

THE BABYLONIAN EXILE



- At the end of 2nd Kings, Judah is in Babylon and Judah is no longer a kingdom
- It was in Babylon that the Synagogue was developed, and Judaism was born
- Jeremiah 27 speaks of God siding with Babylon, and punishing His set-apart people
- Judah is instructed to be co-operative and to accept their subjugation by Babylon





ISRAEL: GOD'S LAND, GOD'S PEOPLE

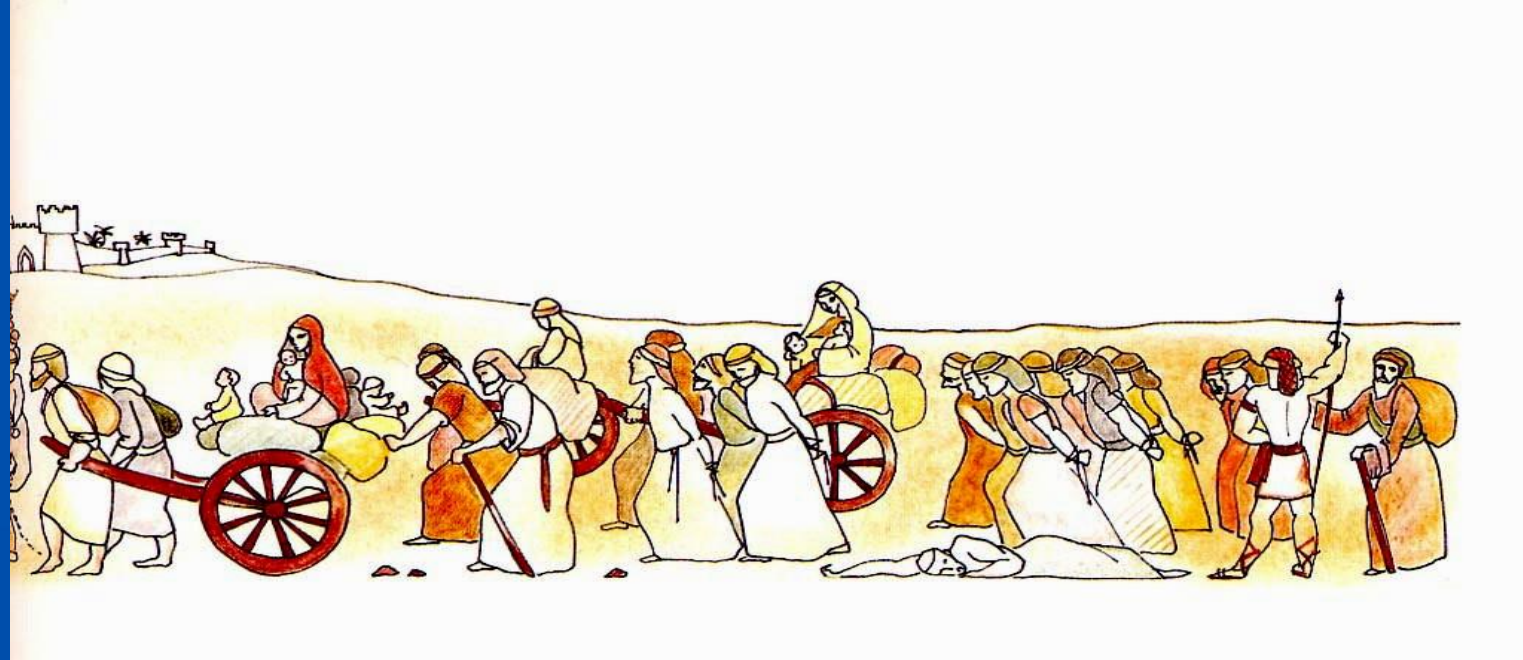
- We should not assume that God's set-apart and redeemed people will escape God's justice
- Jeremiah 27:5
- When God's redeemed rebel, He will take action !!
- Romans 11:17 – 22
Applies directly to disciples of Yeshua



Y'HOYAKIM

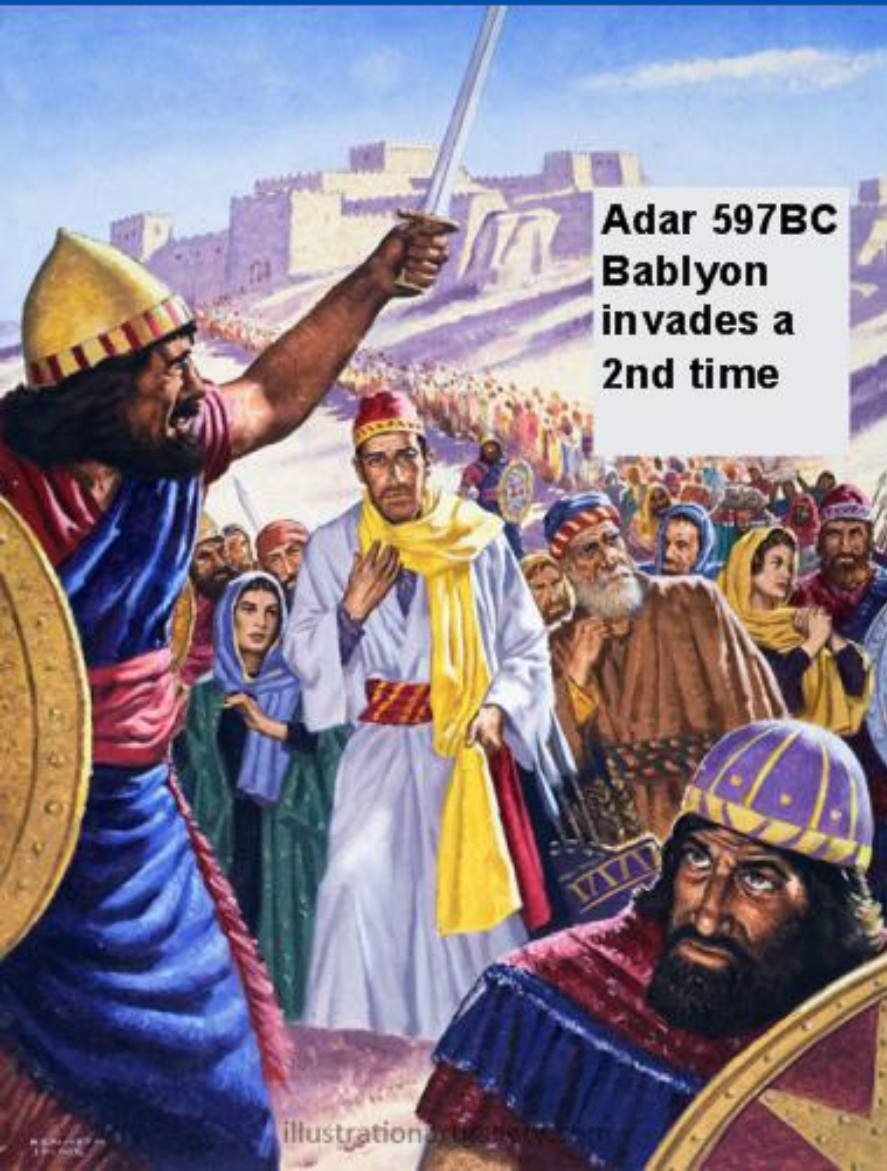
- *Y'hoyakim* = Jehoiakim
- *Y'hoyakim* replaced his brother *Y'ho'achaz*
- Jehoiakim a vassal to Egypt, then to Babylon
- He rebelled, and Babylon invaded in *Kislev* (Dec.) 598 B.C.
- Jeremiah 27:11- 13
- 2Chron.36:5, 6 gives more details
- Did Jehoiakim die in Jerusalem, or was he taken to Babylon?
- Jeremiah 22:18, 19
- Jeremiah 36: 27 - 30





- 2nd Chron.36:7 Temple items looted and taken to Babylon
- Daniel 1:1 – 6 First wave of citizens of Judah deported to Babylon, including Daniel
- 1st....*Y'hoyakim* agrees to be vassal to Nebuchadnezzar
- 2nd....After 3 years *Y'hoyakim* rebels
- 3rdIn 598 B.C. Babylon invades Judah to restore dominance
- The invasion and deportations **DID NOT HAVE TO HAPPEN!**
- Had *Y'hoyakim* obeyed God and not rebelled, the people could have stayed in the land, and the Temple wouldn't be looted

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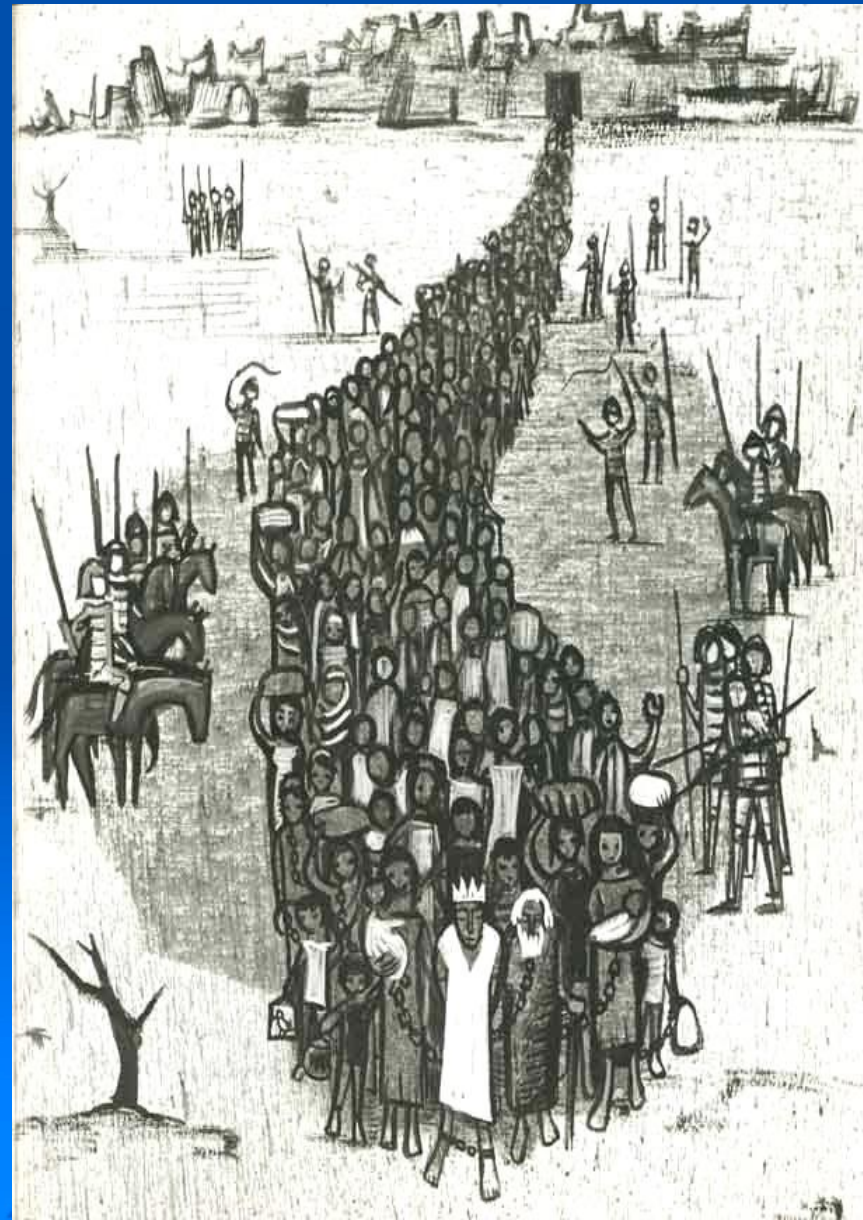


Adar 597BC
Babylon
invades a
2nd time

- 18 years old when *Y'hoyakhin* became king
- Ruled for 3 months and 10 days, rebelled against Babylon
- Note: He was NOT 8 years old as reported by 2Chron.36 (copyist error)
- He tried to surrender and plead for mercy, but Nebuchadnezzar didn't trust him
- *Koniyahu* = *Y'hoyakhin*
- Jeremiah 22:24 - 30

THE 2ND WAVE OF DEPORTATIONS

- 597 B.C. about 10,000 more people taken from Judah to Babylon
- The cream of the crop taken, but common citizens left
- “All” Yerushalayim
- In the Bible, “All” doesn’t mean 100%
- More and larger items taken from the Temple
- THIS DIDN’T HAVE TO HAPPEN!
- If *Y’hoyakhin* had obeyed God and not rebelled against Babylon, the additional deportations wouldn’t have happened



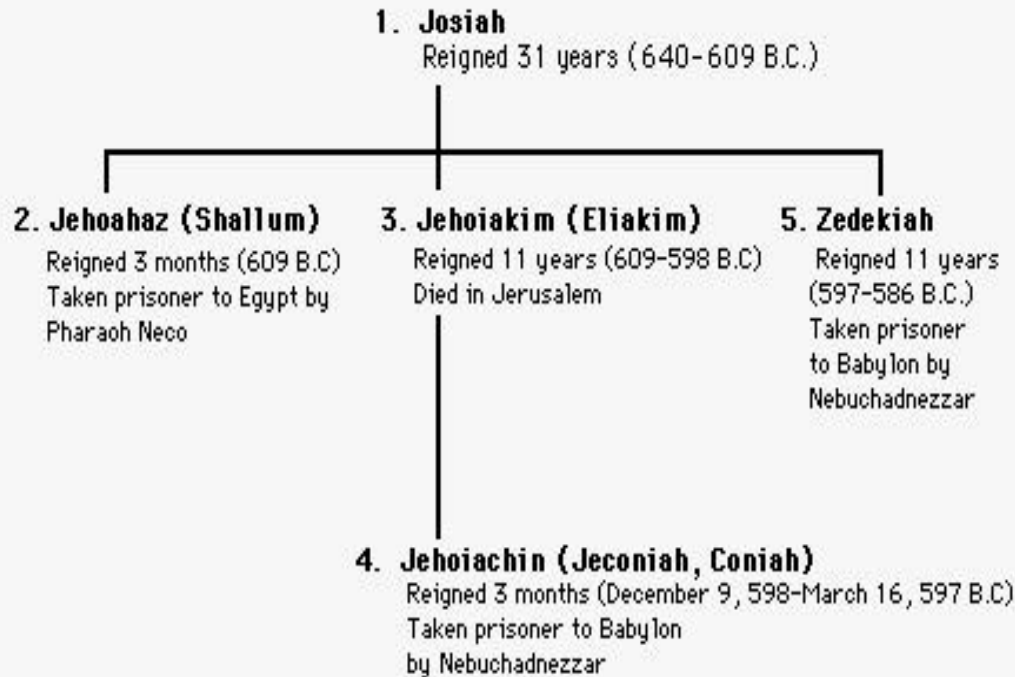
HOW MANY WERE TAKEN TO BABYLON ?

- 2nd Kings 24:14 Reports 10,000 taken
- 2nd Kings 24:16 Reports 7,000 and 1,000 taken
- Jeremiah 52:28-30 Reports a total of 4600 taken
- 10,000 7,000 1,000 are round numbers, approximations
- Jeremiah 52 more precise, but WHICH groups of people are being reported?
- Babylon needed to let the common people remain to keep the land producing so they could get tribute



TZIDKIYAHU

The Last Five Kings of Judah



➤ *Mattaniah* name changed to *Tzidkiyahu*

➤ Zedekiah was Jehoiakhin's uncle

➤ Zedekiah would be Judah's last Jewish King

➤ *Tzidkiyahu* NOT like his father Josiah, instead was wicked

THE DELUSION OF LEADERSHIP WITHOUT GOD

- 2Chron.36:11 – 13
- Tzidkiyahu = YHWH is righteous
- Tzedekyah = God is righteous
- Zedekiah trespassed by not obeying Jeremiah
- God put it into Zedekiah's mind to rebel
- Government leadership without God leads to self-destructive decisions
- Result: national ruin and estrangement from God



2ND KINGS 25: GOOD-BYE JUDAH !

- 9th year of Zedekiah's reign
- 10th month = *Tevet* (January)
- Cold, dead of winter
- 588 B.C.
- Ezekiel 17:11 – 18
- Zedekiah put his hope for deliverance in Egypt
- Egypt represents a cruel taskmaster, and Satan's kingdom on earth

