Daniel 1:5-7

I. Three years of training.
Daniel 1:5 "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."
Q1. The king thought he was setting up training for the best of the captive to be able to before the king. They would be trained for years.
A. God would use Nebuchadrezzar to train His people.
Jeremiah 24:5 "Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge them that are carried away captive of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans for <i>their</i> good."
Q2. This training of king Nebuchadrezzar was for the of the captive of Judah.
Jeremiah 24:6 "For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull <i>them</i> down; and I will plant them, and not pluck <i>them</i> up."
Q3. That they might be trained and return to the of Judah.
II. God would use four young men to be the example to all of Judah.
Daniel 1:6 "Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:"
Q4. The four young men are,, and

A.	Their	names	would	be	changed.
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Daniel 1:7 Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel *the name* of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abednego."

- Q5. Daniel ("God is my judge") was changed to _____ ("lord of the straitened's(difficult) treasure" or in reference to Bel or Baal, gods of Nebuchadnezzar, Daniel 4:8.).
- Q6. Hananiah ("God has favoured") was changed to _____ ("royal" or "the great scribe")
- Q7. Mishael ("who is what God is") was changed to _____ ("guest of a king")
- Q8. Azariah ("Jehovah has helped") was changed to _____ ("servant of Nebo")

As Nebuchadnezzar took the name of his god "Bel" from <u>Bel</u>teshazzar, Daniel 4:8. Jamieson, Fausset, Brown Commentary took part of each name to relate to a god in Babylon.

<u>Bel</u>texhazzar – Bel- Chief-god

Shadrach - Rak - Sun-god

Meshach - Shak - Earth-god

Abednego - Nego - Fire-god

Even though their names were changed to whatever, it did not change their faith in their God.