

STAND 4 SHELBY

Stand Out

Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, his chief of staff, to bring to the palace some of the young men of Judah's royal family and other noble families, who had been brought to Babylon as captives. "Select only strong, healthy, and good-looking young men," he said. "Make sure they are well versed in every branch of learning, are gifted with knowledge and good judgment, and are suited to serve in the royal palace. Train these young men in the language and literature of Babylon." The king assigned them a daily ration of food and wine from his own kitchens. They were to be trained for three years, and then they would enter the royal service.

-Daniel 1:3-5 (NLT)

Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

-Ephesians 6:11,13 (NIV)

Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were four of the young men chosen, all from the tribe of Judah. The chief of staff renamed them with these Babylonian names: Daniel was called Belteshazzar. Hananiah was called Shadrach. Mishael was called Meshach. Azariah was called Abednego.

-Daniel 1:6-7 (NLT)

THE RIGHT STANCE

But Daniel was determined not to defile himself by eating the food and wine given to them by the king.

-Daniel 1:8 (NLT)

1. _____ - _____ WHAT TO STAND _____

"Please test us for ten days on a diet of vegetables and water," Daniel said. "At the end of the ten days, see how we look compared to the other young men who are eating the king's food. Then make your decision in light of what you see." The attendant agreed to Daniel's suggestion and tested them for ten days.

-Daniel 1:12-14 (NLT)

2. BE _____ IN THE _____ YOU STAND

The king talked with them, and no one impressed him as much as Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.

-Daniel 1:19 (NLT)