

Week 35
Jehoiakim and Jehoiachin
2 Kings 24 2 Chron 36
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Now we come to the final kings of Judah as she rushes toward an end that has been inevitable since Manasseh. With Josiah's death, God's covenant and Josiah's renewal is abandoned by the kings and the people. The common fate of these final kings is exile, as it will be for the people. The whole nation shares in the mounting collective guilt that finally overwhelms it and the Lord leads them to destruction. But there is hope. The prophets say the exile is a purification of the nation, and that whatever the long-term punishment, through it all, Israel will survive. Israel will be restored as a nation and returned to the land promised to Abraham, vowed to Isaac, and given by statute to Jacob. The Lord promises a future filled with great glory, where the coming Son of David will reign forever!

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2 Kings 24:1-16 Judah's Greatest Enemy

- 23:36-37 Summary statement of Jehoiakim's reign [*2 Chron 36:3-5; Jer. 22*]
- 24:1-4 Nebuchadnezzar attacks Jerusalem: Captivity #1 [*2 Chr 36:3-7; Dan 1*]
- 24:5-7 Jehoiakim dies [*2 Chron 36:8*]
- 24:8-9 Jehoiachin reigns [*2 Chron 36:9-10*]
- 24:10-11 Nebuchadnezzar captures Jerusalem
- 24:12-13 Jehoiachin surrenders
- 24:14-16 Jehoiachin taken to Babylon: Captivity #2 [*Jer. 22; Ezek. 1*]