

Avraham underwent ten trials.

1. Thrown into the furnace in Ur Kasdim
2. Told to leave his birthplace and his family
3. Forced by famine to go down to Egypt
4. Sarah taken by Pharaoh
5. War of the kings – his nephew Lot captured
6. Dreamt his people would be exiled
7. Being circumcised at ninety years old
8. Sarah taken by Avimelech
9. Having to send away Ishmael and Hagar
10. Being told to offer up Isaac his son as a sacrifice.

Why was Avraham subjected to so many trials ?

A samurai sword is made from 3 different kinds of steel which are heated, folded then beaten. This procedure is repeated over and over again. The final sword blade is made up some 33,000 layers, each one only 100 thousands of an inch thick. This long procedure produces a perfect sword, with an extremely hard and very flexible blade.

Similar, the more trials a person has to endure in their life, the better they will be.