

KINGS OF JUDAH AT TIME OF JEREMIAH

1. Evil reigns of Manasseh - 687-641. Amon - 641-640
2. Josiah. 640 - 609. Killed by Pharaoh-neco of Egypt at Megiddo in 609. Neco and Egypt ruled Judah 609=605. In 621 Josiah inaugurated a rather extensive reform against the evils promoted by Manasseh and Amon.
3. Jehoahaz. 609 (3 months) Neco carried him in Egyptian captivity and put Jehoiakim on the throne.
4. Jehoiakim. 609 -598. Jerusalem youths, including Daniel and his 3 friends carried captive to Babylon, 605. First Stage of Babylonian captivity.
5. Jehoiachin. 598 (3 months) carried captive into Babylon with about 10,000 of the leading citizens of Jerusalem, including Ezekiel. 2nd Stage of Captivity
6. Zedekiah. 598-587. Pro-Babylonian at first, but later shifted allegiance to Hophra of Egypt. Jerusalem fell in 587-6. 3rd State of Captivity.
7. Gedaliah. 587-582. Governor of Judah under Babylonian control. Murdered by Ishmael, after which Jeremiah and Baruch were forced to flee with a band of Jews under Johanan to Egypt.

This information is covered in II Kings 22 thru 24.