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God-Ordained Leaders—Teachers

Moses	<i>Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the Lord my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it (Deut. 4:5).</i>
Samuel	<i>Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way: (1 Sam. 12:23).</i>
David	<i>For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother. ⁴ He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live. (Prov. 4:4).</i>
Solomon	<i>And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore. ³⁰ And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt. ³¹ For he was wiser than all men; than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his fame was in all nations round about. ³² And he spake three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five. (1 Kgs. 4:32)</i>
Men of Jehoshaphat	<i>(2 Chron. 17:7-9).</i>
Josiah	<i>And the king went up into the house of the Lord, and all the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, great and small: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of the Lord. (2 Chron. 34:30).</i>
Ezra	<i>For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments. (Ezra 7:10).</i>
Men of Ezra's time	<i>And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded to Israel. ² And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month. ³ And he read therein before the street that was before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law.</i> <i>⁷ Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the law: and the people stood in their place. ⁸ So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading. (Neh. 8:1-3, 7-8)</i>
Jesus	<i>And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. (Matt. 4:23)</i>

	<i>And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. (Lk. 24:27).</i>
Nicodemus	<i>Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? (John 3:10)</i> Nicodemus was a well-known Jewish teacher and member of the Pharisees (John 3:1, 10). It is believed that Nicodemus became a Christ-follower one night when the two of them met and discussed the new birth. There is further evidence of this recorded in John 7:50-52 when it is reported that a courageous Nicodemus defended Jesus before the Sanhedrin. In addition, after Christ's crucifixion, Nicodemus helped in the preparation of His body for burial (John 19:39).
Barnabas Simeon Lucius Manaen	Elders who taught at the church in Antioch of Syria (Acts 13:1).
Paul	The Apostle Paul was master teacher to the Jews and then to the Gentiles. (Acts 18:11; 20:20; Rom. 11:13).
Apollos	Apollos was a first century Alexandrian (Alexandria, Egypt) (Acts 18:24-28). He was a Jew who was from Alexandria and he became a follower of John the Baptist, not having experienced Christ's gospel until he met Aquila and Priscilla. Paul had returned to Antioch and Aquila and Priscilla remained in Ephesus. He apparently came to Ephesus some time before Paul arrived there (Third missionary journey). Before Paul arrived back in Ephesus Apollos went to Corinth to proclaim the risen Christ. Apollos had mastered the Old Testament scriptures ("mighty in the Scriptures") and was a masterful speaker (v 28). See 1 Cor. 1:12; 3:4-6 to see how God used him in Corinth and Ephesus. Because of his background and abilities some scholars view him as the author of the epistle to the Hebrews.
Aquila & Priscilla	Aquila and Priscilla were a Jewish Christian couple who were expelled from Rome about AD 49 by Emperor Claudius who evicted all Jews from the region because of their troublesome disturbances against Christians (many who were Gentiles). Aquila like the Apostle Paul was tentmaker by trade. The couple met up with Paul while working in Corinth. When Paul went to Syria, Aquila and his wife Priscilla went with him (Acts 18:18-19). Eventually Paul moved on but he had the couple remain in Ephesus. At this time they met a Jew named Apollos. Aquila and Priscilla invited him into their home and taught him what he did not know about the gospel of Christ (Acts 18:26). Paul reckoned Aquila and Priscilla to be dear friends and fellow-laborers in the Gospel. He stated that they 'risked their necks for him' and had a very fruitful ministry to the Gentile churches (Rom. 16:3-4). The scriptures report that they had established a home-church (1 Cor. 16:19).

Timothy	Paul to Timothy: <i>But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: (Titus 2:1).</i>
Author of the epistle to the Hebrews	He taught the Old Testament's fulfillment in Christ (Heb. 9:11-15).
Jesus' apostles	<i>Then the apostles gathered to Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught. (Mark 6:30).</i>
Fathers of children	<i>Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons; (Deut. 4:9); And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. (Deut. 6:7) My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: (Prov. 1:8; Prov. 4:4) And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. (Eph. 6:4).</i>
Fellow believers	For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. (Rom. 15:4).
Hypocritical teachers	<i>Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, ²saying: 'The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. ³Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do. (Matt. 23:2-3)</i> <i>You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that a man should not steal, do you steal? Rom. 2:21).</i>
False teachers	<i>Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. ²⁹For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.³⁰ Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. (Acts 20:28-31; 1 Tim. 6:3-4; 1 Jn. 4:1).</i>
No teachers	When we are all gathered to the heavenly realm there will be no more need for human teachers. <i>And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. (Heb. 8:11) And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.' (Jer. 31:34)</i>