

## LIFE OF JEREMIAH—HANDOUT #2

*(Maps may be downloaded from the first lecture on the Book of Daniel entitled “The Beast Stirs” at [nwts.edu](http://nwts.edu)—click “audio resources”. Pictures are available by browsing Google images on the Net.)*

### **Collapse of Assyrian Empire**

Ashurbanipal II (668-627/26 B.C.; alternative, 668-631 B.C.)  
Ashur-etel-ilani (627/26-623 B.C.; alternative, 631-627 B.C.)  
Sin-shar-iskun (627/26-612 B.C.; alternative, 623-612 B.C.)  
Assur-uballit II (612-?610/09 B.C.)

### **Rise of the Babylonian Empire**

Nabopolassar (627/26-605 B.C.)  
Nebuchadnezzar II/Nebuchadrezzar (605-562 B.C.)  
Amel-Marduk (=Evil-merodach, 2 Kg 25:27-30=Jer. 52:31-34) (562-560 B.C.)

### **Contest with Egypt**

Rise of Saite (26<sup>th</sup>) Dynasty (664-525 B.C.); Decline of Nubian (25<sup>th</sup>) Dynasty (716-663 B.C.); Reunion of Upper and Lower Egypt (656 B.C.)  
Psammetichus I (Psamtik I) (664-610 B.C.)  
Necho II (2 Kg 23:29-35; 2 Chr 35:20-36:4; Jer. 46:2) (610-595 B.C.)  
Psammetichus II (Psamtik II) (595-589 B.C.)  
Hophra/Apries (Jer. 44:30; cf. 37:5, 7) (589-570 B.C.)

### **Sandwich of Judah**

Josiah (2 Kg 22:1-23:30; 2 Chr 34-35) (640-609 B.C.)  
Jehoahaz/Shallum (3 months, 609 B.C.; 2 Kg 23:31-34; 2 Chr 36:1-4; Jer. 22:10-12)  
Jehoiakim (2 Kg 23:34-24:7; 2 Chr 36:4-8) (609-597 B.C.)  
Jehoiachin/Coniah (3 months, 596 B.C.; 2 Kg 24:8-16; 2 Chr 36:9-10; Jer. 22:24-30; 52:31-34)  
Zedekiah (2 Kg 24:17-25:21; 2 Chr 36:11-21; Jer 39:1-10, etc.) (597-586 B.C.)

### **Nabopolassar’s Revolt Against Assyria**

“son of a nobody”—Nabopolassar cylinder (cf. [bible.history.com](http://bible.history.com))  
Alliance with Elam (624/23 B.C.)  
Alliance with King Cyaxares (625-585 B.C.) of the Medes (616 B.C.)  
Psamtik I of Egypt joins Sin-shar-iskun of Assyria against Nabopolassar (616 B.C.). Repulsed. Map #1  
Ashur destroyed by Medes (614 B.C.). Nabopolassar arrives too late. Alliance with Medes: Nebuchadnezzar wed to Cyaxares’s daughter, Amytris  
Nineveh destroyed by Babylonians and Medes (612 B.C.) (cf. Nahum)

Sin-shar-iskun likely perishes in flames. Assur-uballit II retreats to Haran/Harran. Map #1

### **Egypt's Response to the Fall of Assyria**

Psamtik I dies en route to Harran (610 B.C.)

Necho II marches towards Harran (609 B.C.) and encounters Josiah at the pass of Megiddo. Josiah killed (2 Kg 23:29) Map #2

Necho defeated by Nabopolassar at Harran.

Jehoahaz enthroned by people of Judah, but dethroned by Necho on his return to Egypt (2 Kg 23:33-34). Necho enthrones Jehoiakim as vassal/puppet.

### **Nebuchadnezzar's Response to Egypt and Judah**

Necho II marches up out of Egypt to Carchemish (605 B.C.). Map #3

Nebuchadnezzar defeats him and pursues him back towards Egypt through "Hatti-land" (i.e., Syria-Palestine). Besieges Jerusalem and deports Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, et al (Dan. 1:1-4)

Second siege of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar 598/597 B.C. Death of Jehoiakim; Deposition of Jehoiachin; enthronement of Zedekiah/Mattaniah; Deportation of Ezekiel, etc. (Ezk. 1:2) Map #5

Final siege and destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar 587/586 B.C. Nebuchadnezzar lifts siege at approach of Pharaoh Hophra (Jer. 44:30) Deportation of Zedekiah; Razing of Solomon's Temple. Map #6

### **Shifting Eras**

609 B.C

605 B.C.

586 B.C.

### **Story of the Maps**

Map #1— 626 B.C.; Nabopolassar; Ashurbanipal II

Babylonian Revolt (652-648 B.C.)

616 B.C.; Psammeticus I (26<sup>th</sup> Saite Dynasty)

612 B.C.; Nahum and Nineveh; Assur-uballit II; Haran (610 B.C.)

Map #2— 609 B.C.; Necho II; Jehoahaz/Shallum; Eliakim/Jehoiakim  
Josiah; Megiddo; 2 Chr. 35:21-22; Jeremiah's lament for  
Josiah (2 Chr. 35:25)

Jer. 22:10-12  
vv. 11-12  
v. 10

Death of Josiah: May-June 609 B.C.  
Siege of Babylonian garrison at Haran, June-Aug 609  
Necho retreats to Riblah, Aug-Sept 609 B.C.

2 Kgs 23:31-34  
1 Chr. 3:15 (cf. Jer. 22:11)  
2 Kgs 23:34  
1 Chr. 3:16  
Jer. 22:24  
2 Kgs 24:8  
2 Kgs 24:17  
Why name change?

Geographical observation:  
2 Kgs 23:33  
2 Kgs 25:6

Map #3— Jer. 46:2 = \_\_\_\_\_ B.C.  
Dan. 1:1 = \_\_\_\_\_ B.C.

Map #5— 597 B.C.  
Ezk. 1:2  
2 Kgs 24:7  
Jer. 22:19  
2 Kgs 24:12; Jer. 29:2  
Jer. 22:24-30

Map #6— 587/86 B.C.  
2 Kgs 24:20; Jer. 52:3  
Ezk. 17:15  
Jer. 37:5, 7-8  
Jer. 44:30  
  
2 Kgs 25:4-6; Jer. 39:4-7; 52:7-9  
Jer. 32:4-5; 34:2-3  
Ezk. 12:12-13