

# Testing, Trying & Trials

One of the metaphors of scripture about life is that it is a test. **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) continually tests people's character, Amunah (Faith), obedience, love, integrity, and loyalty. Character is both developed and revealed by testing. And the truth of the matter is – All of Life is a Test. You are always being tested. **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) is constantly watching how you respond to people, problems, success, conflict, illness and disappointment.

## SEVEN (7) TESTS

### 1. A Test of Patience

Trials and tribulation can be a test of patience. **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) has a timing for fulfilling His plans and purposes. Often His plans take much longer than we expect. In the meantime we go through trials and tribulations and they seem to last forever. These seasons are tests of our patience. Are we willing to wait for **יְהוָה** (Yahuah)'s timing?

**James 1:2-4** Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials (peirasmos 5986: an experiment, a trial, temptation) of various kinds, for you know that the testing (dokimion 1383: a testing) of your Amunah (Faith) produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect (teleios 5046: having reached its end, i.e. complete, by ext. perfect) and complete, lacking in nothing.

Scripture says that hardships and trials have a purpose - they produce patience. I sure could use more patience - but I don't really like the process of obtaining it. But I also know that **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) is the author and finisher of my life and He knows what is best for me. If He considers that I need more patience - so be it. I know that our lives are a test of patience, because I know that believers go through some very rough times. Praise **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) that He is right by our side as we walk rough roads of life.

**Job 23:10** But he knows the way that I take; when he has tried (bachan 974: to examine, try) me, I shall come out as gold.

You see - Job's life was a test of patience. In fact scripture says in the book of James, "Remember the patience of Job". One of the major facts I like about Job is that he never turned his back on **יְהוָה** (Yahuah). He questioned **יְהוָה** (Yahuah), he complained to **יְהוָה** (Yahuah), but he never turned his back on **יְהוָה** (Yahuah), he never gave up trusting **יְהוָה** (Yahuah). That is why we are encouraged when we are told, "Remember the patience of Job". For his life was a test of patience and for many of us - we are being tested too.

### 2. A Test of Amunah (Faith)

Trials can be a test of our Amunah (Faith). Do we believe in **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) even in the midst of pain and suffering? Do we believe in the promises of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) even when everything looks impossible? Do we trust in **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) even if He does not deliver us? Do we trust in **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) even when we do not understand His ways and working in our lives? Shadrack, Meyshak, and Abed-nego were tested and showed their Amunah (Faith).

If you recall the story - King Nebuchadnezzar had made an image out of gold and he commanded that everyone in the land was to worship the image. Yet three (3) Hebrews refused

to worship the image. They were called before the king and he asked them if it was true that they refused to worship the image. He warned them that if they did not worship the image that they would be thrown into a fiery furnace:

Shadrack, Meyshak, and Abed-nego replied to the king, “Nebuchadnezzar, we don’t need to give you an answer to this question. If the Aluhym we serve exists, then He can rescue us from the furnace of blazing fire, and He can rescue us from the power of you, the king. But even if He does not rescue us, we want you to know that we will not serve your Aluhym (gods) or worship the gold statue you set up.” **Daniel 3:16-18**

Nebuchadnezzar became furious. He had the furnace heated seven (7) times hotter than normal. Shadrack, Meyshak, and Abed-nego were bound hand and foot and thrown into the furnace. And do you know what happened? Nebuchadnezzar looked into the furnace and there he saw four (4) men walking around unharmed. Nebuchadnezzar said, "The fourth (4th) man looks like the Son of Aluhym (**OWYAZL** (Yahusha))." He called for Shadrack, Meyshak, and Abed-nego to come out of the furnace and when not a hair on their head was singed - their clothes were not burnt - even the smell of smoke was not on them. Their Amunah (Faith) was tested and they proved to be faithful.

How do you know if you are faithful, unless you are tested?

### **3. A Test of Aahbah (Love)**

Trials can test our love. They can reveal whom or what we love most in our lives. They reveal our priorities and desires. **AYAZL** (Yahuah) wants us to love Him more than anybody else or anything else. The depth of our love for **AYAZL** (Yahuah) is revealed during the seasons of trials. Kepha (Peter) is an example of this test.

When they had eaten breakfast, **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) asked Simon Kepha (Peter), “Simon, son of Yahanan (John), do you love Me more than these?” “Yes, Adon (Lord),” he said to Him, “You know that I love You.” “Feed My lambs (Yong Sheep),” He told him. A second (2nd) time He asked him, “Simon, son of Yahanan (John), do you love Me?” “Yes, Adon (Lord),” he said to Him, “You know that I love You.” “Shepherd My sheep,” He told him. He asked him the third (3rd) time, “Simon, son of Yahanan (John), do you love Me?” Kepha (Peter) was grieved that He asked him the third (3rd) time, “Do you love Me?” He said, “Adon (Lord), You know everything! You know that I love You.” “Feed My sheep,” **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) said. **John 21:15-17**

What is it that motivates your life? Do you do things out of obligation or do you do things out of your love for **OWYAZL** (Yahusha)? Kepha (Peter) was taught a great lesson that day. He was to serve others - not because others deserved it - but because he loved **OWYAZL** (Yahusha). Do you know - that sheep smell like sheep? Do you know - that sheep act like sheep? Do you know - that sheep don't always do what you expect or want them to do? **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) didn't tell Kepha (Peter) to love the sheep because they are lovable - even though they may be. **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) told Kepha (Peter) to take care of his sheep and Lambs (Young) - because of the love Kepha (Peter) had for **OWYAZL** (Yahusha). Are you motivated by the love you have for **OWYAZL** (Yahusha)?

#### 4. A Test of Endurance

Trials can be a test of our endurance. How much are we willing to endure for **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)? Will we give up easily from following **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)? Will we endure till the end? The life of Shaul (Paul) is an example of endurance.

Five (5) times I received thirty nine (39) lashes from Hebrews. Three (3) times I was beaten with rods [by the Romans]. Once (1) I was stoned [by my enemies]. Three (3) times I was shipwrecked. I have spent a night and a day in the open sea. On frequent journeys, [I faced] dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my own people, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the open country, dangers on the sea, and dangers among false brothers; labor and hardship, many sleepless nights, hunger and thirst, often without food, cold, and lacking clothing. **2 Corinthians 11:24-27**

Shaul (Paul) endured many hardships but he did not give up - he stuck with **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah). Do you recall **וַיֹּאמֶר** (Yahusha) said:

"No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)." **Luke 9:62**

Paul said it this way:

Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. **1 Corinthians 9:24**

The road may be long, the road may be steep, the road may be rough - but don't give up till you cross the finish line.

But the one having endured to the end, he will be saved. **Matthew 24:13**

#### 5. A Test of Humility

Trials can be a test of humility. **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) humbles us by allowing us to go through seasons of trials. **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) wants us to have the mind of Mashiach who humbled Himself to take the form of a servant and became obedient even to death on the stake. Moshah (Moses) went through times of trial and his humility shone forth.

Miriam and Aaron criticized Moshah (Moses) because of the Cushite woman he married. They said, "Does **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) speak only through Moshah (Moses)? Does He not also speak through us?" And **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) heard [it]. Moshah (Moses) was a very humble man, more so than any man on the face of the earth. **Numbers 12:1-3**

Moshah (Moses) was criticized - even by his own family members. Yet scripture tells us that Moshah (Moses) was a "very humble man". It's interesting to me that criticism and humility are mentioned together. When you are criticized - how do you respond? Do you respond with anger or with humility? Here is a thought:

Humility is not thinking less of yourself. It is thinking of yourself less.

When you are criticized do you ever say, "You know - they could be right." Criticism needs to bring with it a time of reflection. It is a test of our character.

## 6. A Test of Sacrifice

Trials can be a test of our sacrifice. Are we willing to sacrifice everything for **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)? Are we clinging to the possessions and treasures of this world? When we die to our self then we can bear much fruit for **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah). **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) leads us to the point of total surrender by leading us through the path of trials. He tests the level of our willingness to sacrifice for Him. He tested Abraham in this way:

Then Yitshaq (Isaac) spoke to his father Abraham and said, “My father.” And he replied, “Here I am, my son.” Yitshaq (Isaac) said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?” Abraham answered, “**אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) Himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” Then the two (2) of them walked on together. **Genesis 22:7-8**

Abraham was asked by **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) to sacrifice his son. Abraham went to the mountain and was willing to offer up Yitshaq (Isaac). But that day, as Abraham was about to sacrifice Yitshaq (Isaac), **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) intervened and provided another sacrifice. I believe this is the greatest picture of the believers life. For you see the believers life is about putting **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) in charge.

"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember the name of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) our Aluhym." **Psalms 20:7**

Who are you trusting in? Are you allowing **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) to be in charge or are you trying to direct your own life? Are you willing to put **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) in charge?

## 7. A Test of Obedience

Trials can be a test of our obedience to **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah). Are we willing to obey **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) even when He commands us to do what we do not like or what we wish to avoid? **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) teaches us obedience by leading us through tests. **וַיִּשְׁמַע** (Yahusha) is our prime example of obedience.

Going a little farther, He fell facedown and prayed, “My Father! If it is possible, let this cup pass from Me. Yet not as I will, but as You will.” **Matthew 26:39**

Within a few short minutes after **וַיִּשְׁמַע** (Yahusha) uttered these words he would be arrested. Within a matter of hours he would be crucified. "Father, let this cup pass from Me. Yet not as I will, but as You will." This is a cry that the Father's will would be accomplished - no matter what it takes. There are times in life where the road is not smooth but rocky. It can lead through the valley of death - and for **וַיִּשְׁמַע** (Yahusha) it did. But He was obedient.

He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death— even to death on a stake. **Philippians 2:8**

I am thankful that **וַיִּשְׁמַע** (Yahusha) passed the test - aren't you?

## TESTING ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE

**Romans 12:2** Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing (1381a. Dokimazó to test, by impl. to approve) you may discern (determine, understand) what is the will of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah), what is good and acceptable and perfect.

**1 John 4:1-4** Beloved, do not believe every ruch (spirit), but test (1381 Dokimazo: I put to the test, prove, examine) the ruchs (spirits) to see whether they are from **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuhah), for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Ruch (Spirit) of **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuhah): every ruch (spirit) that confesses that **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) has come in the flesh is from **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah), and every ruch (spirit) that does not confess **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) is not from **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah). This is the ruch (spirit) of the anti-Mashiach (antichrist), which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

**1 Thessalonians 5:21** But test (1381 Dokimazo: I put to the test, prove, examine) everything; hold fast what is good.

**1 Peter 4:12-13** Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial (purósis: a burning, hence a refining, trial, fiery test) when it comes upon you to test (peirasmos 3986: an experiment, a trial, temptation, test) you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Mashiach's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his esteem (glory) is revealed.

**Psalms 28:7** **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

**Romans 12:1-2** I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah), to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, Qadosh (holy) and acceptable to **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah), which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing (1381 Dokimazo: I put to the test, prove, examine) you may discern (determine, understand) what is the will of **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah), what is good and acceptable and perfect.

**Psalms 11:4-5** **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) is in his Qadosh (holy) temple; **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah)s throne is in shamym (heavens); his eyes see, his eyelids test (bachan 974: to examine, to investigate -- examine, prove, tempt, trial, try) the children of man. **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) tests (bachan 974: to examine, to investigate -- examine, prove, tempt, trial, try) the Righteous, but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence.

**Hebrews 12:11** For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained (gumnazó 1128: to exercise naked, to train or wearing a loin cloth", properly, naked or lightly clad, to train with one's full effort, i.e. with complete physical, emotional force like when working out intensely in a gymnasium, being trained) by it.

**Isaiah 1:1-31** The vision of YashaYahu (Isaiah) the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Yahudha (Judah) and Yarusalym (Jerusalem) in the days of Uzziah, Yotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Yahudah (Judah). Hear, O Shamym (Heavens), and give ear, O earth; for **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) has spoken: "Children have I reared and brought up, but they have rebelled against me. The ox knows its owner, and the donkey its master's crib, but Yasharal (Israel) does not know, my people do not understand." Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, offspring of evildoers, children who deal corruptly! They have forsaken **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah), they have despised the Qadosh (Holy) One of Yasharal (Israel), they are utterly estranged. Why will you still be struck down? Why will you continue to rebel? The whole head is sick, and the

whole heart faint. ...

**Psalms 26:2** Prove (bachan 974: to examine, try) me, O אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah), and try (nasah 5254: to test, try) me; test (tsaraph 6884: to smelt, refine, test) my Heart and my Mind.

**Malachi 3:10** Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test (bachan 974: to examine, try), says the אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) of hosts, if I will not open the windows of Shamym (Heavens) for you and pour down for you a Barakah (Blessing) until there is no more need.

**Isaiah 48:10** Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tried (bachar 977: to choose, properly, to try, i.e. (by implication) select -- acceptable, appoint, choose (choice), excellent, join, be rather, require, tried) you in the furnace of affliction.

**Psalms 11:5** אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) tests (bachan 974: to examine, try) the Righteous, but his Soul hates the wicked and the One (1) who loves Violence.

**John 6:5-6** Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, OWYָּאֵל (Yahusha) said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" He said this to test (peirazó 3985: to make proof of, to attempt, tempt, test) him, for he himself knew what he would do.

**Exodus 20:20** Moshah (Moses) said to the people, "Do not fear, for Aluhym has come to test (nasah 5254: to try, test; by implication, to attempt -- adventure, assay, prove, tempt, to test, to be tested) you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin."

**1 Peter 4:12-19** Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial (purósis 4451: a burning, hence a refining) when it comes upon you to test (peirasmos 3986: an experiment, a trial, temptation, test) you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Mashiach's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Mashiach, you are Baruk (Blessed), because the Ruch (Spirit) of Estreem (glory) and of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Believer, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) in that name. ...

**James 1:12** Baruk (Blessed) is the man who remains steadfast under trial (peirasmos 3986: an experiment, a trial, temptation), for when he has stood the test (dokimos 1384: tested, approved) he will receive the crown of life, which אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) has promised to those who love him.

**Proverbs 17:3** The crucible is for silver, and the furnace is for gold, and אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) tests (bachan 974: to examine, try) hearts.

**Hebrews 12:4-11** In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline (the rearing of a child, training) of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah), nor be weary when reproved by him. For אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) disciplines (to train children, to chasten, correct) the one (1) he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." It is for discipline (to train children, to chasten, correcting) that you have to endure. אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline (to train children, to chasten, correct)? If you are left without discipline (the rearing of a child, training, discipline), in which

all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ...

**1 Corinthians 10:13** No temptation (peirasmos 3986: an experiment, a trial, temptation) has overtaken you that is not common to man. **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted (peirazó 3985: to make proof of, to attempt, test, tempted) beyond your ability, but with the temptation (peirasmos 3986: an experiment, a trial, temptation) he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

**1 Peter 1:7** So that the tested (dokimion 1383: a testing) genuineness of your Amunah (Faith)—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested (dokimazo 1381: I put to the test, prove, examined) by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) HaMashiach.

**Isaiah 41:10** Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your Aluhym; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

**John 6:6** He said this to test (peirazó 3985: to make proof of, to attempt, test, tempted) him, for he himself knew what he would do.

**Luke 4:1-13** And **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha), full of the Ruch AhQudesh, returned from the Yarden (Jordan) and was led by the Ruch (Spirit) in the wilderness for forty (40) days, being tempted (peirazó 3985: to make proof of, to attempt, test, tempted) by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah), command this stone to become bread.” And **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ...

**2 Corinthians 11:3** But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Mashiach.

**1 Peter 5:10** And after you have suffered a little while, the Aluhym of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Mashiach, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

**John 16:13** When the Ruch (Spirit) of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

**2 Corinthians 4:2** But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah).

**Exodus 16:4** Then **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) said to Moshah (Moses), “Behold, I am about to rain bread from Shamym (Heavens) for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test (nasah 5254: to try, test; by implication, to attempt -- adventure, assay, prove, tempt, to be tested, to test) them, whether they will walk in my Turah (law) or not.

**Revelation 3:10** Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial (peirasmos 3986: an experiment, a trial, temptation, test) that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth.

**1 Peter 1:6-9** In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been

grieved by various trials (peirasmos 3986: an experiment, a trial, temptation, test), so that the tested (dokimion 1383: a testing, tested) genuineness of your Amunah (Faith)—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested (dokimazo 1381: I put to the test, prove, examine) by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) HaMashiach. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your Amunah (faith), the salvation of your souls.

**2 Timothy 3:16** All Scripture is breathed out by **AYAZL** (Yahuah) and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

**Romans 5:3-4** More than that, we rejoice in our tribulations (thlipsis 2347 – properly, pressure (what constricts or rubs together), used of a narrow place that "hems someone in"; tribulation, especially internal pressure that causes someone to feel confined (restricted, "without options", sufferings), knowing that tribulations (thlipsis 2347 – properly, pressure (what constricts or rubs together), used of a narrow place that "hems someone in"; tribulation, especially internal pressure that causes someone to feel confined (restricted, "without options" suffering) produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,

**2 Chronicles 32:31** And so in the matter of the envoys of the princes of Babylon, who had been sent to him to inquire about the sign that had been done in the land, **AYAZL** (Yahuah) left him to himself, in order to test (nasah 5254: to try, test; by implication, to attempt -- adventure, assay, prove, tempt, to test, to be tested) him and to know all that was in his heart.

**Acts 14:22** Strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the Amunah (Faith), and saying that through many tribulations (thlipsis 2347 – properly, pressure (what constricts or rubs together), used of a narrow place that "hems someone in"; tribulation, especially internal pressure that causes someone to feel confined, restricted, "without options") we must enter the kingdom of **AYAZL** (Yahuah).

**Zechariah 13:9** And I will put this third (3rd) into the fire, and refine (tsaraph 6884: to smelt, refine, test) them as one refines (tsaraph 6884: to smelt, refine, test) silver, and test (bachan 974: to examine, try) them as gold is tested (bachan 974: to examine, try). They will call upon my name, and I will answer them. I will say, ‘They are my people’; and they will say, ‘**AYAZL** (Yahuah) is my Aluhym.’”

**James 1:3** For you know that the testing (dokimion 1383: a testing) of your Amunah (Faith) produces steadfastness.

**Revelation 2:10** Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested (peirazó 3985: to make proof of, to attempt, test, tempted), and for ten (10) days you will have tribulation (thlipsis 2347 – properly, pressure (what constricts or rubs together). Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

**Deuteronomy 8:2** And you shall remember the whole way that **AYAZL** (Yahuah) your Aluhym has led you these forty (40) years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing (nasah 5254: to try, test; by implication, to attempt -- adventure, assay, prove, tempt, to test, to be tested, testing) you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.

**Deuteronomy 6:16** “You shall not put אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) our Aluhym to the test (nasah 5254: to try, test; by implication, to attempt -- adventure, assay, prove, tempt, to test, to be tested), as you tested (nasah 5254: to try, test; by implication, to attempt -- adventure, assay, prove, tempt, to test, to be tested) him at Massah.

**Exodus 17:7** He named the place Massah and Meribah because the Yasaralites (Israelites) quarreled, and because they tested (nasah 5254: to try, test; by implication, to attempt -- adventure, assay, prove, tempt, to test, to be tested) אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah), saying, “Is אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) among us or not?”

**Matthew 4:1** Then OWYָּאֵל (Yahusha) was led up by the Ruch (Spirit) into the wilderness to be tempted (peirazó 3985: to make proof of, to attempt, test, tempted) by the devil.

**Jeremiah 9:7** Therefore thus says אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) of hosts: “Behold, I will refine (tsaraph 6884: to smelt, refine, test) them and test (bachan 974: to examine, try) them, for what else can I do, because of my people?”

**Genesis 22:1-2** After these things אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) tested (nasah 5254: to try, test; by implication, to attempt -- adventure, assay, prove, tempt, to test, to be tested) Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” He said, “Take your son, your only son Yitshaq (Isaac), whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”

**Jeremiah 17:10** “I אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) search the heart and test (bachan 974: to examine, try) the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds.”

**Psalms 55:22** Cast your burden on אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah), and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

**Psalms 17:3** You have tried (bachan 974: to examine, try) my heart, you have visited me by night, you have tested (tsaraph 6884: to smelt, refine, test) me, and you will find nothing; I have purposed that my mouth will not transgress.

**1 Thessalonians 2:4** But just as we have been approved by אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) who tests (dokimazo 1381: I put to the test, prove, examine) our hearts.

**Matthew 4:7** OWYָּאֵל (Yahusha) said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) your Aluhym to the test (ekpeirazó 1598: to test thoroughly, tempt (from 1537 /ek, "out from and to" and 3985 /peirazó, "tempt" – properly, test out, i.e. with the outcome of testing to an extreme (unwarranted) degree; "hyper-test," going to improper measures which exceed appropriate boundaries and pushing the one tested beyond reasonable (proper) limits).

**Hebrews 2:18** For because he himself has suffered when tempted (peirazó 3985: to make proof of, to attempt, test, tempted), he is able to help those who are being tempted (peirazó 3985: to make proof of, to attempt, test, tempted).

**2 Corinthians 13:5** Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the Amunah (Faith). Test (dokimazo 1381: I put to the test, prove, examine) yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that OWYָּאֵל (Yahusha) HaMashiach is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test (adokimos 96b: not standing the test, rejected)!

**Deuteronomy 8:16** Who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test (nasah 5254: to try, test; by implication, to attempt -- adventure, assay, prove, tempt, to test, to be tested) you, to do you good in the end.

**2 Peter 2:9** Then אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) knows how to rescue the righteous from trials (peirasmos 3986: an experiment, a trial, temptation, test), and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment,

**Hebrews 11:17-19** By Amunah (Faith) Abraham, when he was tested (peirazó 3985: to make proof of, to attempt, test, tempted), offered up Yithaq (Isaac), and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, “Through Yitshag (Isaac) shall your offspring be named.” He considered that אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

**2 Corinthians 12:7-9** So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of HaSatan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three (3) times I pleaded with אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Mashiach may rest upon me.

**James 1:13-16** Let no one say when he is tempted (peirazó 3985: to make proof of, to attempt, test, tempted), “I am being tempted (peirazó 3985: to make proof of, to attempt, test, tempted) by אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah),” for אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) cannot be tempted (apeirastos 551: untried, untempted) with evil, and he himself tempts (peirazó 3985: to make proof of, to attempt, test, tempted) no one. But each person is tempted (peirazó 3985: to make proof of, to attempt, test, tempted) when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers.

**2 Corinthians 2:9** For this is why I wrote, that I might test (dokimé 1382: (the process or result of) trial, proving, approval) you and know whether you are obedient in everything.

**Psalms 66:10-12** For you, O אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah), have tested (bachan 974: to examine, try) us; you have tried (tsaraph 6884: to smelt, refine, test) us as silver is tried (tsaraph 6884: to smelt, refine, test). You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs; you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.

**2 Corinthians 8:2** For in a severe test (thlipsis 2347: tribulation) of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.

**Hebrews 4:15** For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted (peirazó 3985: to make proof of, to attempt, test, tempted) as we are, yet without sin.

**Malachi 3:3** He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah).

**Romans 8:18** For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing

with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

**2 Thessalonians 1:4** Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the Assemblies of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) for your steadfastness and Amunah (Faith) in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring.

**Isaiah 40:31** But they who wait for אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

**Psalms 139:23** Search me, O אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah), and know my heart! Test (bachan 974: to examine, try) me and know my thoughts!