

The Young Men Who Would Not Compromise

Daniel 1:1-20

In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. YAHWEH gave Jehoiakim, king of Judah, into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of Elohim, which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god. And he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

The king spoke to Ashpenaz, the chief of his eunuchs that he should bring some of the sons of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the nobles, young men in whom was no blemish, but who were of good appearance and having understanding in all wisdom, having knowledge and understanding learning, even those with strength in them to stand in the king's palace, and to teach them the writing and the language of the Chaldeans.

The king set to them the portion of a day in its day, from the king's food, and the wine of his drinking, even to rear them three years, so that at their end they may stand before the king.

There were among them of the sons of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, to whom the chief of the eunuchs gave names. For he called Daniel, Belteshazzar; and Hananiah, Shadrach; and Mishael, Meshach; and Azariah, Abednego.

Daniel laid on his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's food, or with the wine of his drinking. So he asked of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. The Elohim had given Daniel kindness and compassion before the chief of the eunuchs.

The chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, "I fear my master the king, who has appointed your food and your drink. For why should he see your faces worse looking than the boys who are in your age group? Then you would forfeit my head to the king."

Daniel said to Melzar, whom the chief of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, "Please, test your servants ten days and let

vegetables be given to us that we may eat, and water that we may drink. Then let be seen before you, our look and the look of the boys who eat of the king's food. And as you see, do so with your servants.”

He listened to them in this matter and tested them for ten days.

At the end of ten days their appearance looked better and fatter of flesh than all the boys who were eating the king's food. So Melzar took away their food and the wine that they were to drink, and he gave them vegetables.

As for these four boys, the Elohim gave them knowledge and skill in all writing and wisdom. Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

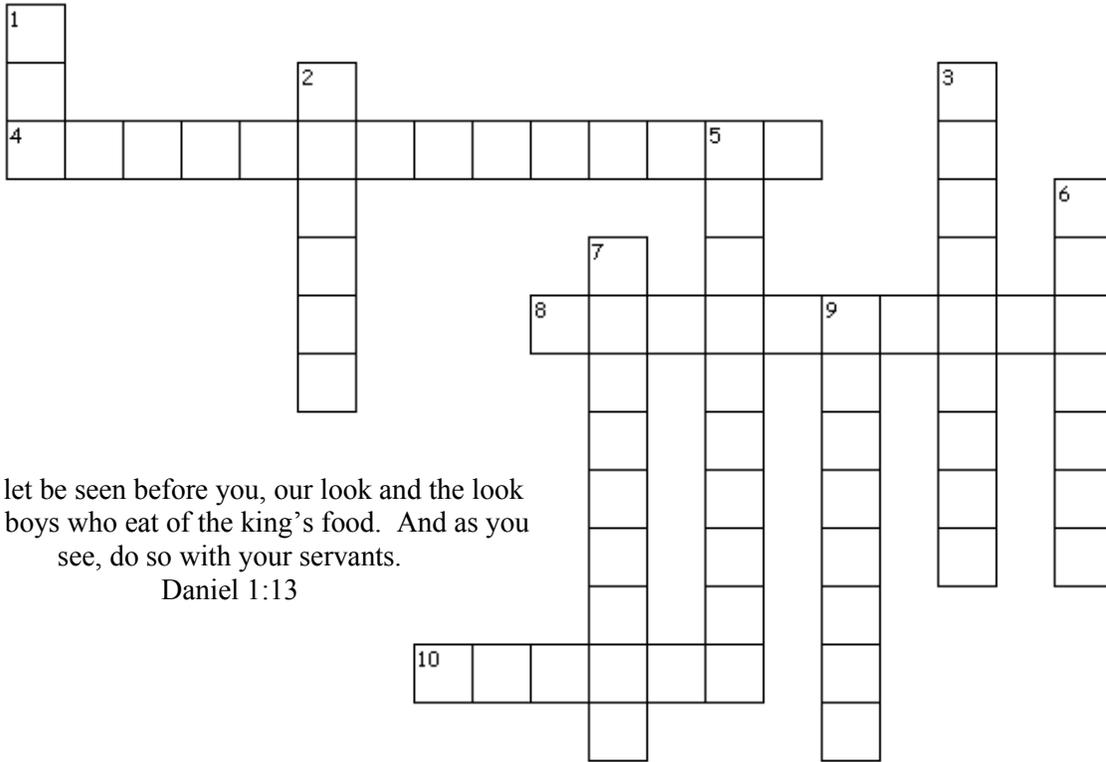
Now at the end of the days that the king had said to bring them in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. The king talked with them.

Among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. So they stood before the king. And in any matter of wisdom and understanding that the king asked from them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and the conjurers who were in all his kingdom.



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Then let be seen before you, our look and the look of the boys who eat of the king's food. And as you see, do so with your servants.

Daniel 1:13

Across

4. What was the name of the king who captured Jerusalem?
8. What did the boys ask the Chief Eunuch for, instead of eating the king's food?
10. Daniel laid on his heart that he would not _____ himself with the king's food.

Down

1. How many days did Daniel ask the Chief Eunuch to be tested with?
2. What land were all the vessels of the House of Yahweh taken to?
3. As for these four boys, the Elohim gave them _____ and skill in all writing and wisdom.
5. What was different about the boys after they stopped eating the king's food?
6. What name was given to Mishael?
7. Who was the king of Jerusalem when it was taken over by the king of Babylon?
9. What was the name of the Chief Eunuch?



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D S Z O A W Z I E F Y X N N M
V Z P A J S K L L I O K A I S
E C N A R A E P P A H O E R M
K B M D I I H L E C G C D D E
I Y C O N S A U B R S K L S L
N E H A E C N H A A O T A Y Z
G E D L R U G M B X T O H A A
J P F N C Y N V Y U K E C D R
L E A H S I M S L Y U V G N F
F T S J U D A H O I S R A E L
S M Y F H A N A N I A H M T V

Appearance

Azariah

Babylon

Chaldeans

Chief

Daniel

Drink

Eunuchs

Flesh

Food

Hananiah

Israel

Jehoiakim

Judah

King

Melzar

Mishael

Shinar

Ten Days

Vegetables

And in any matter of wisdom and understanding that the king asked from them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and the conjurers who were in all his kingdom.

Daniel 1:20

