

**Revelation 3:10, “Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.”**

**3:9–10a, “Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—I will make them come and bow down at your feet, and make them know that I have loved you because you have kept the word of My perseverance.**

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James 1:12, “Blessed *is* the man who endures **temptation**; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.”

πειράζω *peirázō*; aor act inf. Of purpose: In order to, for the purpose of proving, or demonstrating something; “to endeavor to discover the nature or character of something by testing... try, make trial of, put to the test”

**Job 1:8, “Then the LORD said to Satan,  
‘Have you considered My servant Job,  
that *there is* none like him on the earth, a  
blameless and upright man, one who  
fears God and shuns evil?’**

**Job 1:9, “So Satan answered the LORD and said, ‘Does Job fear God for nothing?’**

**Job 1:10, “‘Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.**

**Job 1:11, ““But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!”**

**Job 1:12, “And the LORD said to Satan, ‘Behold, all that he has *is* in your power; only do not lay a hand on his *person*.’ So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.”**

James 1:2, “My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various **tests** [*peirasmos*],

James 1:3, “because you know that the **testing** [*dokimion*] of your faith [doctrine in your soul] produces endurance.

James 1:4, “But let **endurance** have *its* maturing work, that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing.”

**Romans 12:1, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable service.*”**

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1 Corinthians 3:13, “each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will **test** each one’s work, of what sort it is.”

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**1 Peter 1:6, “In this you greatly rejoice,  
though now for a little while, if need be,  
you have been grieved by various trials,**

1 Peter 1:7, “that the genuineness [*dokimion*-proof] of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is **tested** [*dokimazo*] by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,”

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**ἀγαθός *agathós*; , excellent**

**εὐάρεστος *euárestos*; well pleasing,  
acceptable to God**

**τέλειος *téleios*; here it has the sense of  
complete, that is sufficient**

**A serious question arises whether the presence of gross evil in the world is due to Satan's intention to have it so, or whether it indicates Satan's inability to execute all he has designed. The probability is great that Satan's ambition has led him to undertake more than any creature could ever administer.**

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οἰκουμένη *oikouménē*; used 19× in the  
LXX

**οἱ κατοικοῦντες τὴν γῆν *oi katoikountes*  
*ten gen*, Rev 6:10; 8:13; 11:10; 12:12;  
13:8; 13:12; 13:14; 17:2; 17:8. Rev 3:10**

**κατοικέω *katoikéō*; *kata* + *oikeo*; those who reside, or dwell or live. A technical term in Revelation for those who permanently reject God's redemption solution and are antagonistic to God, His plan and authority.**

**Isaiah 13:9, “Behold, the day of the LORD comes, cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; and He will destroy its sinners from it.**

**Isaiah 13:10, “For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be darkened in its going forth, and the moon will not cause its light to shine.**

**Isaiah 13:11, “I will punish the world for *its* evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the arrogance of the proud, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.”**

**Isaiah 24:21, “It shall come to pass in that day *that* the LORD will punish on high the host of exalted ones, and on the earth the kings of the earth.**

**Isaiah 24:22, “They will be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and will be shut up in the prison; after many days they will be punished.**

**Isaiah 24:23, “Then the moon will be disgraced and the sun ashamed; for the LORD of hosts will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem and before His elders, gloriously.”**

**Isaiah 26:9, “With my soul I have desired You in the night, Yes, by my spirit within me I will seek You early; For when Your judgments *are* in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.”**

**Revelation 2:13, “I know where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is; and you hold fast My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days of Antipas, My witness, My faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.”**

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**Revelation 6:10, “and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, ‘How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?’”**

**Revelation 8:13, “Then I looked, and I heard an eagle flying in midheaven, saying with a loud voice, ‘Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!’”**

**Revelation 11:10, “And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and celebrate; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.”**

**Revelation 13:8, “All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.”**

**Revelation 13:12, “He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed.”**

**Revelation 13:14, “And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life.”**

**Revelation 17:2, “with whom the kings of the earth committed acts of immorality, and those who dwell on the earth were made drunk with the wine of her immorality.”**

**Revelation 17:8, “The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and go to destruction. And those who dwell on the earth, whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will wonder when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will come.”**

**Revelation 3:11, “Behold, I am coming quickly!  
Hold fast what you have, that no one may take  
your crown.”**