

“HOLINESS IN EXILE”

1. What is the story behind the name you were given by your parents?

2. What nicknames have you picked up along the way? Any given to you while away from home, at camp or college?

3. When you were growing up, what was your favorite dessert? Did you like veggies back then?

4. Recall your first days at college, camp or other away-from-home training. What was it like? What were you feeling?

5. How were these Israelites chosen and trained for the king's special service (vv.3-7)? How did the king seek to capture their mind? Their body? Their loyalty?

6. What is conveyed by giving a new name to another (person or pet)?

7. Why does Daniel resist these attempts by the foreign king (v.8)? To whom and on what grounds does Daniel make his appeals for an exception to the king's edict (vv.8-14)?

8. Why does Daniel end up passing his first "entrance exam" with "flying colors" (vv.15-21)?

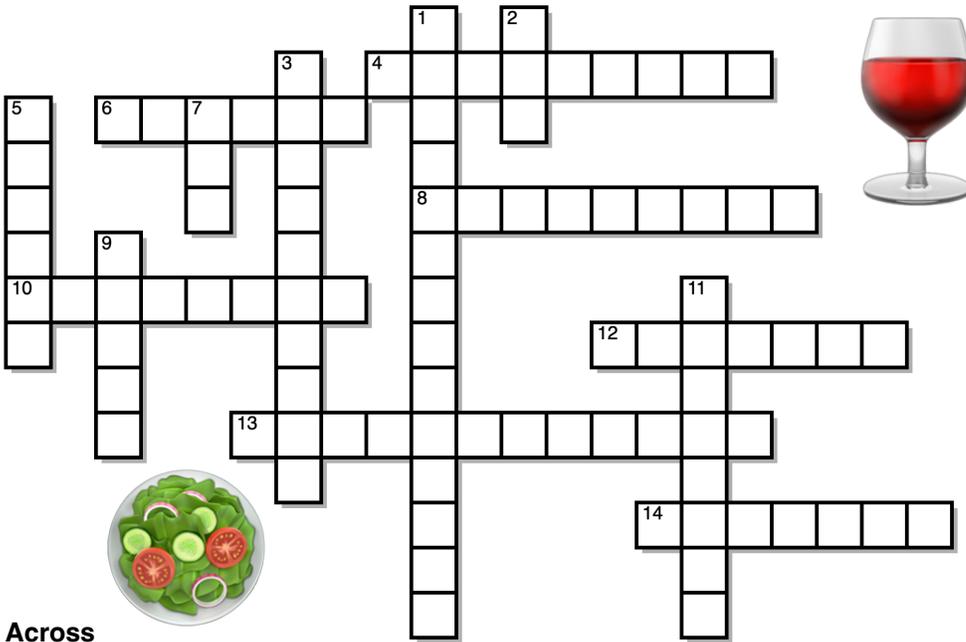
9. How does Daniel end up showing his true loyalty is to God? And to his three fellow believers?

10. If your mom served you, or if you served your kids nothing but healthy veggies for 10 days in a row, what results would you see: Ill health? Good health? Rebellion? Subsistence? Why?

11. What would be an equivalent choice between God's way and the "royal food" of the world today? What's at stake for you in that choice?

12. When your loyalty is tested (as was Daniel's), what are you most likely to do?

13. How has God's mercy "favored" you this year (for example, in your efforts toward excellence, or your service to others)?



Across

- 4 The king of Judah who is conquered by Babylon.
- 6 What adjective is used to describe the flesh of Daniel and his friends after their diet is tested? (v.15)
- 8 Daniel and his friends were to learn "the language and literature of the _____". (v.4)
- 10 The name of the master of the eunuchs. (v.3)
- 12 Abed-Nego's real Hebrew name.
- 13 Daniel's Babylonian name.
- 14 Meshach's real Hebrew name.



Down

- 1 The name of the Babylonian king in this chapter.
- 2 Whose house gets robbed of "articles"?
- 3 The text says that Daniel and his friends only ate these. (v.12)
- 5 Another name for Babylon is "the land of _____". (v.2)
- 7 How many days was the diet of Daniel and his friends tested. (v.14)
- 9 How many years were Daniel and his friends to be trained? (v.5)
- 11 Shadrach's real Hebrew name.

WORD SEARCH:

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| Daniel | Training |
| Judah | Serve |
| Babylon | Shadrach |
| God | Meshach |
| Treasure | Abednego |
| Children | Purposed |
| Israel | Heart |
| Descendants | Defile |
| Nobles | Portion |
| Handsome | Favor |
| Wisdom | Goodwill |
| Knowledge | Steward |
| Understanding | Test |
| King | Water |
| Palace | Interview |
| Language | Magicians |
| Literature | Astrologers |
| Delicacies | Cyrus |
| Wine | |

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