

Death of A Nation **II King 24, 25**

Final four evil kings of Judah: (3 mos.---11 yrs.-----3 mos.---11 yrs.-----)

Jehoahaz--609BC . . . imprisoned by Neco

Jehoiakim--609-597BC . . . foolishly rebels against Nebuchadnezzar

605: Deportation #1 (some of the royal family taken to Babylon)

Jehoiachin--597BC . . . imprisoned by Nebuchadnezzar

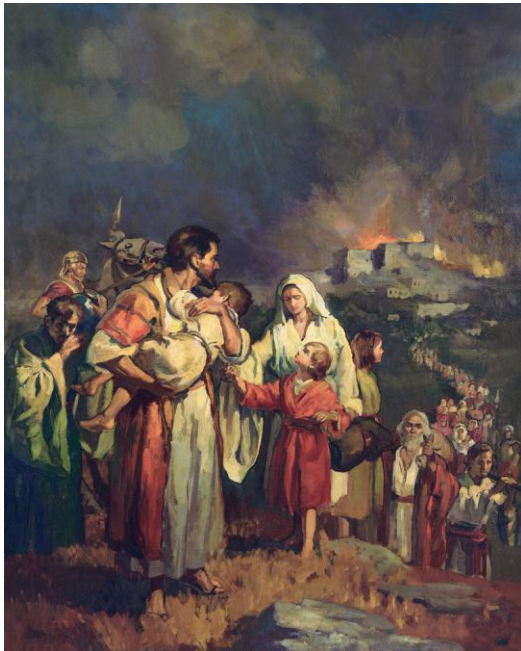
597: Deportation #2 (soldiers / craftsmen taken but for the poorest)

Zedekiah--597-586BC . . . foolishly rebels against Nebuchadnezzar

586: Deportation #3 (survivors taken but for the poorest)

*****Gedaliah—appointed gov. by Nebuchadnezzar, murdered after 7 mos.***

- ◆The huge clash at Carchemish in 605 BC makes Babylon the lone area superpower, and Judah goes under Babylonian authority from then on. Foolish trust in Egypt creates problems, Jer. 37:1-10, Ezek. 17:11ff.
- ◆Throughout these two decades, Jeremiah is the most outspoken prophet of God; he is persecuted for advocating submission to Babylon and predicting doom / God's will of a 70 yrs. exile, Jer. 25:9-11, 27:6-17.
- ◆Jehoiachin (who had surrendered earlier) goes into exile, and later is released by Nebuchadnezzar's son / successor and elevated. Why?



Judah's tragic fall fulfilled prophetic warnings in Dt. 28:15-68, II Kgs. 21:10-15, 22:15-20.

Jeremiah was considered a traitor for criticizing his government for its evil ways and questioning its foreign policy . . . can we expect the same?

If all countries (us too) are fated to fall eventually, how should this affect us?