

# Interesting Facts About Nebuchadnezzar & the Babylonian Empire



- Nebuchadnezzar was the son of Nabopolassar.
- Nebuchadnezzar was placed at the head of his father's armies in 609 B.C.
- Nebuchadnezzar took Palestine away from the control of Egypt in 606 B.C.
- Nebuchadnezzar took some Jewish captives to Babylon in 606 B.C. Among them was Daniel.
- In 606 B.C., Nebuchadnezzar became co-regent with his father, Nabopolassar.
- Nebuchadnezzar became the sole ruler of Babylon in 604 B.C.
- Nebuchadnezzar reigned for 45 of the 70 years that the Babylonian Empire stood.
- Nebuchadnezzar broke the power of Egypt in the famous battle of Carchemish in 605 B.C.
- Nebuchadnezzar crushed a new rebellion in Palestine in 597 B.C. and took King Jehoiachin and many more captives to Babylon, Among them was Ezekiel.
- In 586 B.C. Nebuchadnezzar burned Jerusalem and took more captives to Babylon.
- Nebuchadnezzar's army besieged Tyre for thirteen years (587-573 B.C.)
- In 582 B.C. Nebuchadnezzar invaded and conquered Moab, Ammon, Edom, and Lebanon.
- In 581 B.C. Nebuchadnezzar again took captives from Judah.
- In 572 B.C. Nebuchadnezzar invaded and plundered Egypt.
- In the 2nd year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign as sole ruler, which was Daniel's 3rd year in Babylon, he experienced his dream of the "great image." Daniel 2
- In Daniel 4 Nebuchadnezzar was smitten with a mental condition in which he saw himself as a wild beast and tried to act like one.
- Nebuchadnezzar died in 561 B.C.
- Daniel exerted a powerful influence over Nebuchadnezzar, and three times the king called on the God of Daniel.
  1. Daniel 2:47
  2. Daniel 3:29
  3. Daniel 4:34
- The city of Babylon was massive with:
  - Walls 60 miles around
  - 15 miles on each side
  - 300 feet high
  - 80 feet thick
  - Extending some 35 feet below the ground