



MOST DISTANT BLACK HOLE – An artist representation of the CAPERS-LRD-z9 galaxy, home to the earliest confirmed black hole. The supermassive black hole at its center is believed to be surrounded by a thick cloud of gas, giving the galaxy a distinctive red color. Erik Zumalt / The University of Texas at Austin

The evidence for the beginning of the universe just keeps on coming! The recent discovery of a supermassive black at the center of a distant galaxy, some 13.3 billion light years away from earth is just such an example.

Some atheists deny the universe had a beginning, and want to believe it has existed from eternity. However, more and more evidence is coming to light revealing how the universe was formed, by the James Webb Space Telescope. Of course, Bible believers have known all along the universe has existed eternally, because , **“In the beginning God created the**

heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1).

“Astronomers have discovered the oldest and most distant black hole — a behemoth that likely formed at the dawn of the universe, more than 13 billion years ago.

The black hole lies at the center of a galaxy known as CAPERS-LRD-z9. Both cosmic objects are thought to have formed around 13.3 billion years ago, or just 500 million years after the big bang that created the universe. (The big bang theory suggests the universe started as an ultradense, extremely hot point that rapidly expanded out in all directions in a chaotic event some 13.8 billion years ago.)”—NBC News, 8-8-2025

This beginning and subsequent expansion of the universe are mentioned in the scriptures.

“By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible” (Hebrews 11:3 NIV). With all the scientific evidence available, we, today, have even a much stronger case to **“understand that the universe was formed at God’s command”**.

“He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in” (Isaiah 40:22 NIV). This scripture, and other scriptures, inform us that God caused the universe to expand, to ‘stretch out’ over time.

The Bible, 3,500 years ago, informed us that our knowledge of God’s ways was very limited then, and today, although it is much greater by comparison, human knowledge of the universe is still limited. **“But these are only hints of his power, only the whispers that we have heard. Who can know how truly great God is?” (Job 26:14 GNB).**

To the question, **“Do you know the laws of the universe?” (Job 38:33 NLT),** we still don’t know them very well, compared to Almighty God! The Bible is just as true today as it

was 3,500 years ago, and is the one sure guide for life (**Psalm 119:105**).