

From *Ancient Near Eastern Texts Relating to the Old Testament*, p. 308, from a section containing historical documents from the reign of Nebuchadnezzar II, we see proof of Jehoiachin's presence in captivity in Babylon, among other things:

(c) Varia

(I) From administrative documents found in Babylon, some information concerning the fate of Jehoiachin, king of Judah, can be gathered. *Text and translation*: E. F. Weidner, Jojachin, König von Juda, in *babylonischen Keilschrifttexten (Mélanges syriens offerts: à Monsieur René Dussaud*, II [Paris, 1939], 923- 935), has published a small group of texts excavated by the German expedition in Babylon and dating from the 10th to the 35th year of Nebuchadnezzar II. The tablets list deliveries of oil for the subsistence of individuals who are either prisoners of war or otherwise dependent upon the royal household. They are identified by name, profession, and/or nationality. The two tablets, so far published, also mention, beside Judeans, inhabitants of Ashkelon, Tyre, Byblos, Arvad, and, further, Egyptians, Medeans, Persians, Lydians, and Greeks.

(text Babylon 28122, obverse 29-33)

... t[o?] la-'-ú-kin, king ...

to the *qîpûtu*-house of ...

... for Shalamiamu, the ...

... for 126 men from Tyre .

... for Zabiria, the Ly[dian] ...

(text Babylon 28178, obverse ii 38-40)

10 (*sila* of oil) to ... [*la*]-'-kin, king of Ia[...]

2 1/2 *sila* (oil) to [... so]ns of the king of Judah (Ia-a-hu-du)

4 *sila* to 8 men from Judah (^{emel}Ia-a-hu-da-a-a) ...

(text Babylon 28186, reverse ii 13-18)

1 1/2 *sila* (oil) for 3 carpenters from Arvad, 1 1/2 *sila* each

11 1/2 *sila* for 8 ditto from Byblos, 1 *sila* each ...

3 1/2 *sila* for 7 ditto, Greeks, 1/2 *sila* each

1/2 *sila* to *Nabû-êtir* the carpenter

10 (*sila*) to Ia-ku-ú-ki-nu, the son of the king of Ia-ku-du (i.e. Judah)

2 1/2 *sila* for the 5 sons of the king of Judah (Ia-ku-du) through Qana'a [...]

(2) From a fragmentary historical text (BrM 78-10-15, 22, 37, and 38), published (last publication) by N. Strassmaier, *Nbk.* No. 329. cf. also, H. Winckler, *Altorientalische Forschungen* (Leipzig, 1897), pp. 511 ff. ("Pittakos?"). Translation: Zehnpfund-Langdon, in *VAB*, IV, 206 f.

(13-22)

... [in] the 37th year, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Bab[ylon] mar[ched against] Egypt (*Mi-šir*) to deliver a battle. [A ma]sis (text: [...]-a(?)-su), of Egypt, [called up his a]rm[y] ... [...]ku from the town *Puṭu-Iaman* ... distant regions which (are situated on islands) amidst the sea ... many ...

which/who (are) in Egypt ... [car]rying weapons, horses and [chariot]s ... he called up to assist him and ... did [...] in front of him ... he put his trust ... (only the first signs at the beginning and the end of the following 7 or 8 lines are legible).