

## 5. Zedekiah (Mattaniah)

- i. He is the brother of Jehoahas and Jehoiakim.
- ii. He reigned for 11 years.
- iii. Toward the end of his reign he rebelled against Neb and he made an alliance with Egypt.
- iv. When that happened, Neb came down and besieged Jer.
- v. Jer fell in 586 B. C.
- vi. Zed was taken, his sons were brought before him, killed, his eyes were put out, and he was carried as a captive to Babylon.
- vii. This is the 3rd deportation.
- viii. The deportations thus far
  - a. 1st under Jehoiakim in 605 B. C. when Daniel is taken *and Ezekiel*
  - b. 2nd under Jehoiachin in 597 B. C. when skilled people taken (10,000 people in all) *SA*
  - c. 3rd under Zedekiah in 586 B. C.
- ix. Nebuzaradan, the commander of the imperial guard, took the army, came back to Jer.
  - a. He destroyed the temple.
  - b. He burned the palace down.
  - c. He burned every house down.
  - d. He broke down all the walls around Jer.
- x. The only ones left in Jer were the poor people.
- xi. Gedaliah was appointed to be governor over them.
- xii. Neb took all the articles in the temple into Babylon.

## J. 9th period: Babylonian Exile

1. Judah was to be subject to Babylon for 70 years.
2. If you start about 605 and go down to 536, that is about 70 years.
3. The 70 year period ~~s~~ can be divided into three parts
  - i. 605-586 B. C.
    - a. Here you have people in captivity in Babylon.
    - b. The temple is still standing.
    - c. The people in exile were still hoping.
      - 1) They thought, "Maybe we'll be released and we'll be allowed to go back home. After all, our king is still there and the temple is still standing. Maybe we'll be allowed to go home."
      - 2) And so they weren't planning for a long hall.