

The Last Kings of Judah

King Josiah, the last great reforming king of Judah (c. 640-609 BC), died in battle against Pharaoh Necho of Egypt, and was succeeded in rapid succession by three sons and one grandson.

Jehoahaz (c. 609 BC) was removed by Pharaoh Necho and deported to Egypt after only three months on the throne.

Jehoiakim (c. 609-598 BC) rebelled against God and was carried off to Babylon by King Nebuchadnezzar.

Jehoiachin (AKA "Jeconiah" or "Coniah"), the son of Jehoiakim and grandson of Josiah, whose brief three-month reign was similarly ended by deportation to Babylon (598-597 BC).

Zedekiah, brother of Jehoahaz and half-brother of Jehoiakim, reigned for 11 years right up to the final fall of Jerusalem (c. 597-586 BC), and, after much vacillation, rebelled against Nebuchadnezzar, saw his sons put to death before his eyes and had his eyes gouged out, before being taken to Babylon.