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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.

1 and 2 Chronicles

Although these books are not quoted in the New Testament, events from them are authenticated. Among those events are the slaying of Zechariah (2 Chronicles 24:20–22; cf. Matthew 23:35)

2 Chronicles 24:20-22 (NASB)

²⁰ Then the Spirit of God came on Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest; and he stood above the people and said to them, "Thus God has said, 'Why do you transgress the commandments of the LORD and do not prosper? Because you have forsaken the LORD, He has also forsaken you.'"

²¹ So they conspired against him and at the command of the king they stoned him to death in the court of the house of the LORD.

²² Thus Joash the king did not remember the kindness which his father Jehoiada had shown him, but he murdered his son. And as he died he said, "May the LORD see and avenge!"

Matthew 23:35 (NASB)

³⁵ so that upon you may fall *the guilt of* all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar.

and Solomon's building the Temple (Acts 7:47–48; cf. 2 Chronicles 6:1–3; 1 Kings 8:17–27).

Acts 7:47-48 (NASB)

⁴⁷ "But it was Solomon who built a house for Him.

⁴⁸ "However, the Most High does not dwell in *houses* made by *human* hands; as the prophet says:

2 Chronicles 6:1-3 (NASB)

¹ Then Solomon said, "The LORD has said that He would dwell in the



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thick cloud.

² "I have built You a lofty house, And a place for Your dwelling forever."

³ Then the king faced about and blessed all the assembly of Israel, while all the assembly of Israel was standing.

1 Kings 8:17-27 (NASB)

¹⁷ "Now it was in the heart of my father David to build a house for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel.

¹⁸ "But the LORD said to my father David, 'Because it was in your heart to build a house for My name, you did well that it was in your heart.

¹⁹ ~'Nevertheless you shall not build the house, but your son who will be born to you, he will build the house for My name.'

²⁰ "Now the LORD has fulfilled His word which He spoke; for I have risen in place of my father David and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built the house for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel.

²¹ "There I have set a place for the ark, in which is the covenant of the LORD, which He made with our fathers when He brought them from the land of Egypt."

²² Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven.

²³ He said, "O LORD, the God of Israel, there is no God like You in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and *showing* lovingkindness to Your servants who walk before You with all their heart,

²⁴ who have kept with Your servant, my father David, that which You have promised him; indeed, You have spoken with Your mouth and have fulfilled it with Your hand as it is this day.

²⁵ "Now therefore, O LORD, the God of Israel, keep with Your servant David my father that which You have promised him, saying, 'You shall not lack a man to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your sons take heed to their way to walk before Me as you have walked.'

²⁶ "Now therefore, O God of Israel, let Your word, I pray, be confirmed which You have spoken to Your servant, my father David.

²⁷ "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain You, how much less this house which I have built!

Ezra-Nehemiah

There is one quotation in the New Testament, in [John 6:31](#), from [Nehemiah 9:15](#): "He gave them bread out of heaven to eat" (however, there are similar passages from which that quotation may have been adopted; cf. [Psalms 78:24](#); [Psalms 105:40](#)).



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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."

Nehemiah 9:15 (NASB)

¹⁵ "You provided bread from heaven for them for their hunger," You brought forth water from a rock for them for their thirst, And You told them to enter in order to possess The land which You swore to give them.

Psalm 78:24 (NASB)

²⁴ "He rained down manna upon them to eat" And gave them food from heaven.

Psalm 105:40 (NASB)

⁴⁰ They asked, and He brought quail, "And satisfied them with the bread of heaven."

Esther

This book is not clearly quoted in the New Testament. There is a possible literary dependence on Esther 5:3 in Mark 6:23 in the phrase "up to half of my kingdom." Revelation 11:10 refers to those who "make merry" and "send gifts," as was done in Esther 9:22 during the Feast of Purim. John 5:1, "a feast of the Jews," may have been this same Feast of Purim mentioned in Esther.

Esther 5:3 (NASB)

³ Then the king said to her, "What is *troubling* you, Queen Esther? And what is your request? Even to "half of the kingdom it shall be given to you."

Mark 6:23 (NASB)

²³ And he swore to her, "Whatever you ask of me, I will give it to you; "up to half of my kingdom."

Revelation 11:10 (NASB)

¹⁰ And those who dwell on the earth *will* rejoice over them "and celebrate;" (make merry-KJV) and they will "send gifts" to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

Esther 9:22 (NASB)

²² because on those days the Jews rid themselves of their enemies, and *it was a* month which was turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and "rejoicing" and "sending portions of food to one another and gifts" to the poor.

John 5:1 (NASB)

¹ After these things "there was a feast of the Jews," and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.



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Job

Job 5:13 is distinctly quoted in **1 Corinthians 3:19**: “For it is written, ‘He is the one who catches the wise in their craftiness’ ” (cf. also **James 5:11**).

Job 5:13 (NASB)

¹³ “He captures the wise by their own shrewdness,” And the advice of the cunning is quickly thwarted.

1 Corinthians 3:19 (NASB)

¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness before God. For it is written, “He is THE ONE WHO CATCHES THE WISE IN THEIR CRAFTINESS”;

James 5:11 (NASB)

¹¹ We count those blessed who endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and *is* merciful.

Psalms

This is another book frequently quoted by the New Testament writers. It was one of Jesus' favorite books. Compare **Matthew 21:42**: “Did you never read in the Scriptures, ‘The stone which the builders rejected?’ ” (**Psalms 118:22–23**)

Matthew 21:42 (NASB)

⁴² Jesus *said to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures,” “THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone; THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES”?

Psalms 118:22-23 (NASB)

²² The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief corner stone.

²³ This is the LORD'S doing; It is marvelous in our eyes.

and **Hebrews 1:6**: “Let all the angels of God worship Him” (**Psalms 97:7**).

Hebrews 1:6 (NASB)

⁶ And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says, “AND LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM.”

Psalms 97:7 (NASB)

⁷ Let all those be ashamed who serve graven images, Who boast themselves of idols; “Worship Him, all you gods.”

Proverbs

Proverbs 3:34 is clearly cited in **James 4:6**: “God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble” (cf. **Proverbs 25:6**; **Luke 14:8**).

Proverbs 3:34 (NASB)

³⁴ Though He scoffs at the scoffers, “Yet He gives grace to the afflicted.”



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James 4:6 (NASB)

⁶ But He gives a greater grace. Therefore *it* says, "GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, "BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE."

Proverbs 25:6 (NASB)

⁶ "Do not claim honor" in the presence of the king, And do not stand in the place of great men;

Luke 14:8 (NASB)

⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, "do not take the place of honor," for someone more distinguished than you may have been invited by him,

Ecclesiastes

This book is not directly quoted in the New Testament, although there are a number of passages that have a close doctrinal dependence on its teachings. The following references illustrate this fact:

"What we sow we reap."

Ecclesiastes 11:1, cf. Galatians 6:7 ff.
Ecclesiastes 11:1 (NASB)

¹ Cast your bread on the surface of the waters, for you will find it after many days.

Galatians 6:7 (NASB)

⁷ Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.