

“To test” [nsh, in piel stem] in the Hebrew Bible

Red = God testing humans

Green = humans testing God

Orange = humans testing humans

Genesis 22.1	After these things God tested Abraham .
Exodus 15.25-26	He cried out to YHWH; and YHWH showed him a piece of wood; he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. There YHWH made for them a statute and an ordinance and there he put them to the test . He said, "If you will listen carefully to the voice of YHWH your God, and do what is right in his sight, and give heed to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will not bring upon you any of the diseases that I brought upon the Egyptians; for I am YHWH who heals you."
Exodus 16.4	Then YHWH said to Moses , "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them , whether they will follow my instruction or not."
Numbers 14.22-23	none of the people who have seen my glory and the signs that I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and yet have tested me these ten times and have not obeyed my voice, shall see the land that I swore to give to their ancestors; none of those who despised me shall see it.
Deuteronomy 8.2	Remember the long way that YHWH your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. [again, 8.6]
Deuteronomy 6.16	Do not put YHWH your God to the test , as you tested him at Massah.
Deuteronomy 13.3	...you must not heed the words of those prophets or those who divine by dreams; for YHWH your God is testing you , to know whether you indeed love YHWH your God with all your heart and being.
Judges 2.21-22	"I will no longer drive out before them any of the nations that Joshua left when he died. In order to test Israel , whether or not they would take care to walk in the way of YHWH as their ancestors did..." [again, 3.1, 4]
1 Kings 10.1	When the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, (fame due to the name of YHWH), she came to test him with hard questions . [as 2 Chronicles 9.1]
Isaiah 7.12	But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put YHWH to the test ."
Psalms 26.2-3	Prove me, O YHWH , and try me; test my heart and mind . For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.
Psalms 78.17-18	Yet they sinned still more against him, rebelling against the Most High in the desert. They tested God in their heart by demanding the food they craved. [again, 78.4], 56]
Psalms 95.8-9	Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your ancestors tested me , and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.
Psalms 106.14	But they had a wanton craving in the wilderness, and put God to the test in the desert...
Job 4.2	"If one ventures a word with you, will you be offended? But who can keep from speaking?"
Ecclesiastes 2.1	I said to myself, "Come now, I will make a test of pleasure ; enjoy yourself." But again, this also was vanity.
Ecclesiastes 7.23	All this I have tested by wisdom ; I said, "I will be wise," but it was far from me.
Daniel 1.11-12	Then Daniel asked the guard whom the palace master had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: "Please test your servants for ten days. Let us be given vegetables to eat and water to drink." [again, 1.14]
2 Chronicles 32.30c-31	Hezekiah prospered in all his works . So also in the matter of the envoys of the officials of Babylon, who had been sent to him to inquire about the sign that had been done in the land, God left him to himself, in order to test him and to know all that was in his heart.