Examples of People who were Tested

1) Job

Job 23:10

But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

2) O.T. Israel

Deut. 8:2-3

And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no. [3] And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live.

3) David

Psalm 119:67

Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.

Psalm 119:71

It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.

Psalm 119:75

I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

4) The N.T. Believer

1 Peter 1:6

Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

1 Peter 1:7

That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

5) Future Israel

Zech. 13:9

And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God.

Other Related Scriptures

Proverbs 17:3

The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the Lord trieth the hearts.

1 Peter 4:12-13

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: [13] But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.