



With ten trials was Abraham our father tried, עֶשְׂרֵה נִסְיוֹנוֹת נִתְּנָסָה אַבְרָהָם אָבִינוּ עָלָיו
and he withstood them all, הַשְּׁלוֹם וְעַמַּד בְּכָלֶם,

to make known the extent of the love of לְהוֹדִיעַ כְּמָה חֲבָתוֹ שֶׁל אַבְרָהָם אָבִינוּ עָלָיו
Abraham our father הַשְּׁלוֹם:

Jubilees

17:15 And it came to pass in the seventh week, in the first year thereof, in the first month in this jubilee, on the twelfth of this month, there were voices in heaven regarding Abraham, that he was faithful in all that He told him, and that he loved the Lord, and that in every affliction he was faithful. 17:16 And the prince Mastêmâ came and said before God, 'Behold, Abraham loves Isaac his son, and he delights in him above all things else; bid him offer him as a burnt-offering on the altar, and Thou wilt see if he will do this command, and Thou wilt know if he is faithful in everything wherein Thou dost try him. 17:17 And the Lord knew that Abraham was faithful in all his afflictions; for He had tried him through his country and with famine, and had tried him with the wealth of kings, and had tried him again through his wife, when she was torn (from him), and with circumcision; and had tried him through Ishmael and Hagar, his maid-servant, when he sent them away. 17:18 And in everything wherein He had tried him, he was found faithful, and his soul was not impatient, and he was not slow to act; for he was faithful and a lover of the Lord.

19:2 And in the first year of the third week of this jubilee the days of the life of Sarah were accomplished, and she died in Hebron. 19:3 And Abraham went to mourn over her and bury her, and we tried him [to see] if his spirit were patient and he were not indignant in the words of his mouth; and he was found patient in this, and was not disturbed. 19:4 For in patience of spirit he conversed with the children of Heth, to the intent that they should give him a place in which to bury his dead. 19:8 This is the tenth trial wherewith Abraham was tried, and he was found faithful, patient in spirit.

The Fathers According to R. Nathan, 33

With ten trials was Abraham our father tried before the Holy one, blessed be he, and in all of them he was found steadfast, to wit: Twice, when ordered to move on; Twice, in connection with his two sons; Twice, in connection with his two wives; Once, on the occasion of his war with the kings; Once, at the (covenant) between the pieces; Once, in Ur of the Chaldees; And once, at the covenant of circumcision. Now, what was the reason for all this? So that when Abraham, our father, comes to take his reward, the peoples of the world shall say: "More than all of us, more than everyone, is Abraham worthy of getting his reward!" And it is of him that Scripture says, "Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart, for God has already accepted thy works (Eccl. 9: 7)." Corresponding to the ten trials with which Abraham our father was tried and in all of which he was found steadfast, the Holy One, blessed be He, performed ten miracles for his children in Egypt. Corresponding to those (trials), the Holy One, blessed be He, brought ten plagues on the Egyptians in Egypt. Corresponding to those, ten miracles were wrought for Israel at the Red Sea. Corresponding to those, ten plagues were brought upon the Egyptians in the Sea.

אבות דרבי נתן פרק שלשה ושלשים

עשר נסיונות נתנסה אברהם אבינו לפני הקב"ה ובכולן נמצא שלם ואלו הן שנים בלך לך ב' בשתי בניו ב' בשתי נשיו אחד עם המלכים ואחד בין הבתרים אחד באור כשדים ואחד בברית מילה (בין הבתרים). וכל כך למה כדי שכשיבא אברהם אבינו ליטול שכרו שיהיו המלאכים אומרים יותר מכולנו יותר מכל שוה אברהם אבינו ליטול שכרו שנא' (קהלת ט) לך אכול בשמחה לחמך ושתה בלב טוב יינך. כנגד עשר נסיונות שנתנסה אברהם אבינו ובכולן נמצא שלם וכנגדן עשה הקב"ה י' נסים לבניו במצרים כנגדן הביא עשר מכות כנגדן נעשו לישראל עשרה נסים על הים כנגדן הביא עשר מכות על המצריים בים.

THE TEN TRIALS OF ABRAHAM

	Jubilees	Avot d'Rabbi Natan	Pirkei d'Rabbi Eliezer	Rashi	Maimonides	Bartenura
1	Country (Lech Lecha)	Lech Lecha (Include famine?)	Assassins try to murder the infant Abraham who hides for 13 years	Hides for 13 years from Nimrod	Lech Lecha.	Fiery furnace
2	Famine		Imprisoned for ten years, then furnace	Fiery furnace	Famine	Lech Lecha
3	?	Two sons (Sending away Ishmael and binding Isaac?)	Lech Lecha.	Lech Lecha	Egyptians capture Sarah	Famine
4	?		Famine	Famine	Battle of Kings	Egyptians capture Sarah
5	Wealth of kings	Two wives (Sarah captured and Hagar banished?)	Egyptians capture Sarah	Egyptians capture Sarah	Marries Hagar for children	Battle of Kings
6	His wife, when she was torn from him		Battle of Kings and rescue Lot.	Battle of Kings and rescue Lot	Circumcision	Told of Egyptian exile
7	Circumcision	Battle of Kings	Told that his offspring would suffer under four monarchies.	Told that his offspring would suffer under four monarchies.	Avimelech captures Sarah.	Circumcision.
8	Sending Ishmael & Hagar away	Covenant of Pieces	Circumcision	Circumcisions.	Told to send away Hagar.	Avimelech captures Sarah.
9	Sacrifice of Isaac	In Ur of the Chaldees (How is this different from 8?)	Ishmael tries to kill Isaac	Told to send away Hagar and Ishamael.	Told to send away Ishmael.	Told to send away Hagar and Ishamael.
10	Sarah's death	Circumcision	Sacrifice of Isaac			