

Learning Guide

Testimonial Evidence of Creation by God

"By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible."

—Hebrews 11:3

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

—Hebrews 11:1

"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

—Romans 10:17

"By the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established."

—2 Corinthians 13:1 / Deuteronomy 19:15

Old Testament

Moses, a prophet

Moses was inspired, as also evidenced by fulfilled prophecy. The apostle Peter also certified: (1) Moses to be a prophet and (2) certified this prophecy—and its fulfillment: "For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.'" (Acts 3:12-21, 22-24).

Prophecy		Fulfillment
Deuteronomy 18:15	Jesus as a prophet like Moses	John 6:14; 1:45; Acts 3:19-26

- "In the beginning **God created the heavens and the earth.**" (Genesis 1:1*)
- "So **God created** great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good." (Genesis 1:21)
- "So **God created man** in His own image; in the image of God **He created him**; male and female **He created them.**" (Genesis 1:27)
- "Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested **from all His work which God had created and made.**" (Genesis 2:3)
- "**Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air**, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called **each living creature**, that was its name." (Genesis 2:19 NKJV)
- "This is the history of the heavens and the earth when they **were created**, in the day that the **Lord God made the earth and the heavens**, " (Genesis 2:4)
- "This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that **God created man, He made him** in the likeness of God." (Genesis 5:1)

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- "He [God, see verse 1] **created** them male and female, and blessed them and called them Mankind **in the day they were created.**" (Genesis 5:2)
- "So **the Lord said**, 'I will destroy **man whom I have created** from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.'" (Genesis 6:7)
- "For in six days **the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them**, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it." (Exodus 20:11)
- "'It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for **in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth**, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.'" (Exodus 31:17)
- "For ask now concerning the days that are past, which were before you, **since the day that God created man on the earth**, and ask from one end of heaven to the other, whether any great thing like this has happened, or anything like it has been heard." (Deuteronomy 4:32)

Chronicles of Israel

- "For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
But **the Lord made the heavens.**
27 Honor and majesty are before Him;
Strength and gladness are in His place.
28 Give to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
Give to the Lord glory and strength.
29 **Give to the Lord the glory due His name;**... " (1 Chronicles 16:26-29)

God, as quoted by Job

- "Then **the Lord answered Job** out of the whirlwind, and said:
'Who is this who darkens counsel
By words without knowledge?
Now **prepare yourself like a man;**
I will question you, and you shall answer Me.
'**Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?**
Tell Me, if you have understanding.' " (Job 38:1-4)

David, inspired of God, King, and Psalmist

David's credibility is greatly strengthened when Jesus stated that David spoke by the Holy Spirit and cites David as an authority when speaking to the Jewish people. Note: "Then Jesus answered and said, while He taught in the temple, "How is it that the scribes say that the Christ is the Son of David? 36 For **David himself said by the Holy Spirit:** "The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." ' " (Mark 12:35-36). See also 2 Sam. 23:1-2.

The apostle Peter also states that the "**Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David** concerning Judas... " (Acts 1:16); then, Peter quotes from Psalm 69:25 and Psalm 109:8, and testifies to the fulfillment of these prophecies (Acts 1:17-20).

Prophecy		Fulfillment
Psalm 110:4	as a priest, like Melchizedek	Hebrews 6:20; 5:5-6; 7:15-17

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- Psalm 8
A Psalm of David
"O Lord, our Lord,
How excellent is Your name in all the earth,
Who have set Your glory above the heavens!
2 Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants
You have ordained strength,
Because of Your enemies,
That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.
3 When I **consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,**
The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,
4 What is man that You are mindful of him,
And the son of man that You visit him?
5 For **You have made him** a little lower than the angels,
And You have crowned him with glory and honor.
6 **You have made him to have dominion** over the works of Your hands;
You have put all things under his feet,
7 All sheep and oxen—
Even the beasts of the field,
8 The birds of the air,
And the fish of the sea
That pass through the paths of the seas.
9 **O Lord, our Lord,**
How excellent is Your name in all the earth!" (Psalms 8:1-9)
[This Psalm is given increased credibility in that Jesus quotes from it (Matthew 22:44-45), as does the apostle Paul (1 Corinthians 15:27-28). Also, it is quoted from in Hebrews 2:6-8.]
- Psalm 124
Of David
"Our help is in the name of the **Lord,**
Who made heaven and earth." (Psalms 124:8)

Psalms Ethan the Ezrahite

- Psalm 89
"The north and the south, **You have created them;** Tabor and Hermon rejoice in
Your name." (Psalms 89:12)

Unknown Psalmist(s) (Creation by God was a core belief of the Israelite people and their poets/psalmist.)

- Psalm 33
"By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.
7 He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap;
He lays up the deep in storehouses.
8 Let all the earth fear the Lord;
Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.
9 **For He spoke, and it was done;**
He commanded, and it stood fast." (Psalms 33:6-9)

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- Psalm 95
"Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
Let us **kneel before the Lord our Maker.**" (Psalms 95:6)
- Psalm 96
"For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
But **the Lord made the heavens.**
6 Honor and majesty are before Him;
Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.
7 Give to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
Give to the Lord glory and strength.
8 Give to the Lord the glory due His name;... " (Psalms 96:5-8)
- Psalm 102
"Of old **You laid the foundation of the earth,**
And the heavens are the work of Your hands." (Psalms 102:25)
- Psalm 104
"**O Lord**, how manifold are Your works!
In wisdom **You have made them all.**
The earth is full of Your possessions—... " (Psalms 104:24)
- Psalm 115
"May you be blessed by **the Lord,**
Who made heaven and earth.
The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's;
But the earth He has given to the children of men." (Psalms 115:15-16)
- Psalm 121
"My help comes from the **Lord,**
Who made heaven and earth." (Psalms 121:2)
- Psalm 134
"Lift up your hands in the sanctuary,
And bless the Lord.
The **Lord who made heaven and earth**
Bless you from Zion." (Psalms 134:2-3)
- Psalm 136
"To Him **who by wisdom made the heavens,**
For His mercy endures forever;
To Him who laid out the earth above the waters,... " (Psalms 136:5-6)
- Psalm 146
"Happy is he who has the **God** of Jacob for his help
Whose hope is in the Lord his God,
Who made heaven and earth,
The sea, and all that is in them;
Who keeps truth forever,... " (Psalms 146:5-6)
- Psalm 148
"Let them praise the name of the **Lord,**
For **He commanded and they were created.**" (Psalms 148:5)

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Solomon, son of David

- **"The Lord by wisdom founded the earth;**
By understanding He **established the heavens;**... " (Proverbs 3:19-20)
- **"Remember now your Creator** in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, 'I have no pleasure in them':... " (Ecclesiastes 12:1)
- **"Remember your Creator** before the silver cord is loosed, Or the golden bowl is broken, Or the pitcher shattered at the fountain, Or the wheel broken at the well." (Ecclesiastes 12:6)

Isaiah. Prophet of God

Jesus recognized Isaiah as an inspired prophet by quoting him and identifying fulfilled prophecy: "Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. 14 And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says... " (Matthew 13:13-14). Isaiah's credibility is further enhanced by several other fulfilled prophecies:

Prophecy		Fulfillment
Isaiah 7:14	born of a virgin	Matthew 1:18; Luke 1:26-35
Isaiah 9:1-2	ministry in Galilee	Matthew 4:12-16
Isaiah 9:7	heir to the throne of David	Matthew 1:1
Isaiah 53:3	Jesus' rejection by Jews	John 1:11; 5:43; Luke 4:29; 17:25; 23:18
Isaiah 11:2, 3-4	some of Jesus' characteristics	Luke 2:52; 4:18
Isaiah 53:7	silent when accused	Matthew 26:62-63; 27:12-14
Isaiah 50:6	beaten and spit upon	Mark 14:65; 15:17; John 19:1-3; 18:22
Isaiah 53:4-5	suffered vicariously	Matthew 8:16-17; Romans 4:25; 1 Corinthians 15:3
Isaiah 53:12	crucified with sinners	Matthew 27:38; Mark 15:27, 28; Luke 23:33
Isaiah 53:9	to be buried with the rich	Matthew 27:57-60

Isaiah is cited as a prophet twenty-one times in the New Testament: (1) Matthew 3:3, (2) Matthew 4:14, (3) Matthew 8:17, (4) Matthew 12:17, (5) Matthew 13:14, (6) Matthew 15:7, (7) Mark 7:6, (8) Luke 3:4, (9) Luke 4:17, (10) John 1:23, (11) John 12:38, (12) John 12:39, (13) John 12:41, (14) Acts 8:28, (15) Acts 8:30, (16) Acts 28:25, (17) Romans 9:27, (18) Romans 9:29, (19) Romans 10:16, (20) Romans 10:20, and (21) Romans 15:12. This testimony was from seven different inspired persons: (1) Jesus, (2) Matthew, (3) Mark, (4) Luke, (5) apostle John, (6) evangelist Philip, and (7) the apostle Paul.

- "O Lord of hosts, **God** of Israel, the One who dwells between the cherubim, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. **You have made heaven and earth.**" (Isaiah 37:16)

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- "Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, **The Creator of the ends of the earth**, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable." (Isaiah 40:28)
- "I am the Lord, your Holy One, **The Creator of Israel**, your King." (Isaiah 43:15)
- "That they may see and know,
And consider and understand together,
That **the hand of the Lord has done this**,
And the **Holy One of Israel has created it**." (Isaiah 41:20)
- "Thus says **God** the Lord,
Who created the heavens and stretched them out,
Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it,
Who gives breath to the people on it,
And spirit to those who walk on it:..." (Isaiah 42:5)
- "But now, thus says the **Lord, who created you**, O Jacob,
And **He who formed you**, O Israel:
"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by your name;
You are Mine." (Isaiah 43:1)
- "Everyone who is called by My name,
Whom I have created for My glory;
I have formed him, yes, I have made him." (Isaiah 43:7)
- "Thus says the **Lord**, your Redeemer,
And He **who formed you** from the womb:
"I am the Lord, who makes all things,
Who stretches out the heavens all alone,
Who spreads abroad the earth by Myself;
Who frustrates the signs of the babblers,
And drives diviners mad;... " (Isaiah 44:24-25)
- "**I form the light and create darkness**,
I make peace and create calamity;
I, the Lord, do all these things." (Isaiah 45:7)
- "Rain down, you heavens, from above,
And let the skies pour down righteousness;
Let the earth open, let them bring forth salvation,
And let righteousness spring up together.
I, the Lord, have created it." (Isaiah 45:8)
- "**I have made the earth, And created man on it. I—My hands—stretched out the heavens**, And all their host I have commanded." (Isaiah 45:12)
- "For thus says **the Lord**,
Who created the heavens,
Who is God,
Who formed the earth and made it,
Who has established it,
Who did not create it in vain,
Who formed it to be inhabited:

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'I am the Lord, and there is no other.' "
(Isaiah 45:18)

- "And you forget the **Lord your Maker,**
Who **stretched out the heavens**
And **laid the foundations of the earth;**... " (Isaiah 51:13)

Jeremiah, Prophet of God

He is cited as a prophet in Matthew 2:17 and Matthew 27:9. His credentials are further enhanced by fulfilled prophecy:

Prophecy		Fulfillment
Jeremiah 31:15	massacre of infants	Matthew 2:16, 17, 18

- "But the **Lord is the true God;**
He is **the living God** and the everlasting King.
At His wrath the earth will tremble,
And the nations will not be able to endure His indignation.
11 Thus you shall say to them: 'The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth shall perish from the earth and from under these heavens.'
12 **He has made the earth by His power,**
He has established the world by His wisdom,
And has stretched out the heavens at His discretion.
13 When He utters His voice,
There is a multitude of waters in the heavens:
'And He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth.' " (Jeremiah 10:10-13)

Ezekiel, Prophet of God

- "You were perfect in your ways **from the day you were created,**
Till iniquity was found in you." (Ezekiel 28:15)

Nehemiah

- "**You alone are the Lord;**
You have made heaven,
The heaven of heavens, with all their host,
The earth and everything on it,
The seas and all that is in them,
And You preserve them all."
(Nehemiah 9:6a)
- "Ah, Lord God! Behold, **You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm.** There is **nothing too hard for You.**" (Jeremiah 32:17)
- "**He has made the earth by His power;**
He has established the world by His wisdom,
And **stretched out the heaven by His understanding.**" (Jeremiah 51:15)

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Zechariah, Prophet of God

His inspiration also is evidenced by fulfilled prophecy:

Prophecy		Fulfillment
Zechariah 9:9	Jesus' triumphal entry	John 12:13-14; Matthew 21:1-11; John 12:12
Zechariah 11:12	Jesus to be sold for 30 pieces of silver	Matthew 26:15; 27:3-10
Zechariah 11:13	money to be returned for a Potter's Field	Matthew 27:6-7, 3-5, 8-10
Zechariah 12:10	hands and feet pierced	John 20:27; 19:37; 20:25, 26
Zechariah 12:10	his side to be pierced	John 19:34

- "The burden of the word of the Lord against Israel. Thus says **the Lord, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him:...**" (Zechariah 12:1)

Malachi, Prophet of God

His inspiration also is evidenced by fulfilled prophecy: Malachi 4:5 in Matthew 11:13-14.

- "Have we not all one Father? **Has not one God created us?** Why do we deal treacherously with one another
By profaning the covenant of the fathers?" (Malachi 2:10)

New Testament

Jesus, quoted in Gospel of Mark

- "But from **the beginning of the creation, God 'made them** male and female. ' " (Mark 10:6)
- "For in those days there will be tribulation, such as has **not been since the beginning of the creation which God created** until this time, nor ever shall be." (Mark 13:19)

Jesus, quoted by the apostle John

- "These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the **creation of God:...**" (Revelation 3:14)

Apostle John

- "In the beginning was the Word, and the **Word was with God**, and the **Word was God**. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 **All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.**" (John 1:1-3)
- "The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven and swore **by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it**, that there should be delay no longer,..." (Revelation 10:5-6)

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Early Christians, as reported in the book of Acts

- "So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, **You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them,**..." (Acts 4:24)

Apostle Paul

- "But when the **apostles Barnabas and Paul** heard this, they tore their clothes and ran in among the multitude, crying out... you **should turn** from these useless things **to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them,**..."(Acts 14:14-16)
- "**God, who made the world and everything in it**, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things." (Acts 17:24-25)
- "... because **what may be known of God** is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. 20 For **since the creation of the world** His invisible attributes are clearly seen, **being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse**, 21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened." (Romans 1:19-21)
- "Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, 25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served **the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen**" (Romans 1:24-25)
- "For the earnest expectation **of the creation** eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God." (Romans 8:19)
- "**For the creation was subjected** to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope;..." (Romans 8:20)
- "... **because the creation itself** also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that **the whole creation groans and labors** with birth pangs together until now." (Romans 8:21-22)
- "... nor height nor depth, nor **any other created thing**, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:39)
- "For **of Him and through Him and to Him are all things**, to whom be glory forever. Amen." (Romans 11:36)
- "6... yet for us there is **one God, the Father, of whom are all things**, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, **through whom are all things, and through whom we live.**" (1 Corinthians 8:6)
- "Nor was man **created** for the woman, but **woman for the man.**" (1 Corinthians 11:9)
- "For we are His workmanship, **created** in Christ Jesus for good works, which **God prepared beforehand** that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10)

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- "... and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden **in God who created all things** through Jesus Christ;..." (Ephesians 3:9)
- "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn **over all creation.**" (Colossians 1:15)
- "For **by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible**, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him." (Colossians 1:16)
- "... and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge **according to the image of Him who created him,**..." (Colossians 3:10)
- "... forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods **which God created to be received** with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth." (1 Timothy 4:3)
- "For **every creature of God** is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving;..." (1 Timothy 4:4)

Barnabas, prophet, teacher (Acts 13:1), and apostle (Acts 14:14)

- "But when the **apostles Barnabas and Paul** heard this, **they** tore their clothes and ran in among the multitude, **crying out...** you **should turn** from these useless things **to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them,**..." (Acts 14:14-16)

Author of Book of Hebrews

- "**God**, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, **through whom also He made the worlds;**..." (Hebrews 1:1-2)
- "4 For **every house is built by someone**, but **He who built all things is God.**" (Hebrews 3:4)
- "But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this **creation.**" (Hebrews 9:11)
- "**By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.**" (Hebrews 11:3)

Scoffers, quoted by apostle Peter

- "Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), 2 that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior, 3 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, 4 and saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were **from the beginning of creation.**' " (2 Peter 3:1-4)

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Apostle Peter

- "Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to **Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.**" (1 Peter 4:19)
- "For this they willfully forget: that **by the word of God the heavens were of old,** and the earth standing out of water and in the water, 6 by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. 7 But **the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word,** are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men." (2 Peter 3:5-7)

Twenty-four Elders in Heaven, quoted by apostle John

- "You are worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory and honor and power;
For You created all things,
And **by Your will they exist and were created.**" (Revelation 4:11)

Angel in Heaven, quoted by apostle John

- "The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven 6 and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, **who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it,** that there should be delay no longer,... " (Revelation 10:6)

Another Angel in Heaven, quoted by the apostle John

- "Then I saw **another angel** flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach... 7 **saying** with a loud voice, '**Fear God** and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and **worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.**' " (Revelation 14:6-7)

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