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THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT 1 SAMUEL 10:1–16

1 Sam. 10:10, "When they came there to the hill, there was a group of prophets to meet him; then the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them."

- 1 Sam. 11:6, "Then the Spirit of God came upon Saul mightily when he heard these words, and he became very angry."
- 1 Sam. 16:13, "Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. And Samuel arose and went to Ramah."

The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

Who is the Holy Spirit? Is He a person, a force, or an influence?

Matt. 3:16, "When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

Matt. 3:17, "And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.'

Matt. 28:19, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"

2 Cor. 13:14, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen."

1 Pet. 1:2, "elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied."

John 14:16, "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—"

John 15:26, "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me."

Acts 16:7, "After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them."

1 Cor. 12:11, "But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills."

John 16:14, "He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you."

John 14:26, "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."

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Gal. 5:16, "Walk by means of the Spirit ..."

Acts 15:28, "For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things:"

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Jude 20, "But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,"

Acts 5:3, "But Peter said, 'Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?

Acts 5:4, "'While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.'"

Rom. 8:11, "But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."

Omnipotence

Rom. 15:19, "in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ."

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Omniscience

Isa. 40:13, "Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, or as His counselor has taught Him?

Isa. 40:14, "With whom did He take counsel, and who instructed Him, and taught Him in the path of justice? Who taught Him knowledge, and showed Him the way of understanding?"

Rom. 11:34, "For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?"

Omnipresence

Psa. 139:7, "Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?

Psa. 139:8, "If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there."

Ruah is used in the noun form over 387× in the Old Testament.

- 1. Breeze, breath, wind, air
- 2. Something vain or futile
- 3. Breath of God which supports life. Breath of life as in Gen. 6:17
- 4. Human spirit, as sense, mind, intellectual frame of mind, attitude, temperament, courage
- 5. Holy Spirit, Spirit of God; Spirit of Yahweh
- 6. A small number of references in the Old Testament are ambiguous and could refer to God's own presence or influence on the earth, though the vast majority of references refer to the Third Person of the Trinity

Psa. 104:30,
"You send forth Your Spirit,
they are created;
And You renew the face of the earth."

2 Kings 2:9, "And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, 'Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?' Elisha said, 'Please let a double portion of your Spirit be upon me.'"

Ezek. 3:12, "Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me a great thunderous voice: 'Blessed is the glory of the LORD from His place!'

Ezek. 11:1, "Then the Spirit lifted me up and brought me to the East Gate of the LORD'S house, which faces eastward; and there at the door of the gate were twenty-five men, among whom I saw Jaazaniah the son of Azzur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people."

Zech. 4:6, "So he answered and said to me: 'This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the LORD of hosts.'"

Job 26:13, "By His Spirit He adorned the heavens; His hand pierced the fleeing serpent."

Job 33:4, "The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life."

Gen. 1:2, "The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters."

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The Craftsmen, Bezalel and Oholiab

Ex. 31:3, "And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,"

Moses

Num. 11:17, "Then I will come down and talk with you there. I will take of the Spirit that is upon you and will put the same upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, that you may not bear it yourself alone."

Neh. 9:20, "You also gave Your good Spirit to instruct them [the Exodus generation], and did not withhold Your manna from their mouth, and gave them water for their thirst."

Isa. 63:10, "But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit; so He turned Himself against them as an enemy, and He fought against them."

Isa. 63:11, "Then he remembered the days of old, Moses and his people, saying: 'Where is He who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of His flock? Where is He who put His Holy Spirit within them,"