From above Where are all of the Old Testament and New Testament combinations of the words FROM ABOVE?

Below is a **complete, Scripture-grounded inventory** of where **"FROM ABOVE" language appears across the Old and New Testaments**, grouped by **original-language term**, with **exact verse references**.
This keeps categories distinct (no flattening), so you can see how the phrase functions covenantally, cosmically, and spiritually.

I. OLD TESTAMENT — HEBREW CONSTRUCTIONS

The OT does **not** use a single fixed phrase equivalent to Greek *ἄνωθεν*, but it repeatedly expresses **"from above"** through spatial-origin language tied to **heaven, authority, blessing, or judgment**.

A. מִלְמַעְלָה (milmá'lah) — *from above / upward*

Used for **origin or descent from a higher realm**.

- **Genesis 27:39**
  "Dew of heaven **from above**"
- **Genesis 49:25**
  "Blessings of heaven **above**"
- **Exodus 25:20**
  Cherubim wings overshadowing **from above**
- **Joshua 3:13**
  Waters standing "in one heap **from above**"
- **Isaiah 45:8**
  "Drop down, ye heavens, **from above**"

Pattern: blessing, authority, provision, divine action.

B. מִמַּעַל (mimma'al) — *from above / from over*

Emphasizes **source over position**, often heavenly.

- **Isaiah 45:8**
  (parallel with *milmá'lah*)
- **Lamentations 1:13**
  Fire sent **from above**
- **Ezekiel 1:26**
  Throne appearance **from above**

Pattern: judgment, throne, divine initiative.

C. מִן־הַשָּׁמַיִם (min-hashamayim) — *from heaven*

Functional equivalent of "from above" as **cosmic origin**.

- **Exodus 16:4** — manna **from heaven**
- **Deuteronomy 26:15**
- **1 Kings 18:38** — fire **from heaven**
- **Psalm 14:2**
- **Daniel 4:31**

Pattern: provision, authority, confirmation.

II. NEW TESTAMENT — GREEK CONSTRUCTIONS

Here the phrase **crystallizes**.

A. ἄνωθεν (anōthen) — *from above / again*

This is the **core NT term**, meaning **origin from God's realm**, not merely repetition.

Gospel of John (thematic center)

- **John 3:3** — "born **from above**"
- **John 3:7**
- **John 3:31** — "He who comes **from above**"
- **John 19:11** — authority **from above**

Key note:
John intentionally allows **double meaning** (from above / again), but the **cosmic-origin sense governs the theology**.

General Epistles

- **James 1:17**
  "Every good gift… **from above**"
- **James 3:15**
  Wisdom **not from above**
- **James 3:17**
  Wisdom **from above**

Pattern: origin determines nature.

B. ἐξ ὕψους (ex hypsous) — *from on high*

Priestly / prophetic register.

- **Luke 1:78** — Dayspring **from on high**
- **Luke 24:49** — power **from on high**

C. ἀπ᾽ οὐρανοῦ (ap’ ouranou) — *from heaven*

- **Matthew 21:25**
- **John 6:32–33**
- **1 Corinthians 15:47**

III. SYNTHESIS (PEG-READY)

“FROM ABOVE” in Scripture always answers one question:

Where does authority, life, wisdom, or legitimacy originate?

- **OT:** God acts *downward* into creation
- **NT:** New birth, wisdom, kingship, and power must originate *from above*
- **Jesus:** *is* the one who comes from above — and gives life from above

This is why **John 3** and **James 3** are not metaphors — they are **origin tests**.

If you want, next we can:

- Trace **“from above” ↔ temple ↔ throne ↔ Spirit**
- Map **John 3 ↔ James 1 & 3 ↔ Genesis 2**
- Build a **one-page canonical chart** (image-free) for your project