

**Lesson 25**  
Four Kings Reign Over Judah  
( 2 Kings 23:31 – 25:21; 2 Chronicles 36:1-21 )

**Questions**

1. How long did Jehoahaz reign over Judah and what kind of king was he (2 K. 23:31-32; 2 Chron. 36:1-2)?
  
2. How did Jehoahaz (Joahaz) die (2 K. 23:33-34; 2 Chron. 36:3-4)?
  
3. How long did Jehoiakim (Eliakim) reign over Judah and what kind of king was he (2 K. 23:35-37; 2 Chron. 36:5; see also Jer. 52:2)?
  
4. What did the Lord do to Judah during the reign of Jehoiakim and why did he do it (2 K. 24:1-7; 2 Chron. 36:6-8)?
  
5. How long did Jehoiachin reign over Judah and what kind of king was he (2 K. 24:8-9; 2 Chron. 36:9)?
  
6. What did Nebuchadnezzar do to Jehoiachin and to Jerusalem during his reign (2 K. 24:10-17; 2 Chron. 36:10; see also Jer. 27:20 and Mt. 1:11)?
  
7. How long did Zedekiah (Mattaniah) reign over Judah and what kind of king was he (2 K. 24:18-20; 2 Chron. 36:11-12; see also Jer. 52:1-3)?
  
8. How did Zedekiah and the religious leaders react to God's word at this time (2 Chron. 36:11-16)?

9. What did Zedekiah do to the king of Babylon and what happened to Zedekiah (2 K. 25:1-7; see also Jer. 39:1-10; 52:3-11)?
  
10. What did the Babylonians do to Jerusalem, the temple, and the people (2 K. 25:8-21; 2 Chron. 36:17-21; see also Jer. 52:12-30)?

### **Digging Deeper**

1. What are the approximate dates for the reigns of Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin, and Zedekiah over Judah (2 K. 23:31 – 25:21)?
  
2. What “major” prophet ministered during the reigns of Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin, and Zedekiah?
  
3. What “minor” prophet, thought by some Bible scholars to have ministered during the reign of Jehoiakim (c. 607 B.C.), prophesied that God would use the Chaldeans (Babylonians) punish Judah for her sins?
  
4. What was the other name of Jehoahaz and what did the Lord prophesy concerning him (Jer. 22:1-12)?
  
5. What did the Lord prophesy concerning Jehoiakim (Jer. 22:13-18)?
  
6. What plot was made against Jeremiah at the beginning of Jehoiakim’s reign and why was it made (Jer. 26:1-24)?
  
7. What individuals are set forth as a good example to Judah during the reign of Jehoiakim and why are they such a good example (Jer. 35:1-19)?

8. What happened in the third year of Jehoiakim's reign according to Daniel 1:1-7?
9. What did the Lord say to Jeremiah in the fourth year of Jehoiakim's reign concerning Judah's captivity and Babylon's fall (Jer. 25:1-14)?
10. What did the Lord say to Baruch, Jeremiah's scribe, during the fourth year of Jehoiakim's reign (Jer. 45:1-5)?
11. Who did Jeremiah say that Nebuchadnezzar would defeat in the fourth year of Jehoiakim's reign (Jer. 46:2)?
12. What do we learn about Jehoiakim's attitude toward God's word during the fifth year of his reign (Jer. 36:1-32)?
13. What was the other name of Jehoiachin (1 Chron. 3:16-17; Jer. 37:1) and what did the Lord prophesy concerning him (Jer. 22:24-30)?
14. Who was taken captive to Babylon during the time of Jehoiachin according to Esther 2:5-6?
15. What happened to Jehoiachin during the 37<sup>th</sup> year of his captivity (Jer. 52:31-34)?
16. What did the Lord say to Jeremiah at the beginning of Zedekiah's reign concerning the nations and concerning Judah (Jer. 27:1-22)?
17. What false prophecy was given at the beginning of Zedekiah's reign concerning Nebuchadnezzar and what happened to the false prophet (Jer. 28:1-17)?

18. What prophecy did Jeremiah give concerning Elam at the beginning of Zedekiah's reign (Jer. 49:34-39)?
  
19. What advice did Jeremiah give to the captives in Babylon during the reign of Zedekiah (Jer. 29:1-32)?
  
20. What prophecies did Jeremiah speak to Zedekiah in Jeremiah 32, 33, and 34 (see also 2 Chron. 36:12)?
  
21. What did Jeremiah prophesy concerning Zedekiah and those who remained in the land (Jer. 24:1-10)?
  
22. What did Jeremiah say to Zedekiah concerning Nebuchadnezzar (Jer. 27:12-15)?
  
23. What do we learn about Zedekiah from Jeremiah 21, 37-39, and 52?
  
24. What prophesy did Jeremiah give concerning Babylon during the fourth year of Zedekiah's reign (Jer. 51:59-64)?
  
25. Where in the book of Jeremiah did he prophesy about the 70-year Babylonian captivity and its end (2 Chron. 36:21)?
  
26. Which kings of Judah were evil (2 K. 23:32, 37; 24:9)?
  
27. Who was Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon (2 K. 24:1)?

28. Locate the following on a map: Riblah (2 K. 23:33; 25:6, 21).

### **Applications for Today**

1. Don't follow the wicked influence and example of your forefathers (2 K. 23:32, 37; 24:9, 19; Ezek. 18:1-32).
2. God's people are judged according to their works (2 K. 24:3-4; Rom. 2:6; 2 Cor. 11:15; 2 Tim. 4:14; Rev. 2:23; 18:6; 20:12-13).
3. God gets angry at sin and so should we (2 K. 24:20; 1 K. 8:46; Psa. 36:4; Rom. 12:9).
4. Rebellion leads to trouble, so humble yourself before God (2 Chron. 36:12-13; Jer. 44:10; Dan. 5:22).
5. Pride leads to destruction and a haughty spirit leads to a fall (2 Chron. 36:12; Prov. 16:18).
6. Spiritual leaders should be pure (2 Chron. 36:14; 1 Tim. 3:1-13; 4:12).
7. Listen and obey God's word; don't mock it (2 Chron. 36:15-16; Heb. 12:25).
8. God brings final judgment and punishment on his people for three reasons: poor spiritual leadership (2 Chron. 36:11-12; 2 K. 17:1-6, 8, 19-23), worldliness among the people (2 Chron. 36:14; 2 K. 17:7-12, 14-18), and refusal to hear God's repeated warnings (2 Chron. 36:15-16; 2 K. 17:13).
9. God's word will always be fulfilled and come to pass (2 Chron. 36:21; Mt. 5:18; 24:35; 1 Pet. 2:25).