

(19) Jehoiachin

BIBLICAL RECORD:

- 2 Kings 24:8-17; 15:27-30
- 2 Chronicles 36:9-10
- 1st reference: 2 Kings 24:6
- Last reference: Jeremiah 52:31
- Mentioned 10 times in the Bible

POSITION:

- 19th King in the Southern Kingdom of Judah

REIGN:

- 3 months, 10 days
- 597 B.C.

CHARACTER:

- Bad

DEATH:

- **Actual death not recorded. 2 Kings 25:29-30** – “So Jehoiachin changed from his prison garments, and he ate bread regularly before the king all the days of his life. And as for his provisions, there was a regular ration given him by the king, a portion for each day, all the days of his life.”

FAMILY:

- Father was Jehoiachim
- Mothers was Nehushta from Jerusalem

RULER(s) IN THE NORTHERN KINGDOM:

- The Northern Kingdom had ended some 113 years before he became king in Judah. It ended in 722 B.C. during the 6th year in the 28 year reign of Hezekiah

PROPHET(s):

- Jeremiah

OBSERVATIONS:

FACTS:

- Became king at age 18. 2 Kings 24:8
- Jehoiakin’s resistance to Nebuchadnezzar’s siege of Jerusalem(during the 8th year of Nebuchadnezzar’s reign) proved to be futile and with his surrender to the King of Babylon, 10,000 captives, the most valuable treasures of the Temple and the royal palace were taken as loot. 2 Kings 24:10-24
- 2nd Deportation to Babylon . . . Ezekiel and Mordecai were taken to Babylon at this time. Jeremiah evaded capture at this time.
- Jehoiakin remained in prison in Babylon for 37 years.

- Jeremiah predicted that Jehoiachin would never have a descendent on David's throne. Not one of his seven sons succeeded him as king, but rather Zedekiah, the son of Josiah, became the last King over Judah. 2 Kings 24:17 (Zedekiah's original name was Mattaniah, but Nebuchadnezzar changed his name to Zedekiah (2 Kings 24:17). **Jeremiah 22:30** - This is what the Lord says: 'Record this man as if childless, a man who will not prosper in his lifetime, for none of his offspring will prosper, none will sit on the throne of David or rule anymore in Judah.'
- After Jehoiachin's long captivity, a strange thing occurred. In the first year of Nebuchadnezzar's successor, Jehoiakin was released from prison and raised to the dignity of a king and lived in royal fashion in Babylon the remainder of his life