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1 phrase "slept with his fathers" is not followed with a definite statement about burial. It is 3 true that the book of Kings does not give any 4 information about the manner of Jehoiakim's 5 death. Chronicles gives little more information, 6 but does contain the words: "Against him came 7 up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and bound him 8 in fetters, to carry him to Babylon' (II Chron 9 36:6). The following verses tell nothing about 10 Jehoiakim's death or burial, but merely add a 11 summary reference to "the rest of the acts of 12 Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found in him' (v.8). It must 14 be admitted that there is no available information as to the manner of Jehoiakim's death. 16 Under the circumstances, however, a little 17 thought will show that it is quite unrealistic to assume that the book of Jeremiah contains a 19 false prophecy regarding Jehoiakim's death. Jerusalem remained under Jewish control for 21 eleven years after the death of Jehoiakim, and every Jew would have known whether he was buried with the usual ceremony attending the death of a king, whether he suffered a tragic fate through 25 some conspiracy, or whether Nebuchadnezzar

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