

he was eighteen years old, it would seem quite certain that one or the other has been incorrectly transmitted. At any rate this man Jehoiakin was a young fellow. ~~He had~~ While Chronicles says that he did tht which was evil in the sight of the Lord he didn't have a very long time to do that which was evil. The people at large did not consider him as an evil man. They considered him as a fine young man. They liked him. They thought him to be the true legitmate king. He was the son of Jehoiakin. He would be better than his fatehr, of course. Everybody felt that Jehoiakin was just the ideal king. But he was only there three months so nobody was disillusioned.

(Question) Sometimes it is easier to have one eight than one eighteen. It is a strange thing ~~xxxxxxx~~ but with a young son of a ~~xxx~~ royal family the attitude of people is to think he is perfectly wonderful until proven otehrwise. No matter how evil the thought of him. He didn't do much which ever age he was. He was there three months. There is no evidence of anything he did. The people thought he was wonderful. The people were greatly attached to him. So after three months and ten days, Nebuchadnezzar's army marched into the city and they took him ~~xxx~~ captive and they carried him off to Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar made his uncle Mattaniah king in his stead. His uncle Mattaniah, who also bore the name Zedekiah. ~~Zedekiah~~ Zedekiah the younger brother of Jehoiakim reigned eleven years from 598 to 587. This man Zedekiah was very different from Jehoiakin. Although his reign is characterized in the Scripture as an evil reign, what we read of him in the book of Jeremiah is sufficient, I believe, to warrant our saying that he was a good man. He was a man very differnt from his brother. He lacked his brother's good points and he lacked his brother's bad points. His brother Jehoikim was a willful man wanting to go ahead obstinently in his own way and doing that which was evil. Zedekiah was a weak man desirous of doing that which was right, anxious to serve the Lord, but without the courage