

## Tested for Life

What would you include in your favorite meal?

Read Daniel 1:1-21.

1. Why were Daniel and three others (Hananiah, Mishael, Azariah) picked for training?
  - A. They were the cream of the crop from Judea.
  - B. Their SAT scores were higher than most.
  - C. Their values matched those of Babylon.
  - D. They had perfect physiques and were handsome as well.
  - E. The first group taken captive to Babylon were from Judea's nobility.
  - F. They were simply part of Babylon's experimental testing of captives.
  - G. God had a plan to infiltrate Babylon's palace with His own people.
  - H. Nebuchadnezzar took the best and brightest and brainwashed them.
  - I. Other.
2. Why did Daniel and friends choose not to eat the king's best food and drink the wine?
  - A. It wasn't all that good.
  - B. This provided them a personal sense of control as captives.
  - C. They believed God wouldn't approve of such a diet.
  - D. Meat freaked them out.
  - E. They remained faithful to their covenant with God, including diet.
  - F. Going with the flow was not the way they rolled.
  - G. It wasn't healthy, which would harm them mentally and spiritually.
  - H. They saw this as a trial run for bigger tests they would face later.
  - I. Other.
3. Why did Ashpenaz agree to the 10-day dietary testing?
  - A. What could go wrong in just 10 days?
  - B. Daniel was highly persuasive.
  - C. God made him favorable to Daniel.
  - D. He couldn't really make them eat from the king's table.
  - E. Daniel was really cute.
  - F. There were enough other candidates; he could afford to lose these.
  - G. It was a test, and personally challenging for Ashpenaz as well.
  - H. He saw it as a short detour until they would yield full compliance.
  - I. Other.
4. Why did these four Hebrew captives have their names changed?
  - A. When in Babylon, do as the Babylonians do.
  - B. They didn't change them; the Babylonians changed them.

- C. This was part of the plan to change their identities.
- D. They are called by their Hebrew names throughout this chapter.
- E. The Babylonian names call on Babylonian gods.
- F. Hebrew names wouldn't be welcomed in Babylon.
- G. They just didn't like the names their parents had given them.
- H. The Hebrew names testified of the Hebrews' God.
- I. Other.

5. What difference could 10 days make?

- A. A lot.
- B. Not much.
- C. Enough.
- D. The number 10 symbolizes testing and/or completeness.
- E. When it comes to diet, some changes are noticeable by 10 days.
- F. The length of time didn't matter as much as taking a stand for God.
- G. Ashpenaz, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah would find out.
- H. Other.

6. Why did Daniel and friends outscore all the others after three years?

- A. They were smarter.
- B. They were lucky.
- C. This was part of God's special blessing.
- D. God intervened to make it happen.
- E. Their diet was consistently better than all the others.
- F. They were 10 times better; tested and completely better.
- G. They got an advance copy of the final test.
- H. Other.

7. What tests have you already faced in your life? What tests are you likely to face in the future?

8. How would you have done if you had had to face Daniel's tests?