

# Isaiah 40:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?

## Analysis

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This verse shifts from idolatry's folly to God's self-evident existence and power. Four rhetorical questions pile up, each pressing the point: you should know these truths! The Hebrew 'shama' (heard) and 'bin' (understood) emphasize that God's revelation through creation and history is clear and undeniable.

## Historical Context

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These questions appeal to Israel's covenant history and to general revelation visible to all humanity. Knowledge of the true God has always been available through His works and word.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. What aspects of God's revelation in creation have you neglected or dismissed?

2. How does Paul's argument in Romans 1:20 about God's invisible qualities being clearly seen echo this verse?

## Interlinear Text

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הָלֹא	תִּדְעוּ	הָלֹא	תִּשְׁמְעוּ	הָלֹא
H3808	<b>Have ye not known</b>	H3808	<b>have ye not heard</b>	H3808
	H3045		H8085	
הֵגִיד	מֵרֵאשִׁית	לְכֶם	הָלוֹא	
<b>hath it not been told</b>	<b>you from the beginning</b>	H0	H3808	
H5046	H7218			
הֵבִינוּ	מִמּוֹסְדוֹת	הָאָרֶץ:		
<b>have ye not understood</b>	<b>from the foundations</b>	<b>of the earth</b>		
H995	H4146	H776		

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