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 (3) And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring *certain* of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes;
 (4) Children in whom *was* no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as *had* ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.
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1:1a - third year of Jehoiakim - Daniel and his friends will be carried with other royalty to Babylon - 114 years after fall of northern kingdom of Israel. 8 years after this first exile Nebuchadnezzar carries second group {including king Jehoiachin and Ezekiel [see Ezekiel 1] } and appoints Zedekiah as king over Judah - 19 years after this first exile, Nebuchadnezzar will return during Zedekiah's 11th year of reign to destroy Jerusalem and the temple. See [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

Third year of the reign of Jehoiakim
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{27} Daniel

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King James Paraphrase

(6) Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:

(7) Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel *the name* of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abednego.

(8) But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

(9) Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.

(10) And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse liking than the children which *are* of your sort? then shall ye make *me* endanger my head to the king.

(6) Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel {God is my judge}^b, Hananiah {whom Jehovah has favored}^c, Mishael {who is comparable to God}^d, and Azariah {whom God helps}^e:

(7) To whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: because he gave to Daniel *the name* of Belteshazzar {keeper of hidden treasures of Bel}^f; and to Hananiah, Shadrach {inspired by the sun god}^g; and to Mishael, Meshach {of the goddess shach}^h; and to Azariah, Abednego {the servant of the shining fire}ⁱ.

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(10) And the prince of the eunuchs said to Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who has appointed your meat and your drink: because why should he see your faces worse in appearance than the children who *are* of your kind? then you shall cause *me* to endanger my *own* head to the king.

1:6b - Daniel {דניאל}- God is my judge

1:6c - Hananiah {חנניה}- whom Jehovah has favored

1:6d - Mishael {מישאל}- who is comparable to God

1:6e - Azariah {עזריה}- whom God helps

1:7f - Belteshazzar {בלטשאצר} - keeper of the hidden treasures of Bel

1:7g - Shadrach {שדרך}- inspired by the sun god

1:7h - Meshach {מישך} - of the goddess shach

1:7i - Abed-nego {עבר נגו} - the servant of the shining fire

1:8j - Jews were only allowed to eat meat that had been prepared according to the law of Moses. Since Daniel could not control how the meat was prepared he chose to not eat any meat.

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(11) Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, (12) Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink. (13) Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as thou seest, deal with thy servants. (14) So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days. (15) And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat. (16) Thus Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them pulse. (17) As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. (18) Now at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. (19) And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king. (20) And in all matters of wisdom *and* understanding, that the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians *and* astrologers that *were* in all his realm. (21) And Daniel continued *even* unto the first year of king Cyrus.

(11) Then Daniel said to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, (12) I urge you, test your servants, ten days; and let them give us *only* vegetables to eat, and water to drink. (13) Then let our appearances be looked upon before you, and the appearance of the children who eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as you see, deal with your servants. (14) So he consented to them in this matter, and tested them ten days. (15) And at the end of ten days their appearances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children who ate the portion of the king's meat. (16) So Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them vegetables *only*. (17) As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. (18) Now at the end of the days that the king had said he would bring them in, the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. (19) And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore they stood before the king. (20) And in all matters of wisdom *and* understanding, that the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians *and* astrologers who *were* in all his realm. (21) And Daniel continued *even* to the first year of king Cyrus^k.

1:21k - 1st year of King Cyrus - 70th year and end of exile - Daniel lives through the end of the 70 years - see Dan. 9:2; Jer. 29:10