

## Jehoiakim Rebels Against Nebuchadnezzar (c. 601/600 BC)

2 Kings 24:1b–4

1b then he [Jehoiakim] turned and rebelled against him [Nebuchadnezzar].

2 The LORD sent against him bands of Chaldeans, bands of Arameans, bands of Moabites, and bands of Ammonites. So He sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the LORD which He had spoken through His servants the prophets.

3 Surely at the command of the LORD it came upon Judah, to remove *them* from His sight because of the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he had done,

4 and also for the innocent blood which he shed, for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; and the LORD would not forgive.

## Jeremiah and the Rechabites (c. 600/599 BC)

Jeremiah 35

### Jeremiah's Test of the Rechabites' Loyalty

1 The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying,

2 "Go to the house of the Rechabites and speak to them, and bring them into the house of the LORD, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink."

3 Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, son of Habazziniah, and his brothers and all his sons and the whole house of the Rechabites,

4 and I brought them into the house of the LORD, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan the son of Igdaliah, the man of God, which was near the chamber of the officials, which was above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the doorkeeper.

5 Then I set before the men of the house of the Rechabites pitchers full of wine and cups; and I said to them, "Drink wine!"

### Refusal to Break Jonadab's Vow

6 But they said, "We will not drink wine, for Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, commanded us, saying, 'You shall not drink wine, you or your sons, forever.

7 You shall not build a house, and you shall not sow seed and you shall not plant a vineyard or own one; but in tents you shall dwell all your days, that you may live many days in the land where you sojourn.'

8 We have obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, in all that he commanded us, not to drink wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons or our daughters,

9 nor to build ourselves houses to dwell in; and we do not have vineyard or field or seed.

10 We have only dwelt in tents, and have obeyed and have done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us. [[2 Kgs 10:15–28](#)]

11 But when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against the land, we said, 'Come and let us go to Jerusalem before the army of the Chaldeans and before the army of the Arameans.' So we have dwelt in Jerusalem."

### The Lesson for Judah

12 Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying,

13 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, 'Go and say to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, "Will you not receive instruction by listening to My words?" declares the LORD.

14 "The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, which he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are observed. So they do not drink *wine* to this day, for they have obeyed their father's command. But I have spoken to you again and again; yet you have not listened to Me.

15 Also I have sent to you all My servants the prophets, sending *them* again and again, saying: ‘Turn now every man from his evil way and amend your deeds, and do not go after other gods to worship them. Then you will dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your forefathers; but you have not inclined your ear or listened to Me.

16 Indeed, the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have observed the command of their father which he commanded them, but this people has not listened to Me.””

17 Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel, ‘Behold, I am bringing on Judah and on all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the disaster that I have pronounced against them; because I spoke to them but they did not listen, and I have called them but they did not answer.””

**God’s Blessing on the Rechabites**

18 Then Jeremiah said to the house of the Rechabites, “Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, ‘Because you have obeyed the command of Jonadab your father, kept all his commands and done according to all that he commanded you;

19 therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, “Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not lack a man to stand before Me always.””

**The Death of Jehoiakim (c. December 7, 598 BC)**

2 Kings 24:5–7	2 Chronicles 36:8
<p>5 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim and all that he did,</p> <p>are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?</p> <p>6 So Jehoiakim slept with his fathers, and Jehoiachin his son became king in his place.</p> <p>7 The king of Egypt did not come out of his land again, for the king of Babylon had taken all that belonged to the king of Egypt from the brook of Egypt to the river Euphrates.</p>	<p>8 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim and the abominations which he did, and what was found against him, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah.</p> <p>And Jehoiachin his son became king in his place.</p>

**Jehoiachin, Jehoiakim’s Son, Assumes the Throne of Judah (c. December 7, 598 BC)**

2 Kings 24:8–9	2 Chronicles 36:9
<p>8 Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he became king, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem;</p> <p>and his mother’s name <i>was</i> Nehushta the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.</p> <p>9 He did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father had done.</p>	<p>9 Jehoiachin was eight[teen] years old when he became king, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem,</p> <p>and he did evil in the sight of the LORD.</p>

**Nebuchadnezzar’s Second Siege of Jerusalem (March 16, 597 BC)**

2 Kings 24:10–17	2 Chronicles 36:10	Jeremiah 37:1	Jeremiah 52:28
<p>10 At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of</p>	<p>10 At the turn of the year King Nebuchadnezzar</p>		

<p>Babylon went up to Jerusalem, and the city came under siege.  11 And Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon came to the city, while his servants were besieging it.  12 Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he and his mother and his servants and his captains and his officials.</p> <p>So the king of Babylon took him captive in the eighth year of his reign.  13 He carried out 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 vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD, just as the LORD had said.  14 Then he led away into exile all Jerusalem and all the captains and all the mighty men of valor, ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and the smiths. None remained except the poorest people of the land.  15 So he led Jehoiachin away into exile to Babylon; also the king's mother and the king's wives and his officials and the leading men of the land, he led away into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.</p>	<p>sent and brought him to Babylon</p> <p>with the valuable articles of the house of the LORD,</p>		<p>28 These are the people whom Nebuchadnezzar carried away into exile:</p> <p>in the seventh year</p> <p>3,023 Jews;</p>
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<p>16 All the men of valor, seven thousand, and the craftsmen and the smiths, one thousand, all strong and fit for war, and these the king of Babylon brought into exile to Babylon.</p> <p>17 Then the king of Babylon made his uncle Mattaniah king in his place, and changed his name to Zedekiah.</p>	<p>and he made his kinsman Zedekiah king over Judah and Jerusalem.</p>	<p>1 Now Zedekiah the son of Josiah whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had made king in the land of Judah, reigned as king in place of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim.</p>	
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<b>Zedekiah, Jehoiachin’s Uncle, Appointed King of Judah (March 16, 597 BC)</b>			
2 Kings 24:18–19	Jeremiah 37:2	Jeremiah 52:1–2	2 Chronicles 36:11–12
<p>18 Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem; and his mother’s name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.</p> <p>19 He did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.</p>	<p>2 But neither he nor his servants nor the people of the land listened to the words of the LORD which He spoke through Jeremiah the prophet.</p>	<p>1 Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem; and his mother’s name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.</p> <p>2 He did evil in the sight of the LORD like all that Jehoiakim had done.</p>	<p>11 Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.</p> <p>12 He did evil in the sight of the LORD his God; he did not humble himself before Jeremiah the prophet who spoke for the LORD.</p>

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