

LAMENT FOR THE LAST KINGS OF JUDAH – EZEKIEL 19

16
640-609BC

Josiah



Josiah ascended to the throne of Judah at the age of eight following the assassination of his father, King Amon.

17
609BC

Jehoahaz



Jehoahaz died in captivity in Egypt (2Ki.23:30-34; Je.22:11-12).

18
609-598BC

Jehoiakim
(Eliakim)



Pharaoh Neco made Eliakim the son of Josiah king and changed his name to Jehoiakim. He took Jehoahaz away and brought him to Egypt. He died there in Egypt (2Ki.23:34).

19
598-597BC

Jehoiachin
(Coniah)
(Jeconiah)



Jehoiachin reigned for only 3 months before he was deposed by Nebuchadnezzar.

Jehoiachin's brief reign (described in Ek.19:5-7) was a time of terror and destruction.

Nebuchadnezzar imprisoned Jehoiachin in Babylon because of the revolt his father Jehoiakim had begun (2Ki.24:8-17).

Jehoiachin remained in prison for 37 years till he was released when Evil-Merodach (Amel-Marduk) succeeded his father Nebuchadnezzar

The Babylonians captured Jehoiachin and took him into exile in 597 B.C. Later he enjoyed a measure of freedom, but he never returned to rule over Judah (2Ki.24:8-17; 25:27-30; 2Ch.36:8-10).

20
597-586BC

Zedekiah
(Mattaniah)



He was appointed by Nebuchadnezzar, and is known for his rebellion against Babylon.

Zedekiah, the fire, is regarded as an usurper and the ruin of his people.

EZEKIEL — 19:1-5

- Judah is the lioness (v.2).
- The other nations are the lions (v.2)
- The other nations's rulers are the young lions (v.2).
- The young lion (v.3) is perhaps Jehoahaz, who was captured and taken off to Egypt (v.4).
- The other cub (v.5) is possibly Jehoiachin.

