

The Last Kings of Judah Before Babylonian Captivity.

Josiah 2 Kings 21:23-26.

- Grandfather was Manasseh and his father was Amon. Both evil.
- Josiah was a good king.
- Josiah was 8 years old when he began to reign.
- Reigned 31 years.
- Killed in battle by Pharaoh-nechoh. 2 Kings 23:28-30.

Jehoahaz

- Son of Josiah. Made king after his father. 2 Kings 23:30.
- Evil.
- Reigned only 3 mos.
- Put in bands by Pharaoh-nechoh.
- Died in Egypt.

Jehoiakim.

- Also named Eliakim.
- Evil.
- Also, a son of Josiah.
- 25 years old when he was made king.
- Made king by Pharaoh-nechoh. 2 Kings 23:34.
- Reigned 11 years.
- "filled Jerusalem with innocent blood". 2 Kings 24:4.
- Made a servant to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.
- He rebelled against Nebuchadnezzar.
- He was bound and carried to Babylon.
- Appears to have died a natural death.

Jehoiachin 2 Kings 24:6.

- Evil.
- Son of Jehoiakim.
- 18 years old when he was made king.
- Reigned 3 months.
- Carried to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.
- He later received favorable treatment by the king of Babylon.
- The first deportation of Judah to Babylon occurred at this time.
- People with skills were carried to Babylon.
- This is when Ezekiel was carried to Babylon.

Zedekiah. 2 Kings 24:17.

- Evil.
- Also, named Mattaniah.
- Also, a son of Josiah.
- Made king by the king of Babylon.
- Took an oath to be loyal to the king of Babylon.
- Reigned 11 years.
- Rebelled against the king of Babylon.
- *In the ninth year of his reign Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem and it fell in the eleventh year of his reign.*
- Was carried to Babylon.
- Children were murdered before his eyes.
- His eyes were put out.
- This is when the destruction of Jerusalem by Babylon occurred. 586 BC.

Gedaliah

- Made governor by Nebuchadnezzar.
- Finally murdered by several Israelites.

Times Frames of Ezekiel's Prophecy.

The time lapses are measured from the time of the captivity of Jehoiachin.

Year	Month	Day.	
5	4	5	The word of the Lord first came to Ezekiel. Ezekeil 1:1-2.
6	6	5	The second time the word of the Lord comes to Ezekiel. Ezekiel 8:1.
7	5	10	Elders come to inquire. Ezekiel 20:1.
9	10	10	King of Babylon set himself against Jerusalem. Ezekiel 24:1-2.
12	10	5	The city is smitten. Ezekiel 33:21.
25	1	10	The vision of the kingdom temple and the new Jerusalem begins. Ezekiel 40:1.

The violence under Ezekiel chapters 4 through 23 and probably 24 are prophetic. The actual violence against Jerusalem does not begin before Ezekiel 24:1-2.

Again in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, write thee the name of the day, even of this same day: the king of Babylon set himself against Jerusalem this same day. Ezekiel 24:1-2.

Depending on how you take, "set himself against", chapter 24 is probably prophetic as well. The conclusion of the destruction of Jerusalem is recorded in Ezekiel 33:21-22. It took Babylon 3 years, lacking 5 days, to finish the destruction of Jerusalem.

We don't know when Ezekiel concluded the final prophecy of the kingdom of heaven, but it was almost 20 years from the first vision in chapter one before the prophecy of the kingdom began.