

<u>Melachim II Perek 24</u>

- Nevuchadnetzar, the king of Bavel, overcame Yehoyakim, king of Yehudah, making him subservient to him.
- Hashem sent a host of foreign nations to destroy Yisrael. This was punishment for the innocent blood that King Menashe had shed.
- Yehoyachin, at age eighteen, reigned three months in Yerushalayim.
- Nevuchadnetzar laid siege to the nation.
- Nevuchadnetzar exiled almost the entire nation to Bavel. The only members who remained in Eretz Yisrael were the uneducated Jews.
- The king of Bavel appointed Tzidkiyahu (Yehoyachin's uncle) as the new king over the remaining people in Yerushalayim.
- Tzidkiyahu, at age twenty two, reigned eleven years over Yershalayim.
- Tzidkiyahu did what was evil in the eyes of Hashem.
- Tzidkiyahu tried to rebel against the king of Bavel.