

Genesis 22:1-23 (NKJV)

1 Now it came to pass after these things that God (הָאֱלֹהִים = ha elohim) tested (נִסָּה – nisa Piel Perfect “put someone to the test”) Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!”

And he said, “Here I am.”

2 Then He said, “Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah (מֹרְיָה), and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”

3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. 5 And Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship

(נִשְׁתַּחֲוֶה), and we will come back to you.”

6 So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together.

7 But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father!”

And he said, “Here I am, my son.”

Then he said, “Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”

8 And Abraham said, “My son, God (אֱלֹהִים Elohim) will provide for Himself (יִרְאֶה-לוֹ yir’eh-lo) the lamb for a burnt offering.” So the two of them went together.

9 Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. 10 And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

11 But the Angel of the Lord (מַלְאֲךְ יְהוָה = mal’ach Yahweh) called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!”

So he said, “Here I am.”

12And He said, “Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know (עֲתָה יָדַעְתִּי) that you fear God (יִרָא אֱלֹהִים), since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.”

13Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. 14And Abraham called the name of the place,

The-Lord-Will-Provide (יְהוָה יִרְאֶה -Yahweh yireh=Jehovah jireh); as it is said to this day,

“In the Mount of The Lord it shall be provided (יִרְאֶה).”

15Then the Angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, 16and said: “By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, (בִּי נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי נְאֻם־יְהוָה) because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son—

17blessing I will bless you, (כִּי־בָרַךְ אֲבָרְכֶךָ)

and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.

18In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed (הֵתְבָרַכְוּ), because you have obeyed (שָׁמַעְתָּ) My voice.”

19So Abraham returned to his young men, and they rose and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba.

20Now it came to pass after these things that it was told Abraham, saying, “Indeed Milcah also has borne children to your brother Nahor: 21“Huz his firstborn, Buz his brother, Kemuel the father of Aram, 22Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph, and Bethuel.” 23And Bethuel begot Rebekah. These eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham’s brother. 24His concubine, whose name was Reumah, also bore Tebah, Gaham, Thahash, and Maachah.

Testing: when God tests man

Genesis 22:1 Now it came to pass after these things that **God tested Abraham**, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”

Exodus 16:4 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, **that I may test**

(וַיִּסְּוּ אֱלֹהִים) them, whether they will walk in My law or not.

2 Chronicles 32:31 However, regarding the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, whom they sent to him to inquire about the wonder that was done in the land, God withdrew from him, in order **to test him**, that He might know all that was in his heart.

Testing: But when Israel tests God

Deuteronomy 6:16 “**You shall not tempt (וַיִּסְּוּ אֱלֹהִים)** the Lord your God as you tempted

(וַיִּסְּוּ אֱלֹהִים) Him in Massah(meaning “trial”).

Psalms 95:7b-11 ... Today, if you will hear His voice: 8 “Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion, As in the day of trial in the wilderness, 9 **When your fathers tested Me**

(וַיִּסְּוּ אֱלֹהִים); They tried Me, though they saw My work. 10 For forty years I was grieved with that generation, And said, ‘It is a people who go astray in their hearts, And they do not know My ways.’ 11 So I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest.’ ”
(Also see Numbers 14:22-23)

Purpose of Testing

Deuteronomy 8:2 “And you shall remember that the Lord your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, **to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.**

Deuteronomy 8:16 “who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, **that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end—**

Exodus 16:4 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, **that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not.**

Judges 2:21-22 “I also will no longer drive out before them any of the nations which Joshua left when he died, 22 “so that through them **I may test Israel, whether they will keep the ways of the Lord, to walk in them as their fathers kept them, or not.**”

God’s Alien Work

Isaiah 28:21 NIV The LORD will rise up as he did at Mount Perazim, he will rouse himself as in the Valley of Gibeon— to do his work, **his strange work, and perform his task, his alien task.**

Isaiah 28:21 NKJVThat He may do His work, His awesome work, And bring to pass His act, His unusual act.

Matthew 15:23 But **He answered her not a word.** And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, “Send her away, for she cries out after us.”

Luke 24:28 Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and **He indicated that He would have gone farther.**

Tempted (to Evil), not by God

Matthew 6:13 And do not lead us into **temptation (πειρασμόν)**,

James 1:12-18 Blessed is the man who endures **temptation (πειρασμόν)**; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to

those who love Him. **13Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”;** for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. **14But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.** 15Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. 16Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. 17Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. 18Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

God’s Faithfulness

Numbers 23:19 “**God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor** a son of man, that He should **repent**. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

Titus 1:2 in hope of eternal life which **God, who cannot lie**, promised before time began, 2 Thessalonians 2:10-11 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11And for this reason **God will send them strong delusion**, that they should believe the lie,

Chastening/Discipline

Psalms 118:17-18 I shall not die, but live, And declare the works of the Lord. 18 The Lord **has chastened me** severely (יִסַּר יְיָ), But He has not given me over to death.

Hebrews 12:5-11 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: “My son, do not despise **the chastening of the Lord**, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; 6 For whom the Lord loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives.”

7If you endure **chastening** (παιδείαν), God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? 8But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.

9Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? 10For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, **but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness.** 11Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields **the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.**

In Response to Testing/How to Pass the Test

Job 13:15 NIV **Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him;** I will surely defend my ways to his face.

Job 13:15 NKJV Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him. Even so, I will defend my own ways before Him.

Romans 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

2 Samuel 10:12 “Be of good courage, and let us be strong for our people and for the cities of our God. And **may the Lord do what is good** in His sight.”

1 Thessalonians 4:13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, **lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.**

Galatians 1:8-9 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

Rewards for Faithfulness

1 Samuel 26:23 “May the Lord **repay*** every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness;... *NIV “reward”

Matthew 16:27 “For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then **He will reward** each according to his works.

Luke 6:35 “But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and **your reward** will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.

1 Corinthians 3:8; 14 Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.... 14 If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that **He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.**

Human Sacrifice/Firstborn

Genesis 9:5-6 “Surely for your lifeblood **I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man.** From the hand of every man’s brother I will require the life of man. 6 “Whoever sheds man’s blood, **By man his blood shall be shed;** For in the image of God He made man.

Exodus 13:1-2 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 2 “Consecrate to Me all the **firstborn**, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and beast; **it is Mine.**” {Also the law of the firstborn in Exodus 13:11-16}

Exodus 22:29 “You shall not delay to offer the first of your ripe produce and your juices. **The firstborn of your sons you shall give to Me.**

Exodus 34:20 “But the firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb. And if you will not redeem him, then you shall break his neck. **All the firstborn of your sons you shall redeem.** And none shall appear before Me empty-handed.

Leviticus 18:21 ‘And you shall not let any of your descendants pass through the fire to Molech, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I am the Lord.

Deuteronomy 12:31 “You shall not worship the Lord your God in that way; for every **abomination** to the Lord which He hates they have done to their gods; for they burn even their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods.

Deuteronomy 18:10 NIV Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in a the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft,

Micah 6:7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, Ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

Isaiah 53:8 *Suffering Servant* He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken

The Promise and the Test

Genesis 12:2-3 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; **And in you** all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Genesis 21:12 But God said to Abraham, “Do not let it be displeasing in your sight because of the lad or because of your bondwoman. Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice; **for in Isaac your seed shall be called.**

Genesis 22:1 Now it came to pass after these things that **God tested(נִסָּה)** Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”

Hebrews 11:17-19 By faith Abraham, when he was tested (πειραζόμενος), offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, 18 of whom it was said, “**In Isaac your seed shall be called,**” 19 concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

Moriah

2 Chronicles 3:1 Now Solomon began to build the house of the Lord at Jerusalem on **Mount Moriah**, where the Lord had appeared to his father David, at the place that David had prepared on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

Deuteronomy 12:13-14 “Take heed to yourself that you do not offer your burnt offerings in every place that you see; 14 “but **in the place** which the Lord chooses, in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I command you.

Abraham Justified by Faith (revealed by his works to be justified by faith)

James 2:20-26 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? {Genesis 22} 22 Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? 23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” {Genesis 15} And he was called the friend of God. 24 You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only. 25 Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way? 26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

Hebrews 6:13-20 For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, 14 saying, “Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.” {Genesis 22} 15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. 16 For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. 17 Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, 18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. 19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, 20 where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Fruits of the Spirit are Evidences of Faith: God rewards the Justified with rewards and wonderful works

Matthew 6:12 And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

2 Peter 1:10 Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall,

Matthew 7:17-20 Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

John 14:12 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and **greater works** than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

John 15:5 “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

John 16:26-28 In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. 27 No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved

me and have believed that I came from God. 28 I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father.”

Repeated references back to God’s oath

Genesis 24:7 “The Lord God of heaven, who took me from my father’s house and from the land of my family, and who spoke to me **and swore to me**, saying, ‘To your descendants I give this land,’ He will send His angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there.

Genesis 26:3 “Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform **the oath which I swore** to Abraham your father.

Genesis 50:24 And Joseph said to his brethren, “I am dying; but God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land to the land **of which He swore** to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

Exodus 13:5 “And it shall be, when the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, **which He swore** to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, that you shall keep this service in this month.

Exodus 32:13 “Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, to whom **You swore by Your own self**, and said to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven; and all this land that I have spoken of I give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ”

Exodus 33:1 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Depart and go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt, to the land **of which I swore** to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, ‘To your descendants I will give it.’

Isaiah 14:24 The Lord of hosts has **sworn**, saying, “Surely, as I have thought, so it shall come to pass, And as I have purposed, so it shall stand:

Isaiah 62:8 The Lord has **sworn** by His right hand And by the arm of His strength: “Surely I will no longer give your grain As food for your enemies; And the sons of the foreigner shall not drink your new wine, For which you have labored.

Law-Oath concerning the Gospel-Oath to Abraham

Numbers 14:28-30 “Say to them, ‘**As I live**,’ says the Lord, ‘just as you have spoken in My hearing, so I will do to you: 29 ‘The carcasses of you who have complained against Me shall fall in this wilderness, all of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty years old and above. 30 ‘Except for Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun, **you shall by no means enter the land which I swore I would make you dwell in.** {*Deut 1:35*}

Psalms 95:11 So I **swore** in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest.’ ” (*Heb 3:7-11, 4:3*)

Hebrews 3:11 So I **swore** in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest.’ ”

The Oath to Abraham, as it relates to King David

No oath is mentioned in 2 Sam 7ff, and 1 Chr 17ff, but David applies this oath given to Abraham, as if it was given to him.

Psalms 89:35-37 Once I **have sworn** by My holiness; I will not lie to David: 36 **His seed shall endure forever**, And his throne as the sun before Me; 37 It shall be established forever like the moon, Even like the faithful witness in the sky.”

Psalms 132:11 The Lord has **sworn** in truth to David; He will not turn from it: “I will set upon your throne **the fruit of your body**....

Psalms 110:1-4 The LORD(Yahweh) said to my Lord(David), “Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.” {*Thus the Messiah is a King.*} 2 The Lord shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies! 3 Your people shall be volunteers In the day of Your power; In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth. 4 The Lord has **sworn**

And will not relent, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."
{And also a **Priest**; See Melchizedek blessing Abraham in Gen 14:18ff}

Matthew 1:1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, **the Son of David, the Son of Abraham**:

New Testament

Luke 1:55 As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and to his seed forever."

Luke 1:73 The **oath** which He swore to our father Abraham:

Hebrews 4:1-3, Therefore, since **a promise remains of entering His rest**, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. 2 For indeed **the gospel was preached to us as well as to them**; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. 3 For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said: "So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest,' " although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

Hebrews 6:17 Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by **an oath**, (See Heb 6:13-20 above)

Galatians 3:16 Now to Abraham and his Seed were **the promises** made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ.

God's Son Offered as a Sacrifice

Romans 8:31-32 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (with Gen 22: 12,16, "...your son, your only son.") (NIV "...gave his one and only Son...")

1 Peter 1:19-20 ...but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 20He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you

Compare Verb Stems(binyanim)

Genesis 12:3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And

in you all the families of the earth **shall be blessed** (נְבַרְכֶנּוּ) (niph'al)

Genesis 18:18 "since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all

the nations of the earth **shall be blessed** (נְבַרְכֶנּוּ) in him? (Niph'al)

Genesis 22:18 "In your seed all the nations of the earth **shall be blessed** (הִתְבַּרְכְּוּ), because you have obeyed My voice." (Hithpael)

Isaiah 65:16 So that **he who blesses himself** (הִתְבַּרְכֵּךָ) in the earth

Shall bless himself in the God of truth;
And he who swears in the earth
Shall swear by the God of truth;
Because the former troubles are forgotten,
And because they are hidden from My eyes.

Dust, stars and sand

Genesis 13:16 “And I will make your descendants as **the dust of the earth**; so that if a man could number **the dust of the earth**, then your descendants also could be numbered.

Genesis 15:5 Then He brought him outside and said, “Look now toward heaven, and count **the stars** if you are able to number them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”

Genesis 22:17 “blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as **the stars** of the heaven and as **the sand** which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.

Go (by yourself)

Genesis 12:1 Now the Lord had said to Abram: “Get (לְךָ-לְךָ) out of your country, From your family And from your father’s house, To a land that I will show you.

Genesis 22:2 Then He said, “Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love,

and go (לְךָ-לְךָ) to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”