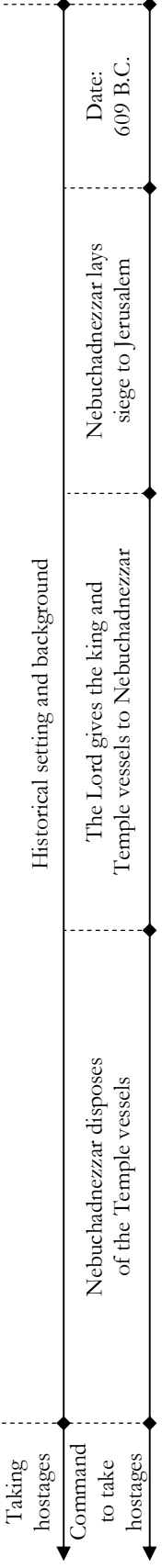


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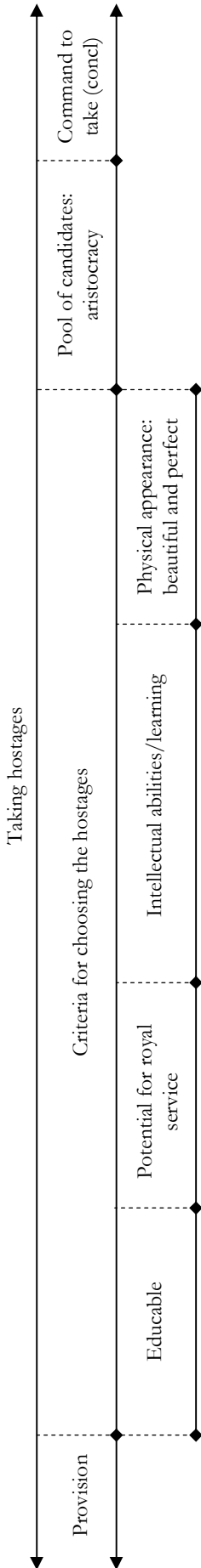


¹ In the third year
of the reign of Jehoiakim
king of Judah
came
Nebuchadnezzar
king of Babylon
unto Jerusalem, and

besieged it.
² And the Lord
gave
Jehoiakim
king of Judah
into his hand,
with part of the vessels
of the house of God:

which
he **carried**
into the land of Shinar
to the house of his god; and
he **brought**
the vessels
into the treasure house

of his god.
³ And the king
spake



unto Ashpenaz

the master of his eunuchs,
that he should **bring**

certain

of the children of Israel, and

of the king's seed, and

of the princes;

⁴ Children

in whom

was no blemish, but

well favoured, and

skilful

in all wisdom, and

cunning

in knowledge, and

understanding

science, and

such as

had ability in them

to stand

in the king's palace, and

whom they might teach

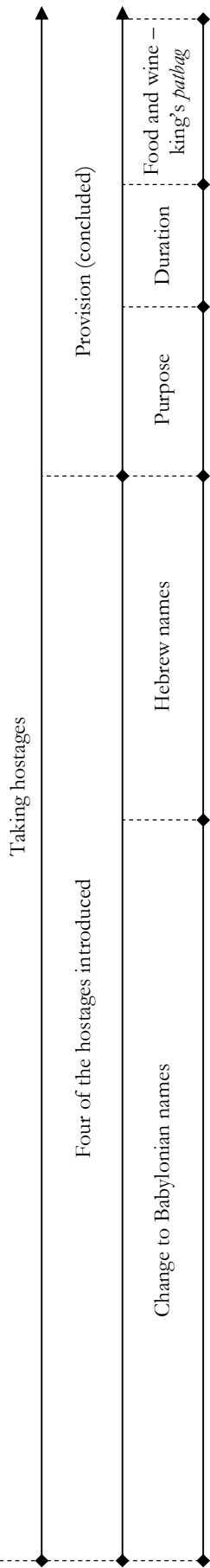
the learning and

the tongue

of the Chaldeans.

⁵ And the king

appointed them



a daily provision
of the king's meat, and
of the wine which he drank:

so nourishing them
three years,
that at the end thereof

they might stand
before the king.

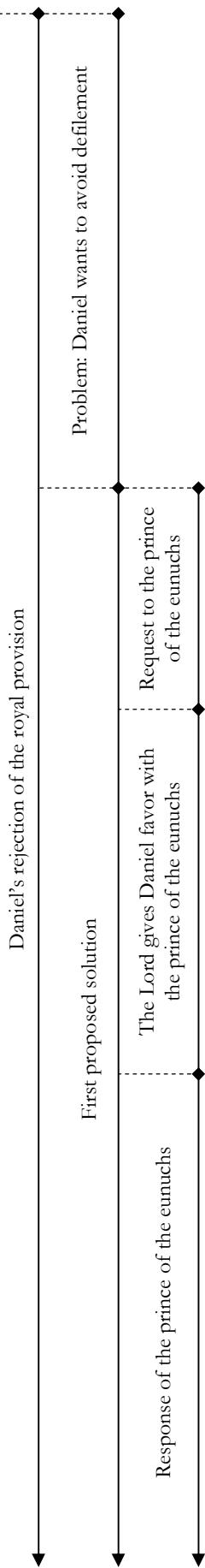
⁶ Now among these were
of the children of Judah,

Daniel,
Hananiah,
Mishael, and
Azariah:

⁷ Unto whom
the prince of the eunuchs
gave names:

for he **gave**

unto Daniel	<i>['God is my judge']</i>
<i>the name</i> of Belteshazzar; and	<i>['Prince of Bel']</i>
to Hananiah,	<i>['Ya has favored']</i>
of Shadrach; and	<i>['Commanded by Aku']</i>
to Mishael,	<i>['Who is what God is?']</i>
of Meshach; and	<i>['Who is what Aku is?']</i>
to Azariah,	<i>['Ya has helped']</i>
of Abednego.	<i>['Servant of Nego/Nebo']</i>



⁸ But Daniel

purposed in his heart

that

he would not defile himself

with the portion

of the king's meat,

nor with the wine

which he drank:

therefore

he requested

of the prince of the eunuchs

that he might not defile himself.

(⁹ Now God

had **brought** Daniel

into

favour and

tender love

with the prince of the eunuchs.) ¹⁰ And

the prince of the eunuchs

said unto Daniel,

“I fear

my lord

the king,

who hath appointed

your meat and

your drink:

Daniel's rejection of the royal provision (continued)

Second proposed solution

First proposed solution (concluded)

Modified request

Daniel approaches Melzar

Response of the prince of the eunuchs (concluded)

Criterion for evaluating success

Proposed diet:
veggies & water

Time limit:
10 days

for why should he see your faces
worse liking
than the children
which *are* of your sort?

then shall ye make *me*
endanger my head
to the king.”

¹¹ Then said Daniel

to Melzar,

whom the prince of the eunuchs

had set over

Daniel,

Hananiah,

Mishael, and

Azariah,

¹² “Prove thy servants,

I beseech thee,

ten days; and

let them give us

pulse to eat, and

water to drink.

¹³ Then let

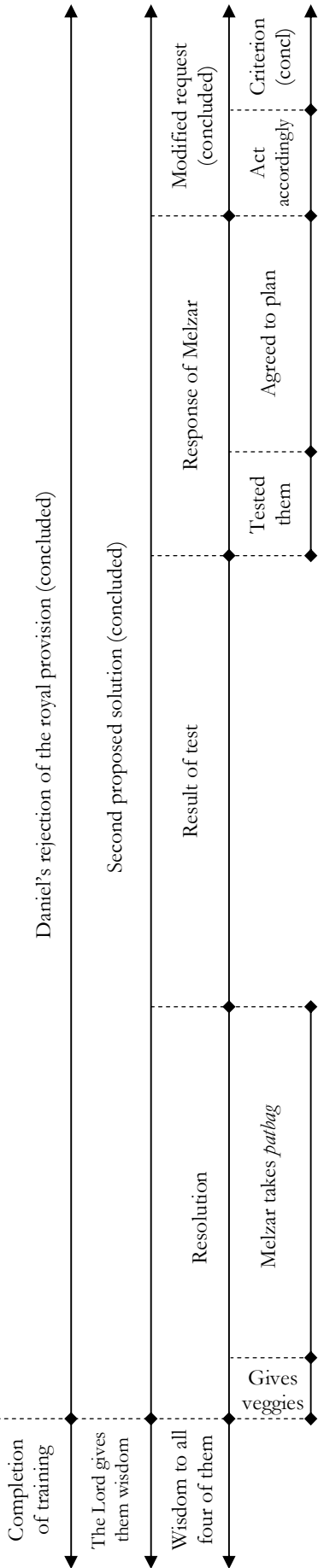
our countenances

be looked upon

before thee, and

the countenance

of the children



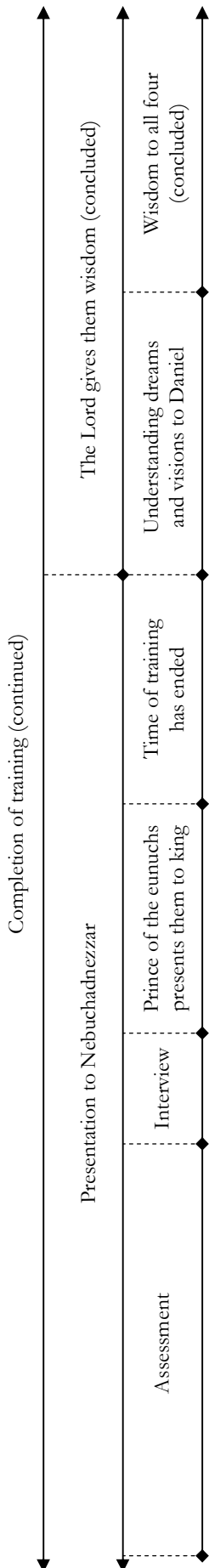
that eat of the portion
of the king's meat: and
as thou seest,
deal with thy servants.”

¹⁴ So he
consented
to them
in this matter, and
proved them
ten days.

¹⁵ And at the end of ten days
their countenances
appeared
fairer and
fatter in flesh
than all the children
which did eat the portion
of the king's meat.

¹⁶ Thus Melzar
took away
the portion of
their meat, and
the wine
that they should drink; and
gave them pulse.

¹⁷ As for these four children,
God **gave** them

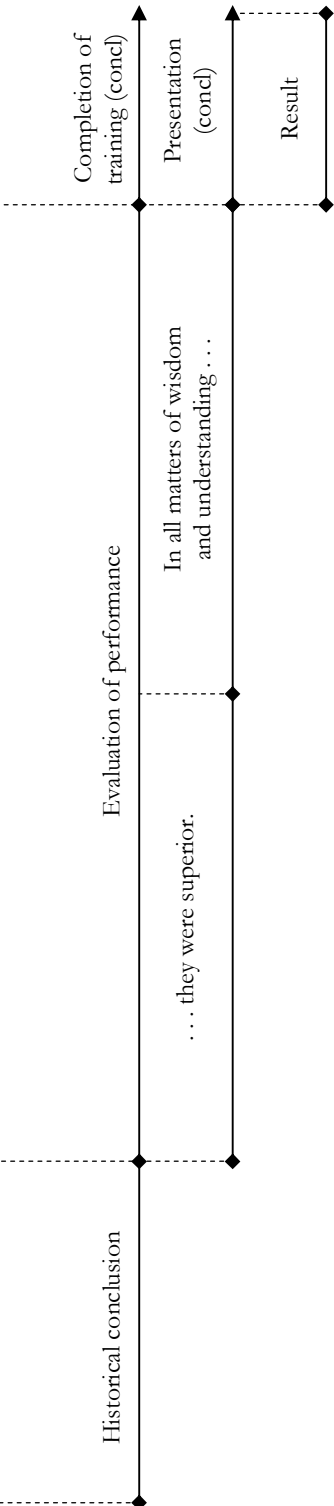


knowledge and
 skill
 in all
 learning and
 wisdom: and

Daniel had
 understanding
 in all
 visions and
 dreams.

¹⁸ Now at the end
 of the days
 that the king had said
 he should bring them in,
 then
 the prince of the eunuchs
 brought them in
 before Nebuchadnezzar.

¹⁹ And the king
 communed with them; and
 among them all
 was found
 none like
 Daniel,
 Hananiah,
 Mishael, and
 Azariah:



therefore

stood they
before the king.²⁰ And

in all matters
of
wisdom *and*
understanding,
that
the king
enquired of them,
he
found them
ten times better
than all the
magicians *and*
astrologers
that *were* in all his realm.

²¹ And Daniel
continued
even unto
the first year
of king Cyrus.