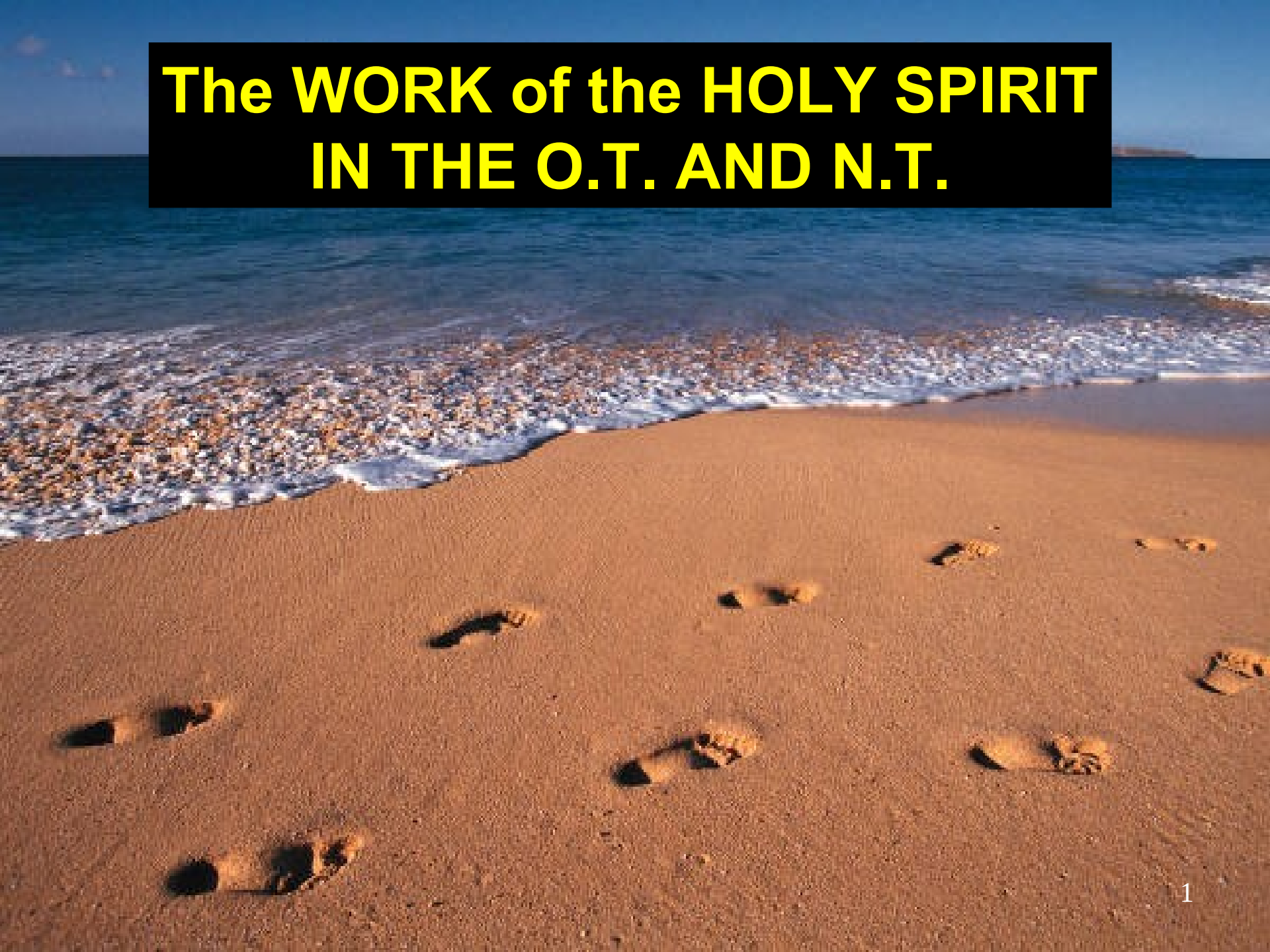


# **The WORK of the HOLY SPIRIT IN THE O.T. AND N.T.**



# *The Work of The Holy Spirit.*



**In Revealing  
The Mind of  
God To Man.**

# THE HOLY SPIRIT The REVEALER.

There are **two sources** of information regarding the Holy Spirit:-

**Fallible man –**

**or the infallible WORD!**

(John 14:26; 2 Tim 3:16; 2 Pet 1:3; Jude 3;)

“But when the Father sends the Comforter instead of Me -and by the Comforter I mean the Holy Spirit-

**He will teach you (the Apostles) all things, as well as remind you of everything I myself have told you.”**

**John 14:**

# THE HOLY SPIRIT The REVEALER.

**“The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us do what is right.”**

**“It is God's way of making us well prepared at every point, fully equipped to do good to everyone.”**

**2 Tim 3:16-17;**

# THE HOLY SPIRIT The REVEALER.



**“As we know Jesus better, His divine power gives us everything we need for living a godly life. He has called us to receive His own glory and goodness!” 2 Pet 1:3;**



**“Dearly loved friends, I had been eagerly planning to write to you about the salvation we all share. But now I find that I must write about something else, urging you to defend the truth of the Good News. God gave this unchanging truth once for all time to His holy people.” Jude 3**



**God the Father. = Planned the Plan.**  
**Jesus the Son. = Executed the Plan.**  
**The Holy Spirit. = Organized the Plan.**

# The Work of The Holy Spirit.

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The Material Universe.

**In Creation**

The Church.

**Planned. —**  
Jer. 51:15;

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Jn 1:1-2; Eph  
3:9; Heb 1:1-2;

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Gen. 1:1-2;  
Job 26:13;  
Ps. 104:30;

**The Father**

**The Son**

**The Holy  
Spirit**

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4:34; Acts 2:47;

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“He has made the earth by his power, he has established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding has he stretched out the heavens:”

“I was chosen to explain to everyone this plan that God, the Creator of all things, had kept secret from the beginning. God's purpose was to show his wisdom in all its rich variety to all the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms. They will see this when Jews and Gentiles are joined together in his church. This was his plan from all eternity, and it has now been carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord.”



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Mat. 16:18; John

4:34; Acts 2:39;

“ 1. In the beginning the Word already existed. **He was with God, and he was God.** 2. He was in the beginning with God. 3. He created everything there is. Nothing exists that he didn't make.”

“18. You are Peter, a stone; and upon this rock **I will build my church**; and all the powers of hell shall not prevail against it.” Matt 16:18;

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explained:- My  
nourishment comes from  
doing the will of God  
who sent me, and **from  
finishing His work.**”

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1. “ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

2. The earth was empty, a formless mass cloaked in darkness. And the **Spirit of God** was hovering over its surface.”

“13 When the **Holy Spirit**, who is truth, comes, He shall guide you into all truth, for He will not be presenting His own ideas, but will be passing on to you what He has heard. He will tell you about the future.”

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# THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE OLD TESTAMENT.

Gen 1:1; “In the beginning **God created the heavens and the earth.**”

John 1:1-3; 1. In the beginning the Word already existed. He was with God, and He was God. 2. He was in the beginning with God. 3. He created everything there is. Nothing exists that He didn't make.”

**Gen 1:2; MOVED- Heb “brooded” or “fluttered”** indicating movement – on the face of the waters We know that the Godhead - **God, The Word of God,** and **the Spirit of God** were all involved in creation.

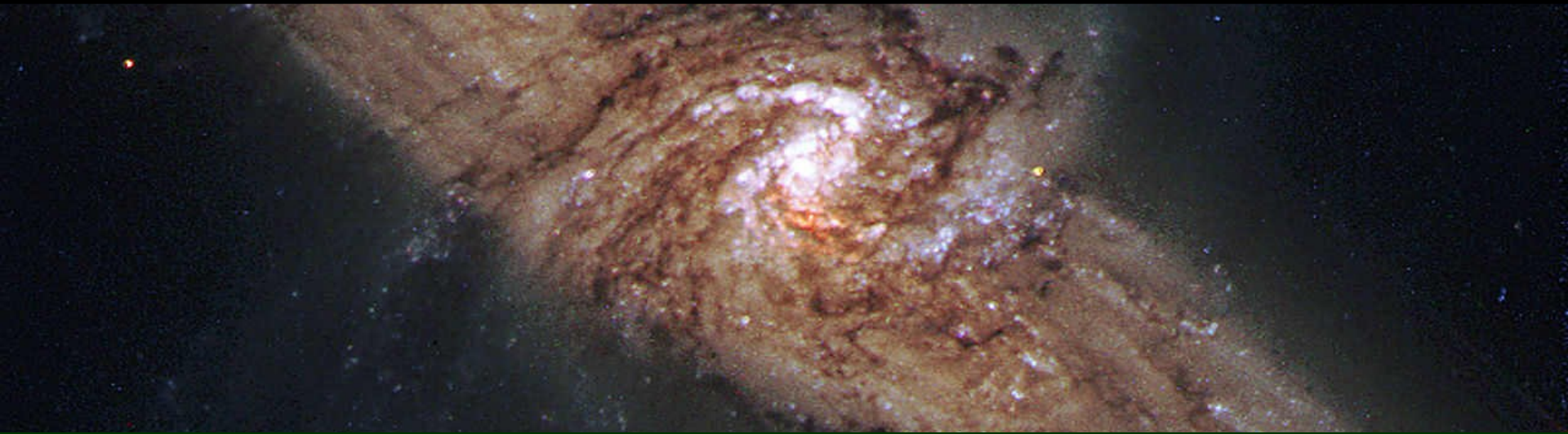


# THE HOLY SPIRIT In CREATION

God the Father was the **ORIGINATING** cause.

**THE PURPOSE BEGAN IN HIS MIND.**

(When God began to Create) “Bara” (Created.)



The **Word of God** was the **CREATING** (EFFECTING) cause. He **brought it into effect.**

The **Spirit of God** was the **PERFECTING** cause.  
He **ORGANISED** creation.

# **THE HOLY SPIRIT in CREATION.**

**Job 26:13;** “His Spirit made the heavens beautiful,  
and His power pierced the gliding serpent.”

**In 2 Chron 3:6;** Solomon says:- “The walls of the  
Temple were decorated with beautiful jewels and  
with pure gold from the land of Parvaim.”

**Job 33:4;** “For the Spirit of God has made me, and  
the breath of the Almighty gives me life.”

**Psa 104:30** says “When you send your Spirit, new  
life is born to replenish all the living of the earth.”

# **THE HOLY SPIRIT in CREATION.**

In some way, therefore, **the Spirit had a very active role in creation.** As a part of the Godhead, we must assume that every manifestation of the Godhead, the **Father, Son and Holy Spirit, worked together in order to bring all things into existence.**

All this is endorsed by Jesus Himself in John 6:63;  
“**It is the Spirit who gives eternal life.**  
Human effort accomplishes nothing.  
And the very words  
I have spoken to you are spirit and life.”

# THE HOLY SPIRIT in CREATION

It is interesting to notice the parallel we find in Ezek 47:1-9; and John 7:37;

Ezek 47:8; "Then he said to me, "This river flows east through the desert into the Jordan Valley,\* where it enters the Dead Sea. The waters of this stream will heal the salty waters of the Dead Sea and make them fresh and pure. 9.

**Everything that touches the water of this river will live.**

Fish will abound in the Dead Sea, for its waters will be healed. **Wherever this water flows, everything will live."**

**John 7:37-39;** "On the last day, the climax of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, "If you are thirsty, come to me!

38. If you believe in me, come and drink! **For the Scriptures declare that rivers of living water will flow out from within."**

39. (When he said "**living water**," he was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in him. But the **Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet entered into his glory.**)



# THE HOLY SPIRIT In CREATION

John 7:39; **“As the scriptures declare”**

CHARLES GORE, the very scholarly Bishop of Oxford (he held five or six doctorates from Oxford, Cambridge, Edinburgh, Durham, Birmingham, London) makes an interesting point.

He says that the Greek expression used here:-  
**“HO GRAPHO”** as **“THE SCRIPTURE”**,  
as distinct from **“HAI GRAPHAI”**  
always refers to a specific passage  
of scripture.



## **THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE OLD TESTAMENT**

**Before the wonderful events of Acts 2,  
The Holy Spirit was active in the lives  
of individuals** through the period  
of history that is recorded  
in the Old Testament.

**He was not idle during the days before  
the giving of the Old Testament law  
to the Jews on Mount Sinai.**

**He was most active during the time  
from creation to Sinai,  
and especially active during  
the history of Israel.**

## **THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE OLD TESTAMENT**

**The Spirit worked through special people  
in the Old Testament  
in order to accomplish God's eternal  
scheme of redemption.**

**The Father reigned  
over the universal kingdom of mankind.  
He worked through the Holy Spirit  
in order to direct humanity to the  
death burial and resurrection of Jesus.**

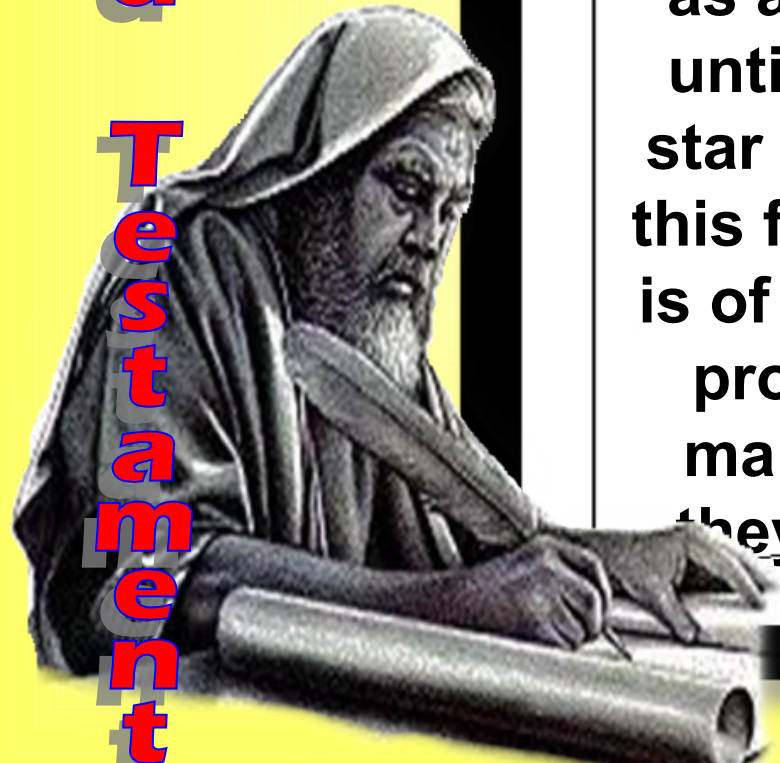
# THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE OLD TESTAMENT.

## In Revealing The:

**2 Peter 1:19-21 (NKJV)**

And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; [20] knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, [21] for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

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# **The Spirit worked in revelation.**

God created man and revealed through chosen individuals, laws by which man was to live.

**Revelation was the work of the Spirit in order to reveal God and His work to man.**

Therefore, during the Old Testament era God in **"various times and in different ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets"** (Heb 1:1;)

Pharaoh of Egypt recognized that the **Holy Spirit was in Joseph.**

Moses recorded, "And **Pharaoh said to his servants, 'Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?'"** (Gen 41:38;)

# **The work of the Spirit in the Old Testament.**

Because of Joseph's close relationship with God,  
Pharaoh could see that **the Spirit was in him.**

Because of this close relationship with God,  
**Joseph interpreted dreams** as a result  
of the work of the Spirit in his life.

On **Mount Sinai God revealed His law to the chosen people of Israel.** The choosing of Israel began a long history of God's work in this one nation in order to bring the Redeemer into the world for the salvation of man.

Throughout the centuries **of God's work with Israel,**  
**the Spirit worked in chosen men** in order  
**to preserve Israel until the coming of the Messiah.**



# **The work of the Spirit in the Old Testament.**

**The purpose for the choosing of Israel was to preserve the seed line for the Seed.**

**Therefore, the work of the Spirit in Israel was to preserve Israel for the coming of the Redeemer of the world.**

**The Spirit was "upon" them.** Several statements are made in the Old Testament concerning the **Holy Spirit being upon a particular individual.**

**By the use of the word "upon" it is meant that in some way the Holy Spirit worked through a particular individual in order to accomplish either a specific or general work of God.**

# **The work of the Spirit in the Old Testament.**

For example, Samuel told Saul that **"the Spirit of the Lord will come upon you, and you will prophesy."**

(1 Sam 10:6;) The Spirit did come upon him  
**"and he prophesied."** (1 Sam 10:10;)

**The result of the Spirit's coming upon Saul was that he prophesied. He spoke forth the word of God.**

Another example is the coming of the Spirit upon Balaam. **"The Spirit of God came upon"** Balaam and **he spoke by inspiration the oracles of God.**  
(Num 24:2ff).

**"The Spirit of the Lord came upon Jephthah"**  
(Judg 11:29; see also Judg 14:6,19; 15:14; Is 59:21; 61:1;)

## **The Spirit's work before Mount Sinai:-**

**From these examples it is clear that the coming of the Spirit upon someone resulted in some thing miraculous happening. The miraculous that happened was that Saul prophesied and Balaam spoke the oracles of God.**

**The coming of the Spirit upon someone therefore, must be interpreted as a miraculous event with miraculous consequences.**

**The Spirit was "IN" them.**

**It is also said in the Old Testament  
that the Spirit was IN the prophets.**

**By use of the word "in" reference is made  
to a close RELATIONSHIP between the Spirit  
and the one in whom the Spirit worked.**

**We as human beings like everything  
tied up in neat little boxes.**

**We need to remember that God is bigger  
than any box we care to put Him in.**

**When we think of the words "upon" and "in"  
we think the Scriptures are speaking about  
a location a place, and when we do  
we limit the bounds of that location.**

**The Spirit was "in" them.**

If I was to say that Bernard is **IN the kitchen** then as far as we humans are concerned that may be correct. Bernard cannot be in the kitchen and also at the same time be sitting in his seat in this class.

But when we try to do that with God or the Holy Spirit we have real problems.

**If we say God or The Spirit is in** the kitchen with Bernard we cannot limit God to just the kitchen the kitchen is not big enough to contain an omniscient, omnipotent God.



**The Spirit was "in" them.**

**We must not think that we can tie God down to any one location. It is in Him that we live, move and have our being. (Act 17:28;)**

**When the Scriptures speak of God being in us, therefore, something MORE than a literal use of the word "IN" is meant.**

# **The Spirit was "in" them.**

**The Old Testament reveals how close God worked with those He used to guide Israel. God worked so close to the one who was inspired that it is stated that the Spirit actually was in that person.**

**The Spirit was in Joseph. (Gen 41:38;)**

**Joshua was "a man in whom" was the Spirit of God.**

**(Num 27:18;) Nebuchadnezzar recognized that the Holy Spirit was in Daniel. (Dan 4:8,18;)**

**So did others. (Dan 5:11,14;) Nebuchadnezzar recognized that the Spirit was in Daniel because of Daniel's miraculous prophecy and interpretation of dreams. The Spirit was in all the true prophets of Israel. Isaiah stated that God had put the Spirit "within them." (Is 63:11;)**

# **The Spirit's indwelling and work before Mount Sinai:-**

**From these examples it is clear that the coming of the Spirit upon someone resulted in something miraculous happening.**

**The miraculous that happened was that Saul prophesied and Balaam spoke the oracles of God.**

**The coming of the Spirit upon someone, in the O.T. therefore, must be interpreted as a miraculous event with miraculous consequences.**

**The Spirit was "in" them.**

Peter said that **"the Spirit of Christ who was in them"** indicated the things to come. (1 Pet 1:10-12;)

When the **Spirit was in someone** in the Old Testament, that particular person **had a special close relationship** with the Spirit.

Which **resulted in** his participation with **the miraculous activity of Deity.**

When the Spirit was in them, **we must not think just of location, but also of a working relationship.** The **working relationship resulted in the miraculous activity of the one in whom the Spirit dwelt.**

**The Spirit “entered” them.**

**The Spirit “entered” them.** By the Spirit's use of the word “enter” we would assume that the phraseology is expressing a miraculous activity through the particular person in whom the Spirit dwelt.

**Here is why.** God said to **Ezekiel**, “I will speak to you” (Eze 2:1;) Ezekiel explains, **“Then the Spirit entered me when He spoke to me, and set me on my feet; and I heard Him who spoke to me”** (Eze 2:2; 3:24).

**The Spirit “entered” them.**

**This “entering” resulted in the Lord speaking directly to Ezekiel. It resulted in the Lord revealing visions directly to Ezekiel.**

**I would say, therefore, that this was a miraculous entering with miraculous results.**



**The Spirit "entered" them.**

It must again be emphasized that the  
**"entering"** does not emphasize  
**a locating** of the Spirit.

God, the Spirit could, in human terms,  
**"enter" Ezekiel from across the universe.**

I say this in order to **warn us** of placing  
**our human limitations and literal definitions**  
**on words that the Spirit had to use**  
**in order to convey what He was doing.**

**What He was doing through Ezekiel**  
**was directing the prophet to speak**  
**by inspiration of the word of God.**

# **The Spirit "filled" them.**

The Spirit "filled" them. To be "filled" with the Holy Spirit meant in this context that **the one filled was miraculously given knowledge or ability to accomplish a work for God.**

Concerning the construction of the tabernacle, the Lord said to Moses of **Bezaleel**, **"And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship" (Ex 31:3).**

**Bezaleel** was **given the knowledge** by which to construct the tabernacle. The word **"filling"** was used to emphasize something that was done, **not somewhere the Spirit went.**

# THE HOLY SPIRIT gave men Skills.

It was the “**Spirit of God**” that enabled **Bezalel** to have the skills necessary for the construction of the Tabernacle which was to be the centre of worship for Israel.

"Look, I have chosen **Bezalel** son of Uri, grandson of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. 3. I have **filled him with the Spirit of God**, giving him great wisdom, intelligence, and skill in all kinds of crafts. 4. He is able to create beautiful objects from gold, silver, and bronze. 5. He is skilled in cutting and setting gemstones and in carving wood.

**Yes, he is a master at every craft!**

**Exod 35:31**; “The Lord has filled **Bezalel** with the Spirit of God, **giving him great wisdom, intelligence, and skill in all kinds of crafts.**”

**THE HOLY SPIRIT gave men Skills.**

**He gave Samson Strength! Judges 13:24-25;**

**“When her son was born, they named him Samson.  
And the Lord blessed him as he grew up. And in  
Mahaneh-dan, which is located  
between the towns of Zorah and Eshtaol,  
the Spirit of the Lord began to take hold of him”.**

**Judges 14:5-6; “As Samson and his parents were  
going down to Timnah, a young lion attacked  
Samson near the vineyards of Timnah.**

**At that moment the Spirit of the Lord  
powerfully took control of him, and he ripped  
the lion's jaws apart with his bare hands.**

**He did it as easily as if it were a young goat.  
But he didn't tell his father or mother about it.”**

**THE HOLY SPIRIT gave men Skills.**

**Othniel's skills of leadership. Judges 3:9-11;**

**“But when Israel cried out to the Lord for help, the Lord raised up a man to rescue them. His name was Othniel, the son of Caleb's younger brother, Kenaz. The Spirit of the Lord came upon him, and he became Israel's judge.**

**He went to war against King Cushan-rishathaim of Aram, and the Lord gave Othniel victory over him. 11. So there was peace in the land for forty years.”**

# **THE HOLY SPIRIT In Giving of the Law.**

The **law** involved was the “**MORAL LAW**” When Moses went up into the Mountain to receive the Law, he received two tablets or tables or pieces of stone which contained the Ten Commandments.

**Exod 32:16;** tells us that:- “These stone tablets were God's work; the words on them were written by God himself.” **Exod 31:18;** says:- “Then as the Lord finished speaking with Moses on Mount Sinai, He gave him the two stone tablets inscribed with the terms of the covenant, written by the finger of God.”

When **Moses and Aaron had performed miracles** in the presence of Pharoah, the magician had been so amazed that he exclaimed “**this is the finger of God**”  
**Exod 8:19;**



# THE HOLY SPIRIT In Organising the Law.

If we turn to the N.T.

**Matt 12:28;** “But if I am casting out demons **by the Spirit of God**, then the Kingdom of God has arrived among you.”

**Luke 11:20;** “But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.”

The thought behind this figure, or symbol, **The FINGER OF GOD**, as title of the **Spirit of God**, is that **He** is the **Administrator**, or **Organiser**.

We sometimes say “**he is my right hand man**” the one who puts our plans into operation. **So, the Spirit of God was involved in the giving of the Law.**

**Heb 9:8;** “By these regulations the Holy Spirit revealed that the Most Holy Place was not open to the people as long as the first room and the entire system it represents were still in use. This illustration pointed to the present time. For the gifts & sacrifices that priests offer are not able to cleanse the consciences of the people who bring them.”

The Old Testament sacrificial system was a **FORESHADOW** of the wonderful things that were to come with the Lord Jesus. For instance, think about the many different sacrifices and offerings which were made in the Tabernacle, with the Priests constantly standing at the Altar. **By this the Holy Spirit indicated that the way into the sanctuary was not yet open, as long as the outer tent was still standing.**

**Jesus was the ULTIMATE sacrifice that takes away our sin.**

# **THE HOLY SPIRIT In Judicial law.**

**At first Moses alone bore the responsibility of governing the people on their journey through the wilderness, But it was evident that it was too much of a burden for him alone.**

**Therefore God promised him help.  
70 Elders were appointed to share  
the responsibility of applying the law.**

**Num 11:17; “I will come down and talk to you there.  
I will take some of the Spirit that is upon you, and  
I will put the Spirit upon them also.  
They will bear the burden of the people along  
with you, so you will not have to carry it alone.”**

# **THE HOLY SPIRIT In Judicial law.**

**Num 11:25;** “And the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses. He took some of the Spirit that was upon Moses and put it upon the seventy leaders.

**They prophesied as the Spirit rested upon them, but that was the only time this happened.”**

Later, when Joshua protective of the position of his master Moses, complained that two men were prophesying and urged Moses to forbid them, Moses exclaimed, “If only all God's people were prophets and that God would put His Spirit upon them.”

## **THE HOLY SPIRIT In Judicial law.**

**It was because Moses and the leaders of the nation were guided by the Spirit of God, that when the people rebelled, they were accused of rebelling against the Spirit.**

**Isa 63:10; says “But they rebelled against Him and grieved His Holy Spirit. That is why he became their enemy and fought against them.”**

# THE HOLY SPIRIT In Judicial law.

**Heb 3:7-11;** Describes that period in history and uses it as a warning to all Christians.

“7. That is why the Holy Spirit says, "**Today you must listen to His voice. 8. Don't harden your hearts** against Him as Israel did when they rebelled, when they tested God's patience in the wilderness.”

9. There your ancestors tried my patience, even though they saw my miracles for forty years. 10. So I was angry with them, and I said,  
**'Their hearts always turn away from me. They refuse to do what I tell them.'**



# **THE HOLY SPIRIT In THE PROPHETIC PERIOD**

**After the Entry into the Promised Land of Canaan. There began a new and distinct period in the history of Israel that we call the Prophetic Period.**

**This was a true prophetic period from SAMUEL TO MALACHI.**

**It was a step in advance of the Law of Moses, because it was here that the official role of the prophet began as the spokesman for God .**

**The prophet was THE INTERMEDIARY -the go-between – on God's side. He represented God to the people. The Priest represented the people to God.**

# **THE HOLY SPIRIT In THE PROPHETIC PERIOD**

**The prophets about whom we read in later O.T. books were different from Moses for instance, whose role had been absolutely unique in Israel.**

**These prophets were not only used by the Spirit of God to deliver the latest message, but they also had the task of giving the official explanation of the events which occurred in the life of the nation.**

# THE HOLY SPIRIT In THE PROPHETIC PERIOD

The reason for this is the simple fact that the explanation of events, as given by the prophet, who spoke for God, was often very different from that of the people themselves.

**There is a fine example of this sort of thing in Jer 44:16-17; "We will not listen to your messages from the Lord! We will do whatever we want. We will burn incense to the Queen of Heaven and sacrifice to her just as much as we like, just as we and our ancestors did before us."**

# THE HOLY SPIRIT In THE PROPHETIC PERIOD

The people were complaining about their troubles and they told Jeremiah that since they had given up serving **Astarte, the 'goddess of heaven'**, everything had gone wrong, and they declared their intention of returning to worship her.

Inspired by the Spirit of God, Jeremiah told them that it was **BECAUSE** they offered incense to false gods and sinned against God that all this had come upon them .

**Jer 44:28;** "Only a small number will escape death and return to Judah from Egypt.

Then all those who came to Egypt **will find out whose words are true, mine or theirs!**

**Neh 9:30;** “In your love, you were patient with them for many years. **You sent your Spirit, who, Through the prophets, warned them about their sins.** But still **they wouldn't listen!** So once again you allowed the pagan inhabitants of the land to conquer them.”

Furthermore, under the guidance of the Spirit of God, the prophets also had **the duty of explaining and amplifying the Law** which God had given through Moses at SINAI.

It is important to bear in mind that the Ten Commandment Law was not complete in itself:- Because it was largely negative. It told the people what not to do, but **could not save man.**

# THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE OLD TESTAMENT

We see that the O.T. Scriptures, were written under His inspiration, we are looking at what we may learn from the O.T. concerning the activity of the Spirit of God in Old Testament times:- That is from **GENESIS** and its account of Creation,

Notice I said, '**THE SPIRIT OF GOD** IN O.T. TIMES'. That is because in the O.T. He is NOT designated, or identified as '**The Holy Spirit**', but is described as '**the Spirit**', or '**the Spirit of God**'.

It is true that we find the phrase, '**Holy Spirit**' in the O.T. in three places. But you will notice that the word '**holy**' does not begin with a capital letter. Nor can you find the term, '**the holy Spirit**.'



# THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE OLD TESTAMENT

The word , 'holy', begins with a small 'h', because the word is used in an adjectival sense and not as a title, or designation.

The first person who is said to have used the term was in **Psa 51:11**; DAVID, pleads with God,  
**"Take not your holy spirit from me"**

This was his psalm of repentance, after his sin with Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah.

**David knew what had happened to King Saul:-**

He knew that Saul had been disowned by God.

The scriptures tell us that ***"The spirit of the LORD departed from Saul,*** and the prophet SAMUEL never again went to see him and David was afraid that God might also abandon him, because of his terrible sins, in having Uriah killed in battle, and then taking the wife of the dead man.

# THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE OLD TESTAMENT

Remember that at this time David was the KING-  
the Lord's Anointed One.

He was the man on whose young head had been poured the anointing oil which was the symbol, in its gentle flow and sweet perfume, of his being set apart for high office, in the service of God.

And now, he is very much afraid that this special privilege and the symbol of God's Presence had been forfeited - might be taken back - lost!

The other two occasions when the expression '**holy Spirit**' is used, are found in the book of the prophet **Isaiah 63:10-11**;

"They rebelled and grieved His **holy Spirit**."

"He put His **holy Spirit** in their midst."

# THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE OLD TESTAMENT.

This is a very significant statement, because it reveals an important truth; namely that in O.T. times, the Spirit of God took hold of men, in order to use them for special tasks. He did **NOT** indwell them or come live in them as in the N.T. age with Christians.

What is truly remarkable, is that the Spirit of God took hold of men or special purposes, **without reference to their character**. Sometimes they were good men. Sometimes they were not so good! **But God took them and used them to accomplish His purposes.**

This one of the amazing differences between the people of God of O.T. times, and the people of God today, that is, the Church.

# THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE OLD TESTAMENT.

Paul told the Corinthian Christians 1 Cor 3:16;  
"Do you not know that **you are the temple of God**  
**and the Spirit of God dwells in you?**"

SO, the Holy Spirit indwells:-

His people the church as they are the temple of God.

Again, Paul tells them, in similar terms in 1 Cor 6:19;  
"Do you not know that **your body is**  
**a temple of the Holy Spirit within you,**  
which you have received from God?  
**and that you are not your own,**  
**for you were bought with a price.**  
**Therefore glorify God in your bodies."**

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“For David himself said--and the **Holy Spirit was speaking through him when he said it:-**

“God said to my Lord, sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool.” Mark 12:36;

“Brothers, it was necessary for the Scriptures to come true concerning Judas, who betrayed Jesus by guiding the mob to Him, for this was predicted long ago by the **Holy Spirit, speaking through King David.**” Acts 1:16;

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“But after they had argued back and forth among themselves, they left with this final word from Paul ringing in their ears: ``The **Holy Spirit** was right when **he said through Isaiah** the prophet, “Say to the Jews, You will hear and see but not understand.”  
**Acts 28:25;**

The result of the filling by the Spirit is explained by Micah. **"But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the Lord"** (Mic 3:8).

**The Spirit “filled” them.**

The result of the **filling of the Spirit** was **miraculous activity** that was directed toward accomplishing God's work.

In these **"fillings of the Spirit"** individuals were miraculously given the will of God and directed by the Spirit.

**They were given knowledge.**

**They were filled with knowledge in order to accomplish God's purposes.**



**The Spirit “filled” them.**

**In view of the context of the previous statements concerning the work of the Holy Spirit in the affairs of man:-  
Three conclusions must be drawn.**

**1. The Spirit was working.**

**All of the above concepts concerning the relationship of the Holy Spirit with individuals refer to the work of the Spirit in the Old Testament.**

**When the Spirit was upon an individual it was the same as the Spirit being in that person or that person being filled with the Spirit.**

**The Spirit “filled” them.**

**The result of the "in", "upon" and "filling" was the same.** The Spirit was accomplishing a work. His relationship with the individual was to accomplish a specific work in order **to accomplish the purpose of God with the nation of Israel.**

**Words are vehicles of thought –**  
The **vehicle of thought** from the mind of the Holy Spirit to the mind of man is **words.**  
The thus the expression used by the prophets:- **“Thus Says The Lord!”**

**“The Spirit of the Lord spoke by me,  
His word was on my tongue.” 2 Sam 23:2;**

## **2. The Spirit was working miraculously.** As a result of one being **"filled," or "entered," or "come upon"** **by the Spirit.**

**Something miraculous was accomplished.**  
**Though the result of the miraculous work**  
**varied from one person to another,**  
**the work was still miraculous.**

**Bezaleel** was miraculously instructed to build the  
tabernacle. **Daniel** and **Joseph** were miraculously  
empowered to interpret dreams.

**Micah, Isaiah and all the prophets** were  
miraculously able to speak prophecy.

**The Spirit “filled” them.**

**All were miraculously endowed with ability,  
wisdom or knowledge which was  
given specifically by the Holy Spirit  
to accomplish God's purposes.**

**The Spirit was working miraculously  
through selected individuals.**

**God was selective concerning  
Those to whom He gave the Spirit  
in the Old Testament.**

**The Spirit "filled" them.**

**He spoke to Israel "by His servants the prophets"**

**(2 King 24:2;) Through Jeremiah God said,**

**"Since the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt until this day, I have even sent all My servants the prophets." (Jer 7:25;)**

**The Spirit worked in the prophets in order to direct Israel. (Neh 9:30;). Nehemiah wrote:-**

**"You also gave Your good Spirit to instruct them..." (Neh 9:20;)**

**Upon these special men and women whom He chose to be heralds of His message, God gave the Holy Spirit. In other words, during the Old Testament times God was selective.**

**The Spirit “filled” them.**

**He was selective in order to instruct certain individuals to proclaim His will to the nation of Israel.**

**Abraham, Isaiah, Deborah, Daniel and others were special people of God to whom was assigned the Spirit of revelation and inspiration.**

**However, there would be a time when this would change. The Spirit would be given to all classes of people. He would be poured out on all flesh.**

# THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE OLD TESTAMENT.

It seems that though **the Spirit was active during the Old Testament period**, His **activities were limited**.

**To certain people:-** not everyone received the Spirit  
Only people set apart for a special job.

**To certain times:-** It would seem that the Spirit came upon a person to enable him to fulfil a special task, and then He left.

**He did not stay in people constantly.**

Thus the prophets foretold of a time when the Spirit would be poured out on all flesh.

**It looked forward to the age of the Spirit.**

1. Joel 2: 28-29;.      2. Eze 36:26-27;

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2 Samuel 23:2 (NKJV)

"The Spirit of the Lord spoke  
by me, And **His word** was on my  
tongue.

Jeremiah 30:2 (NKJV)

"Thus speaks the Lord God of  
Israel, saying: '**Write in** a book for  
yourself all the words that I have  
spoken to you.



## In Revealing The:

**Old Testament**

When men resisted the writings of the prophets:-  
They resisted the Holy Spirit!

Neh. 9:30 (NKJV)

Yet for many years You had patience with them, And testified against them by Your Spirit in Your prophets.  
Yet they would not listen; Therefore:- You gave them into the hand of the peoples of the lands.

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**Acts 7:51 (NKJV)**

**"You stiff necked and  
uncircumcised in heart and  
ears! You always resist the  
Holy Spirit; as your fathers  
did, so do you.**

**Same Is True Today!**

# THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE OLD TESTAMENT.

**“Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers.**

**Who have received the law by the direction of angels and have not kept it.” Acts 7:52-53;**

**“Long ago God spoke in many different ways to our fathers through the prophets [in visions, dreams, and even face to face ], telling them little by little about his plans. But now in these days He has spoken to us through His Son to whom He has given everything, and through whom He made the world and everything there is.” Heb 1:1-2;**

# THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE OLD TESTAMENT

In O.T, times the Spirit of God was never said to live in or dwell in the nation, the people of God. God used particular people, at particular times, for particular purposes.

It was prophesied that Jesus would come. “I will raise up a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites. I will tell that prophet what to say, and He will tell the people everything I command Him.”

One Like Moses

Deut. 18:18-19;

Prophet.

Lawgiver.

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