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<sup>20</sup> For it was due to the anger of the Lord that this happened in Jerusalem and Judah, until He cast them out of His presence. And Zedekiah revolted against the king of Babylon.

The southern kingdom was about to reap the consequences of their unbelief and there was nothing they could do to stop it.

Unfortunately, Zedekiah believed the report of a false prophet named Hananiah and decided to revolt against the king of Babylon.

See Jeremiah 28

Now in the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, in the fifth month, Hananiah the prophet the son of Azzur, who was from Gibeon, spoke to me at the house of the Lord in the sight of the priests and all the people, saying, <sup>2</sup> “This is what the Lord of armies, the God of Israel says: ‘I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon. <sup>3</sup> Within two years I am going to bring back to this place all the vessels of the Lord’s house, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took from this place and brought to Babylon. <sup>4</sup> I am also going to bring back to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and all the exiles of Judah who went to Babylon,’ declares the Lord, ‘for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.’”



<sup>5</sup> Then Jeremiah the prophet spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the sight of the priests and in the sight of all the people who were standing at the house of the Lord, <sup>6</sup> and Jeremiah the prophet said, “Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill your words which you have prophesied, to bring back the vessels of the Lord’s house and all the exiles, from Babylon to this place. <sup>7</sup> Yet hear now this word which I am going to speak so that you and all the people can hear it! <sup>8</sup> The prophets who were before me and before you from ancient times also prophesied against many lands and against great kingdoms regarding war, disaster, and plague. <sup>9</sup> As for the prophet who prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet comes to pass, then that prophet will be known as one whom the Lord has truly sent.”

<sup>10</sup> Then Hananiah the prophet took the yoke from the neck of Jeremiah the prophet and broke it. <sup>11</sup> Hananiah spoke in the sight of all the people, saying, “This is what the Lord says: ‘Even so within two full years I will break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from the neck of all the nations.’” Then Jeremiah the prophet went his way.

<sup>12</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah after Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from the neck of Jeremiah the prophet, saying, <sup>13</sup> “Go and speak to Hananiah, saying, ‘This is what the Lord says: “You have broken the yokes of wood, but in their place you have made yokes of iron.” <sup>14</sup> For this is what the Lord of armies, the God of Israel says: “I have put a yoke of iron on the neck of all these nations, to serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall serve him. And I have also given him the animals of the field.”’” <sup>15</sup> Then Jeremiah the prophet said to Hananiah the prophet, “Listen now, Hananiah: the Lord has not sent you, and you have made this people trust in a lie. <sup>16</sup> Therefore, this is what the Lord says: ‘Behold, I am going to remove you from the face of the earth. This year you are going to die, because you spoke falsely against the Lord.’”

<sup>17</sup> So Hananiah the prophet died in the same year, in the seventh month.