

----- Jehoiachin 3 mos. -----

3405c AM, 4115 JP, 599 BC

795. After him, his son Jehoiachin, who was also called Coniah and Jeconiah, reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem. He did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, as his father Jehoiakim had done before him. {#2Ki 24:8,9 2Ch 36:8,9} God pronounced this most dreadful decree against him:

"Write this man childless, a man which shall not prosper in his days; for none of his seed shall prosper to sit in the throne of David, nor reign any more in Judah" {#Jer 22:30}

3405d AM, 4115 JP, 599 BC

797. In the same year in which the earlier army had been sent, the servants of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, came to besiege Jerusalem. When Nebuchadnezzar himself came to the city while his servants besieged it, Jehoiachin the king, together with his mother Nehushta, a woman of Jerusalem, his servants and officers, and with all his courtiers, came out to meet the king of Babylon. This happened in the eighth year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign over Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar took all the treasure, both of the

temple and of the king's house, away with him. He broke in pieces all the golden vessels and furnishings which Solomon had made for the temple of the Lord, just as the Lord had foretold. {#Isa 39:6} He carried away king Jehoiachin to Babylon, together with his mother, his wives and his courtiers.

----- Jehoiachin (Jeconiah) in Babylon -----

3442b AM, 4152 JP, 562 BC

891. Nebuchadnezzar died after he had foretold that Cyrus would capture Babylon. So stated Abydenus (cited by Eusebius {*Eusebius, Gospel, l. 9. c. 39. (457a) 1:485}), based on the account from the Chaldeans. [E95] He died after he had reigned about twenty months as viceroy in the kingdom with his father, and forty-three years by himself.

892. After Nebuchadnezzar, his son Evilmerodach, or Illaoroudamos, reigned. In the thirty-seventh year of the captivity of Jehoiachin, or Jeconiah, about the twenty-fifth day of the twelfth month (Tuesday, April 15th), Evilmerodach ordered Jeconiah to be promoted. {#Jer 52:31} Two days later he took him from prison, changed his prison clothes and seated him ahead of all the princes in his court.

He counted him among the king's friends and for the rest of his life, Jeconiah ate at the king's table. {#2Ki 25:27-29}

3444c AM, 4154 JP, 560 BC

900. Evilmerodach, the king of Babylon, was a wicked man. He had many attempts made on his life and was eventually murdered by Neriglissoros, his sister's husband, when he had reigned little more than two years. {Berosus, Chaldean History, l. 3.} {*Josephus, Apion, l. 1. c. 20. (147) 1:223} Because we read that Jeconiah, king of Judah, had a daily food allowance given to him until he died, {#Jer 52:34 2Ki 25:30} it is therefore most probable that Jeconiah himself died about the same time that Evilmerodach died.