

### Intro. cont.

Daniel was taken captive in the 1<sup>st</sup> of three deportations.

605B.C. (2 K. 24:1-2; 2 Chron. 36:5-7) certain youth and nobles were taken captive to serve the king.

597B.C. (2 K. 24:10-16) Jeconiah, his royal family and 10,000 are taken captive.

586B.C. (2 K. 25; Jer.21; 39; 52) Jerusalem and the temple are destroyed. Jews are deported along with king Zedekiah.

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### Someone has said:

- to know is **GOOD**
- to do is **BETTER**
- to be is **BEST**

Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah exhibited great character, commitment and conviction!

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**The test 1:3-21, Did they pass?**

- Daniel (God is my judge.)  
Belteshazzar-may Bel protect his life
- Hananiah (Jehovah has favored.)  
Shadrach
- Mishael (Who is like God?)  
Meshach
- Azariah (Helped by Jehovah.)  
Abednego

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### Take Away

1. In general, the righteous live longer in this life.
2. God is gracious, merciful and patient but ———
3. The LORD will test you!
4. Your grade, pass or fail, will be determined by your preparation.
5. Do you know whom you serve?

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