

THE DEATHS OF THE FINAL FIVE KINGS OF JUDAH

JOSIAH	Judah was under Assyrian control, and Egypt was coming to the aid of Assyria in its war with Babylon. Josiah sided with Babylon and died in 609 B.C., after fighting against Pharaoh Neco in the plain of Esdraelon, near Megiddo (2 Chron. 35:24). His body was buried in Jerusalem.
JEHOAHAZ	Pharaoh Neco ruled over Palestine for several years. He took Jehoahaz as a captive to Egypt in 609 B.C., where he died in exile (2 Kings 23:30–34; 2 Chron. 36:1–4; see Jer. 22:10–12).
JEHOIAKIM	He died in Jerusalem, and his body was cast outside the city (Jer. 22:18, 19; 36:30).
JEHOIACHIN	He was exiled to Babylon in 597 B.C., along with many nobles, rulers, and artisans (including Mordecai; Esther 2:5, 6). Jehoiachin (Jeconiah) was allowed to leave prison and was given food, clothing, and palace favors for the rest of his life (2 Kings 25:27–30; Jer. 52:31–34).
ZEDEKIAH	In the fall of Jerusalem in 586 B.C. to the Babylonians, Zedekiah tried to escape but was captured and brought to Nebuchadnezzar, who killed Zedekiah's sons in front of him and then put out his eyes. He was exiled to Babylon along with many others. In fulfillment of the prophecy of Ezekiel 12:13, he did not see Babylon, but died there (Jer. 39:6–8; see 52:11; 2 Kings 24; 25; 1 Chron. 3:15; 2 Chron. 36:10, 11).