

DANIEL 1:1-21

PART II

{Sunday, May 31, 2015 A.D.}

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¹¹ But Daniel said to the overseer whom the commander of the officials had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, ¹² **"Please test your servants for ten days, and let us be given some vegetables to eat and water to drink.** ¹³ **"Then let our appearance be observed in your presence and the appearance of the youths who are eating the king's choice food; and deal with your servants according to what you see."**

¹⁴ So he listened to them in this matter and tested them for ten days. ¹⁵ At the end of ten days **their appearance seemed better and they were fatter than all the youths who had been eating the king's choice food.** ¹⁶ So the overseer continued to withhold **their choice food and the wine** they were to drink, and kept giving them **vegetables.**

¹⁷ As for these four youths, **God gave them knowledge and intelligence in every *branch of literature and wisdom*; Daniel even understood all *kinds of visions and dreams.***

¹⁸ Then at the end of the days which the king had specified for presenting them, the commander of the officials presented them before Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁹ **The king talked with them, and out of them all not one was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah;** so they entered the king's personal service. ²⁰ **As for every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king consulted them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians *and* conjurers who *were* in all his realm.** ²¹ And Daniel continued until the first year of Cyrus the king.

