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**The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament**

**Judges 6:35–40**

**Various Scriptures**



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**When Chaos Was King**



**“Democracy will soon degenerate into an anarchy, such an anarchy that every man will do what is right in his own eyes and no man’s life or property or reputation or liberty will be secure, and every one of these will soon mould itself into a system of subordination of all the moral virtues and intellectual abilities, all the powers of wealth, beauty, wit and science, to the wanton pleasures, the capricious will, and the execrable cruelty of one or a very few.”**

**~John Adams**





# Outline of “Judges” (Chieftains, Tribal Rulers, Leaders)

**1:1–3:6**

## **Introduction**

**How Israel went from  
spiritual victory  
to being worse than  
the Canaanites**

**Incomplete obedience**

**Compromise**

**Failure**

**Cycles of discipline**

**3:7–16:31**

## **Paganization of the Leadership**

**Othniel (the best)**

**Ehud**

**Shamgar**

**Deborah**

**Gideon**

**Tola, Jair**

**Jephthah**

**Ibzan, Elon, Abdon**

**Samson (the worst)**

**17:1–21:25**

## **Paganization of the Priests**

**Chap. 17–18**

**and the**

**People**

**Chap. 19–21**



**Judg. 6:34, “But the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon; then he blew the trumpet, and the Abiezrites gathered behind him.”**

**What the Bible Teaches About  
the Holy Spirit  
in the  
Old Testament**

**Zech. 4:6b, “ ‘*Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,*’ says the LORD of hosts.”**



**How would a first-century Jew understand the use of the term “Holy Spirit” if there were no prior reference to Him in the Hebrew Scriptures?**

# Matthew

**Matt. 1:18, “Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.”**

**Matt. 1:20, “But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.’ ”**

~RD



# Mark

**Mark 1:8, “I indeed baptized you by means of water, but He will baptize you by means of the Holy Spirit.” ~RD**

**Mark 1:10, “And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove.”**

**Mark 1:12, “Immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness.” ~RD**



# Luke

**Luke 1:15, “For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled from the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb.” ~RD**

**Luke 1:35, “And the angel answered and said to her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.’ ” ~RD**



# John

**John 1:32, “And John bore witness, saying, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him.**

**John 1:33, “I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ”**



**John 3:5, “Jesus answered, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.**

**John 3:6, “ ‘That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.’ ”**

**John 3:8, “ ‘The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.’ ”**



**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. 17:5, “While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!’ ”**



**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.”**



## He Has the Characteristics of a Person

**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.”**

## He Has Will

**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.”**



**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:”**

**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:”**

**Jude 20, “But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying by means of the Holy Spirit,” ~RD**

***ἐν en* instrumental indicates used by as an instrument**



## **The Holy Spirit is Ascribed the Works of Deity**

**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.”**

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



## 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?”***

**νοῦς *nous* masc sing acc mind, thought**

## **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.”



- The Father is portrayed as the divine architect, planner, and designer.
- The Son is portrayed as the project manager, construction supervisor, and revealer of the Father.
- The Holy Spirit is the project engineer, the one who oversees provision of divine revelation, and the one who brings to completion the plan of the Father.
- The Holy Spirit is involved in bringing together creation, regeneration, and divine revelation as well as empowering the individual life of the Church Age believer.

***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.”**



**2A The Holy Spirit appears in the second verse of Genesis and many verses in Job, the two earliest books of the Old Testament.**

**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.”**

**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.”**



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# From the Exodus through Post-Exilic Rebuilding

**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,”**

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**Ex. 31:4, “to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze,**

**Ex. 31:5, “in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of workmanship.”**

**מלא *mala'* piel wawConsec 1 com sing to fill**



# 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.”**

# Nehemiah

**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,’ ”**

**Judg. 3:10, “The Spirit of the LORD came upon him [Othniel], and he judged Israel. He went out to war, and the LORD delivered Cushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand prevailed over Cushan-rishathaim.”**

**Literally “*was upon*”**

**Judg. 6:34, “But the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon; then he blew the trumpet, and the Abiezrites gathered behind him.”**

**לָבַשׁ *lavash* qal perf 3 fem sing to wear, to clothe**



**Judg. 11:29, “Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jephthah, and he passed through Gilead and Manasseh, and passed through Mizpah of Gilead; and from Mizpah of Gilead he advanced toward the people of Ammon.”**

**“*was upon*” as in Judg. 3:10 with Othniel**

**Judg. 13:25, “And the Spirit of the LORD began to move upon him at Mahaneh Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol.”**

**פַּעַם *pa'am* qal infinitive Const “to impel, to move”**

## **Kings: Saul and David**

**1 Sam. 11:6, “Then the Spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard this news, and his anger was greatly aroused.”**

**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 upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.”**

*צִלַּח* *tzalach* qal waw Consec 3 fem sing **to rush**

**Same word used for Saul and Samson**



**1 Chron. 28:11, “Then David gave his son Solomon the plans for the vestibule, its houses, its treasuries, its upper chambers, its inner chambers, and the place of the mercy seat;**

**1 Chron. 28:12, “and the plans for all that he had by the Spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, of all the chambers all around, of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries for the dedicated things;**

**1 Chron. 28:13, “also for the division of the priests and the Levites, for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and for all the articles of service in the house of the LORD.”**

**1 Sam. 16:14, “But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a distressing spirit from the LORD troubled him.”**

**Psa. 51:11, “Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.”**

# Hiram

**1 Kings 7:13, “Now King Solomon sent and brought Hiram from Tyre.**

**1 Kings 7:14, “He was the son of a widow from the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a bronze worker; he was filled with wisdom and understanding and skill in working with all kinds of bronze work. So he came to King Solomon and did all his work.”**

# **Some Prophets Were Empowered Temporarily**

**Azariah in 2 Chron. 15:1–7**

**Jahaziel during the reign of Jehoshaphat in  
2 Chron. 20:1, 22, 23**

**Zechariah during the reign of Joash in 2 Chron. 24:20**



# **Some Prophets Were Empowered Temporarily**

**Micah in:**

**Mic. 3:8, “But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the LORD, and of justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin.”**

# Civil Administrators

**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.”**

# Joshua

**Num. 27:18, “And the LORD said to Moses: ‘Take Joshua the son of Nun with you, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him;’ ”**

# **The Role of the Spirit in Prophecy**

**Isa. 11:2, “The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.”**



**Isa. 30:1, “ ‘Woe to the rebellious children,’ says the LORD, ‘Who take counsel, but not of Me, and who devise plans, but not of My Spirit, that they may add sin to sin;’ ”**

**Isa. 42:1, “ ‘Behold! My Servant whom I [God the Father] uphold, My Elect [Choice One] One [the Messiah–God the Son] in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles.’ ”**

**Isa. 61:1, “The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;”**

**Isa. 61:3, “To console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.”**

**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,’ ”**

**Ezek. 11:5**, “Then the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and said to me, ‘Speak! “Thus says the LORD: ‘Thus you have said, O house of Israel; for I know the things that come into your mind.’ ” ’ ”

**Ezek. 36:27**, “I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.”

**Ezek. 37:14**, “ ‘I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it and performed it,’ says the LORD.”



**Joel 2:28, “And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.**

**Joel 2:29, “And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.”**

**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.’ ”**

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