

# **Biblical Events of The Captivity and Exile (609-539 B.C).**

## **Judah's Last Days of Freedom, 609 BC**

- The King of Egypt Kills Josiah in Battle and Takes Control of Judah (2 Ki 23:28-30a; 2 Chr 35:20-27)
- Pharaoh Neco Replaces Jehoahaz with Jehoiakim (2 Ki 23:30b-34; 2 Chr 36:1-4, cf. Jer 22:10-12)
- Jehoiakim Begins to Reign (2 Ki 23:35-37; 2 Chr 36:5)
- Jeremiah's Temple Sermon and Subsequent Persecution (Jer 7:1-8:3; 26:1-24)
- Jeremiah's Prophecies Concerning the Coming Judgment, ca. 609-605 B.C. (Jer 8:4-20:18)
- Habakkuk Prophecies Concerning the Babylonian Invasion (Hab 1-3)

## **The Coming Exile and the Babylonian Threat**

- Babylon Defeats Egypt at Carchemish, 605 BC (Jer 46)
- Captivity and Return Prophesied (Jer 25)
- Jehoiakim Burns Jeremiah's Scroll (Jer 36, 45)
- Jeremiah Predicts the Fall of Surrounding Nations to Babylon (Jer 47:1-49:33)

## **Nebuchadnezzar Takes Control of Judah, 605-601 BC**

- Judah Subdues Judah and Raids the Temple, 605 BC (2 Ki 24:1a, 2 Chr 36:6-7)
- The First Deportation/Daniel, a Faithful Exile in Babylon (Dan 1)
- Nebuchadnezzar's Fleeting Kingdom (Dan 2)
- Jehoiakim Rebels Against Nebuchadnezzar and Suffers Defeat, 601 BC (2 Ki 24:1b-4)
- The Obedience of the Rechabites (Jer 35)

## **Jehoiachin's Short Reign and Exile, 598-597 BC**

- Jehoiachin Rules for 3 Months (2 Ki 24:5-9; 2 Chr 36:8-9)
- The Second Deportation: Jehoiachin Exiled, 597 BC (2 Ki 24:10-16; 2 Chr 36:10a; cf. Jer 52:28)
- The Good Figs and the Bad Figs (Jer 24)
- Jeremiah Prophecies Hope for the Future (Jer 29-31)

## **The Beginning of Zedekiah's Reign, 597-594 BC**

- Zedekiah Placed on the Throne by Nebuchadnezzar (2 Ki 24:17-19; 2 Chr 36:10b-12; Jer 52:1-2)
- Zedekiah Joins an Anti-Babylonian Coalition Supported by False Prophets (Jer 27-28)
- Zedekiah Called to Babylon/Jeremiah's Prophecy Spoken Against Babylon (Jer 49:34-51:58)

## **Ezekiel Called to Prophecy to the Exiles in Babylon, 593 BC**

- Ezekiel's Call and Initial Vision (Eze 1-3)
- The Siege of Jerusalem Symbolized (Eze 4-5)
- Ezekiel's First Set of Speeches (Eze 6-7)
- Ezekiel Transported to Jerusalem (Eze 8-11)
- The Exile Symbolized (Eze 12)
- Ezekiel's Second Set of Speeches (Eze 13-23)

## **The Siege of Jerusalem, 588-586 BC**

- Joel Prophecies Concerning the Imminent Day of the Lord, undated (Joel 1-3)
- Zedekiah's Rebellion Prompts the Siege of Jerusalem (2 Ki 24:20; 2 Chr 36:13-16; Jer 52:3)
- The Siege Begins, 588 BC (2 Ki 25:1-2; Jer 39:1, 52:4-5)
- Word of the Siege Comes to the Exiles (Eze 24)

- Jeremiah's Oracles to Zedekiah during the Beginning of the Siege (Jer 21-23)
  - Jerusalem Will Certainly be Defeated (Jer 21:1-10)
  - Concerning the Apostate Davidic Kings (Jer 21:11-23:8)
  - Concerning the False Prophets (Jer 23:9-40)
- Prophecy of the Death of Zedekiah (Jer 34:1-7)
- The Siege Temporarily Lifted
  - Jeremiah's Warning to Zedekiah (Jer 37:1-10)
  - Cruelty to the Former Slaves (Jer 34:8-22)
  - Jeremiah Imprisoned (Jer 37:11-38:13)
  - Hope in Despair: Jeremiah Buys a Field (Jer 32-33)
- Final Warning (Jer 38:14-28)

### The Fall of Jerusalem, 586 BC

- The Walls Breached and Zedekiah Captured (2 Ki 25:3-7; 2 Chr 36:17; Jer 39:1-7, 52:4-11)
- The Temple Burned (2 Ki 25:8-10; 2 Chr 36:19; Jer 39:8, 52:13-14)
- The Third Deportation (2 Ki 25:11-12; 2 Chr 36:20-21; Jer 39:9-10, 52:15-16, cf. 52:59)
- The Temple Plundered (2 Ki 25:13-17; 2 Chr 36:18; Jer 52:17-23)
- Additional Victims of Babylon (2 Ki 25:18-21; Jer 52:24-27)

### The Prophetic Response to the Fall of Jerusalem

- A Lament from Jeremiah (Lam 1-3)
- An Oracle Against Edom (Obadiah)
- Strangers in a Strange Land (Ps 137)

### Gedaliah Governs Judah, 586 BC

- Gedaliah Made Governor by Nebuchadnezzar (2 Ki 25:22-24; Jer 40:1-12)
- Gedaliah Assassinated (2 Ki 25:25-26; Jer 40:12-41:3)
- The Remaining People Flee into the Land of Egypt (Jer 41:4-44:30)

### Ezekiel Continues to Prophecy to the Exiles, 586-573 BC

- Ezekiel's Prophecies Against Foreign Nations (Eze 25-32)
- Israel's Watchmen (Eze 33:1-20)
- News of Jerusalem's Destruction Reaches the Exiles (Eze 33:21-33)
- The Good Shepherd (Eze 34)
- Restoration for Israel (Eze 35:1-36:15)
- For the Sake of His Holy Name (Eze 36:16-38)
- "Can These Bones Live?" (Eze 37:1-14)
- Two Sticks Become One (Eze 37:15-28)
- Prophecy Against Gog (Eze 38-39)
- The Return of the Glory of the Lord (Eze 40-48)

### God's Faithfulness During the Exile

- Prayer for God to be Faithful to His Covenant (Ps 74)
- Saved from Fire (Dan 3)
- Nebuchadnezzar Humbled and Restored (Dan 4)
- Jehoiachin Released, 561 BC (2 Ki 25:27-30; Jer 52:31-34)
- Daniel's Visions of the Future in Yahweh's Control, ca. 552-550 (Dan 7-8)