Prophet Jeremiah

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"The Prophet of Doom"

IN the book Jeremiah, Jeremiah was called by God to deliver a message to the people in Judah. The message was if they didn't listen to God's words He would make the city a curse to all the nations of the earth. The people responded to Jeremiah by seizing him and saying he would die. King Jehoiakim killed the prophet Uriah because he spoke against him. After that, God wanted him to write down what He said on a scroll. King Jehoiakim destroyed the scroll in the hearth before him. King Zedekiah didn't like what the prophet said to him and thought that he was deserting to the enemies so he took and threw him into prison.

> *"Show mercy and compassion everyone to his brother"*
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> (Zechariah 7:9b)

The Last Kings of Judah

The last kings of Judah were mostly evil. One was named Josiah. He reigned for 31 years and he was 8 years old when he became king. He was a good king and made reforms of destroying idols and did Passover. Jehohaz reigned 3 months and was 23 when he became king. He was an evil king and he died in Egypt. Jehoiakim reigned 11 years and was 25 when he became king. He was an evil king and armies fought to destroy him. The armies

Sins of Israelites
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The last few kings were not the only ones who were wicked and evil. The Israelites were guilty of committing sins too and Jeremiah recounted them of it. They oppressed the stranger, the poor, the fatherless, and the widow. They shed innocent blood and walked after the gods. They disobeyed the 10 commandments by stealing, murdering, committing adultery, swearing falsely, and burning incense to Baal.

were sent from God. Zedekiah was another king but his real name was Mattaniah. He reigned 11 years and he was 21 years old when he became king. He was a bad king and Judah was carried away captive when he was king. Jehoiachin reigned 3 months and he was 18 years old when he became king. He was an evil king and Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem and took him prisoner.

Judah's Last Five Kings

1. Josiah
640-609 BC
31 years
Killed by Neco

2. Jehoahaz
609 BC - 3 months
Taken Prisoner to
Egypt by Neco

3. Jehoiakim
609 -598 BC
11 years
Died in Jerusalem

5. Zedekiah
597-586 BC - 11 yrs
Blinded and taken to
Babylon by Neb

4. Jehoiachin
597 BC - 3 months
Taken to Babylon by
Neb./released 561 BC