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Supporting Claims for the Inspiration of the Old Testament

NEW TESTAMENT REFERENCES TO SECTIONS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

NEW TESTAMENT REFERENCES TO THE AUTHORITY OF OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS

Not only does the New Testament lend support to the claim of inspiration of the Old Testament as a whole, and for each of its two sections, but it provides a direct confirmation for the authority of most of the individual books of the Old Testament, as may be seen in the following sample survey.

Exodus

Jesus quotes [Exodus 16:4-5](#) in [John 6:31](#): **“As it is written, ‘He gave them bread out of heaven to eat.’”**

[Exodus 16:4-5 \(NASB\)](#)

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, **“Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you;”** and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether or not they will walk in My instruction.

⁵“On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.”

[John 6:31 \(NASB\)](#)

³¹“Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; **“as it is written,” ‘HE GAVE THEM BREAD OUT OF HEAVEN TO EAT.’**”

“Honor your father and mother” is from [Exodus 20:12](#) and is cited in [Ephesians 6:2](#) as authority.

[Exodus 20:12 \(NASB\)](#)

¹²**“Honor your father and your mother,”** that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you.”

[Ephesians 6:2 \(NASB\)](#)

²**“HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER”** (which is the first commandment with a promise),”

Leviticus

This book was referred to by Jesus when He commanded the cleansed leper, **“Go, show yourself to the priest, and present the offering that Moses commanded”** ([Matthew 8:4](#); cf. [Leviticus 14:2](#)).



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Matthew 8:4 (NASB)

⁴ And Jesus *said to him, "See that you tell no one; but “go, show yourself to the priest and present the offering that Moses commanded,” as a testimony to them."

Leviticus 14:2 (NASB)

² "This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing. “Now he shall be brought to the priest,”

Leviticus 20:9 is cited in **Mark 7:10**: “He who speaks evil of father or mother, let him be put to death” (the passage is also found in Ex. 21:17).

Leviticus 20:9 (NASB)

⁹ 'If *there is* “anyone who curses his father or his mother, he shall surely be put to death;” he has cursed his father or his mother, his bloodguiltiness is upon him.

Mark 7:10 (NASB)

¹⁰ "For Moses said, 'HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER'; and, “HE WHO SPEAKS EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER, IS TO BE PUT TO DEATH;”

Exodus 21:17 (NASB)

¹⁷ "He who “curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.”

Numbers

Although not a direct citation, **Numbers 12:7** is alluded to authoritatively in **Hebrews 3:5**: “Now Moses was faithful in all [God’s] house.” Although this is not a direct quote, it is a clear reference to the teaching of Numbers.

Numbers 12:7 (NASB)

⁷ "Not so, with My servant “Moses, He is faithful in all My household;”

Hebrews 3:5 (NASB)

⁵ “Now Moses was faithful in all His house” as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken later;

Paul in **1 Corinthians 10:5–11** refers to the events of **Numbers** as things written for the admonition of New Testament believers (**see v. 11**).

1 Corinthians 10:5-11 (NASB)

⁵ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things happened as examples for us, so that we would not crave evil things as they also craved.

⁷ Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written, "THE PEOPLE SAT DOWN TO EAT AND DRINK, AND STOOD UP TO PLAY."

⁸ Nor let us act immorally, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in one day.



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⁹ Nor let us try the Lord, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the serpents.

¹⁰ Nor grumble, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

¹¹ Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

Deuteronomy

This is one of the most often quoted Old Testament books. For example, the three quotations used by Jesus when He resisted the tempter in [Matthew 4:4](#), [7](#), [10](#): “Man shall not live on bread alone” (cf. [Deuteronomy 8:3](#));

[Matthew 4:4 \(NASB\)](#)

⁴ But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.’”

[Matthew 4:7 \(NASB\)](#)

⁷ Jesus said to him, “On the other hand, it is written, ‘YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.’”

[Matthew 4:10 \(NASB\)](#)

¹⁰ Then Jesus *said to him, “Go, Satan! For it is written, ‘YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.’”

[Deuteronomy 8:3 \(NASB\)](#)

³ “He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that “man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD.”

“You shall not put the Lord your God to the test” (cf. [Deuteronomy 6:16](#));

[Deuteronomy 6:16 \(NASB\)](#)

¹⁶ “You shall not put the LORD your God to the test,” as you tested Him at Massah.

“You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only” (cf. [Deuteronomy 6:13](#)).

[Deuteronomy 6:13 \(NASB\)](#)

¹³ “You shall fear *only* the LORD your God; and “you shall worship Him and swear by His name.”

Joshua

[Joshua 1:5](#) is quoted as God’s word of promise in [Hebrews 13:5](#): “I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you.”



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Joshua 1:5 (NASB)

⁵ "No man will *be able to* stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; **"I will not fail you or forsake you."**

Hebrews 13:5 (NASB)

⁵ *Make sure that* your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, **"I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU,"**

Judges

Although this book is not directly cited in the New Testament, several of its personages are authenticated (see [Hebrews 11:32](#)).

Hebrews 11:32 (NASB)

³² And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets,

Ruth

Ruth is not directly cited in the New Testament, but it is obviously the authoritative source for the Messianic genealogies in Matthew and Luke ([Ruth 4:18–22](#); cf. [Matthew 1:3–6](#); [Luke 3:32–33](#)).

Ruth 4:18-22 (NASB)

¹⁸ Now these are the generations of Perez: to Perez was born Hezron,
¹⁹ and to Hezron was born Ram, and to Ram, Amminadab,
²⁰ and to Amminadab was born Nahshon, and to Nahshon, Salmon,
²¹ and to Salmon was born Boaz, and to Boaz, Obed,
²² and to Obed was born Jesse, and to Jesse, David.

Matthew 1:3-6 (NASB)

³ Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez was the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram.

⁴ Ram was the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon.

⁵ Salmon was the father of Boaz by Rahab, Boaz was the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse.

⁶ Jesse was the father of David the king. David was the father of Solomon by Bathsheba who had been the wife of Uriah.

Luke 3:32-33 (NASB)

³² the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, the son of Nahshon,

³³ the son of Amminadab, the son of Admin, the son of Ram, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah,

1 and 2 Samuel

These books are referred to in [Matthew 12:3–4](#) when Jesus said to the Pharisees, **"Have you not read what David did when he became hungry, he and his**



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companions; how he entered the house of God, and they ate the consecrated bread?"
(1 Samuel 21:1-6).

Matthew 12:3-4 (NASB)

³ But He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he became hungry, he and his companions,
⁴ how he entered the house of God, and they ate the consecrated bread, which was not lawful for him to eat nor for those with him, but for the priests alone?"

1 Samuel 21:1-6 (NASB)

¹ Then David came to Nob to Ahimelech the priest; and Ahimelech came trembling to meet David and said to him, "Why are you alone and no one with you?"

² David said to Ahimelech the priest, "The king has commissioned me with a matter and has said to me, 'Let no one know anything about the matter on which I am sending you and with which I have commissioned you; and I have directed the young men to a certain place.'

³ "Now therefore, what do you have on hand? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever can be found."

⁴ The priest answered David and said, "There is no ordinary bread on hand, but there is consecrated bread; if only the young men have kept themselves from women."

⁵ David answered the priest and said to him, "Surely women have been kept from us as previously when I set out and the vessels of the young men were holy, though it was an ordinary journey; how much more then today will their vessels *be holy*?"

⁶ So the priest gave him consecrated *bread*; for there was no bread there but the bread of the Presence which was removed from before the LORD, in order to put hot bread *in its place* when it was taken away.

1 and 2 Kings

These are quoted in Romans 11:4: "I have kept for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal" (cf. 1 Kings 19:18, where God replies to Elijah).

Romans 11:4 (NASB)

⁴ But what is the divine response to him? "**I HAVE KEPT for Myself SEVEN THOUSAND MEN WHO HAVE NOT BOWED THE KNEE TO BAAL.**"

1 Kings 19:18 (NASB)

¹⁸ "Yet I will leave 7,000 in Israel, "**all the knees that have not bowed to Baal**" and every mouth that has not kissed him."