



ANATOMY OF A TEST

What Tests Are Made Of

Accusation by Satan

- Satan accuses Job before God's throne in heaven (Job 1:6–11; 2:1–5)

Test and Temptation Proposed by Satan

- Satan challenged God to test Job by letting him tempt Job (Job 1:11; 2:5)
- Satan apparently got permission from God to tempt Jesus three times in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1–10)

Permission Granted by God

- twice God gave Satan permission to test Job (Job 1:12; 2:6)
- Jesus was led into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit to be tempted by Satan (Matthew 4:1)
- the antidote is asking God to deny Satan permission: "And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil [the evil one]" (Matthew 6:13).

Limits Set by God

- God set limits on Job's two tests—Satan could go so far but no further (Job 1:12; 2:6)
- these limits guarantee a test will not be more than you can handle (cf. 1 Cor 10:13)

Attack by Satan

- Satan attacked Job's possessions, family, and health (Job 1–2)
- Satan offered food, fame (rescued by God in front of all), and a Kingdom to Jesus (Matthew 4:1–10)

Faith in God

- for three months Amram and Jochebed had faith that God would protect their family while hiding the baby Moses (Hebrews 11:23)

Waiting for Deliverance

- the period of waiting varies: 10 days for the church at Smyrna (Rev 2:10), and
- three months for Amram and Jochebed to be delivered (Hebrews

11:23)

- our faith and attitude are tested during this time: will we curse God, get bitter, angry, accuse and blame God, be depressed, wish to die (as Job in chapters 3–42), or rejoice and be thankful in all things
- this is the time to apply 1 Corinthians 10:13 and the Hard Times Chart

Deliverance

- deliverance is often accomplished by divine intervention—by a miracle
- the baby Moses was rescued by Pharaoh’s daughter (Exodus 2:5–9) and God delivered Jesus by sending angels to feed him (Matthew 4:11)