

## The Messages of Jeremiah During the Reign of Judah's Kings

### King Josiah 626-609 BC

Josiah was 8 years old when he became king. At 16 he began to seek God, and by 20 Josiah initiated a vigorous religious revival.

#### Jeremiah's Messages During Josiah's Reign

2:1–3:5	On Judah's sinful heart
3:6–6:30	Jerusalem to be destroyed
7:1–10:25	Ruin and exile coming
18:1–20:18	Message on the potter

### King Jehoiakim 609–598 b.c.

In the fourth year of Jehoiakim's reign, Nebuchadnezzar defeated the Egyptians in the battle of Carchemish. This firmly established the Babylonians as the dominant world power.

#### Jeremiah's Messages During Jehoiakim's Reign

11:1–13:14	The broken covenant
14–15	Prayers are fruitless
16–17	Jeremiah's celibacy
22	The king rejected
23	False prophets charged
25	Nebuchadnezzar, God's servant
26	Jeremiah threatened with death
35	Example of the Recabites
45	Promise to Baruch
46–48	Against foreign nations

### King Zedekiah 597–586 BC

Zedekiah (Hebrew name: Mattaniah) was 21 years old when he ascended the throne of Judah. He was put on the throne by Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, whose power extended over Judah and all neighbouring countries after his victory over Pharaoh Necho of Egypt, at Carchemish (597BC).

#### Jeremiah's Messages In Zedekiah's Time

Chapter 21	Advice for the king
Chapter 24	Zedekiah abandoned
Chapter 27	Judah must submit
Chapter 28	God's iron yoke
Chapter 29	Letter to the exiles
Chapter 34	Judah's broken covenant
Chapters 37–39	Jerusalem's fall
Chapter 49	The nations warned

### Events under Gedaliah's Rule

After the city was destroyed and most of the Jews transported to Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar appointed Gedaliah as governor over the small remnant left in Judah. Jeremiah chose to remain behind, still committed to his mission of guiding his people with God's Word.

Chapters 40–42	The flight to Egypt
Chapters 43–44	In Egypt