

Zerah Torah Limood
Genesis 22.1 - 24

The binding of Yitzchok on the altar.

The Tenth Trial Of Abraham

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Our discussion is in the loving memory of Mr. John Bond and Mr. Patrick Reynolds and Mrs. Martha Bond Reynolds may they rest in peace. May their memory be for good. May they be elevated in the Heavens.

Genesis 22.1,2

And it happened after these events,(the birth of Yitzchok, the ejection of Hagar and Yishmael and the agreement between Abraham and Avimelech,) and the God Tested everything from the Letter Aleph to the Letter Tav of Abraham... Examined Abraham... Experimented with Abraham... Tempted Abraham... and He Said to him. "Abraham!" and he [Abraham] responded, "Here I am." He Said, "Take everything from the Letter Aleph to the Letter Tav of your son, everything from the Letter Aleph to the Letter Tav of your only son, everything from the Letter Aleph to the Letter Tav of who you love - Yitzchok – and go get everything from the Letter Aleph to the Letter Tav of to the land of Moriah [Jerusalem] Sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains which I will designate to you."

Is it necessary to really say any more? This was another test. This was the tenth test.

Some of us like to think we are being tested as Avraham. NOT SO in most instances. We are not on Avraham's level of righteousness or Observances. Yet we comfort ourselves with being tested like Abraham...

Dear Reader, would you like to be tested like Abraham?

וַיְהִי אַחֲרֵי הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה וְהָאֱלֹהִים נִסָּה אֶת־אַבְרָהָם
וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו אַבְרָהָם וַיֹּאמֶר הִנְנִי:

The Word נִסָּה Nee Sawh means to prove to try... The Word קָזַח Chaw Zahq means to be strong. Our Creator was proving Avraham strength in His Word. Our was observing if Avraham would be obedient.

נִסָּה

Nee Sawh means to prove to try

115 = 5ה 60ס 50נ

קָזַח

Chaw Zahq means to be strong.

115 = 100ק 7י 8ח

I write about Avraham's experience in my book entitled, Passover, The Last Six Days.

And it happened after these events, that God Tested Abraham and He Said to him.

'Abraham!'

and Abraham responded, 'Here I am.'

and He Said to him, 'Take your son. '

and Abraham said I have two sons,

and God Said, 'your only son',

and Abraham said Yishmael is an only son to Hagar

and Isaac is an only son to Sarah

and God Said, the one whom you love

and Abraham said I love Yishmael and I love Yitzchok.

and God Said take - Yitzchok – and go to the land of Moriah sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains which I will designate to you.

Dear Reader Abraham had many scars. He bled some. He was tried and proven. Yet, Abraham remained strong. How many of us can stay when we have been tried we have remained strong?

How Did Abraham do this? It's not complicated. Abraham loved and worshipped the Creator. Abraham Obeyed the Creator. Abraham filled the Torah.

Blessings, Love and Peace,

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