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**The Holy Spirit in the
Old Testament – Part 2**

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**Moral Relativism
Destroys a Nation**

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The First Judge

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Judg. 3:10, “And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he judged Israel. When he went out to war, the LORD gave Cushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand, so that he prevailed over Cushan-rishathaim.”

**עָזַז Verb qal wawConsec 3
fem sing “to be strong,
overpower,”
“When used of man, this word
carries the idea of prevailing as
in a war or struggle” ~TWOT**

**עַל־2 prep
upon, over, above**

Judg. 3:10, “The Spirit of the LORD came upon him, 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.”

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

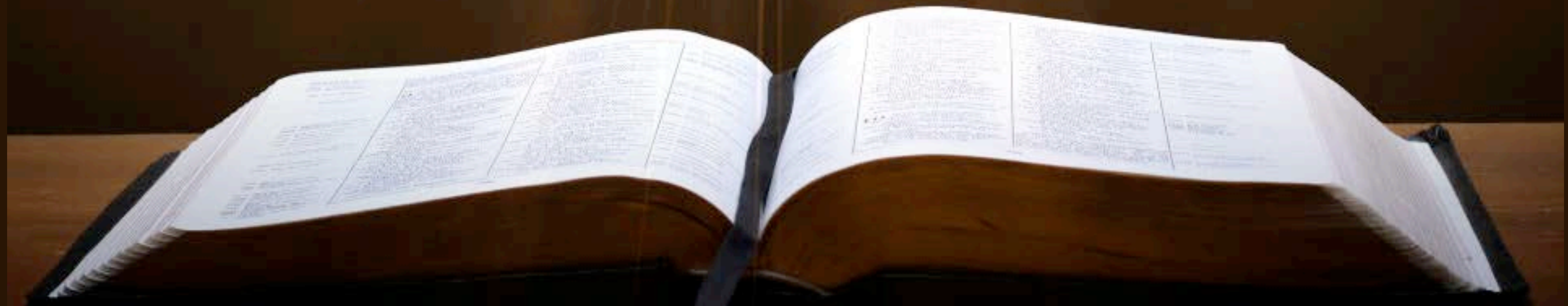
Judg. 11:29, “Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jephthah, and he passed through Gilead and Manasseh, and passed through Mizpah of Gilead; and from Mizpah of Gilead he advanced toward the people of Ammon.”

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

Judg. 14:6, “And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he tore the lion apart as one would have torn apart a young goat, though he had nothing in his hand. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done.” Judg. 14:19; 15:14.

What the Bible Teaches About

The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament



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.” ’ ”

Who is the Holy Spirit? Is He a person, a force, or an influence? Just an idiom for the actions of God?

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!’ ”

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.”

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.”

John 16:14, “He [masculine singular pronoun] will glorify Me, for He [masculine singular pronoun] 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 [masculine singular pronoun] will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”

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 [masculine singular pronoun] will testify of Me.”

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 εν* instrumental, “by means of” indicates used as an instrument by someone else to accomplish a task**

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.’ ”

Divine Works of Creation, Regeneration, and Resurrection of the Saints

Job 26:13, “By His Spirit He adorned the heavens; His hand pierced the fleeing serpent.” cf., Gen. 1:2

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

Divine Works of Creation, Regeneration, and Resurrection of the Saints

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.’ ”

Divine Works of Creation, Regeneration, and Resurrection of the Saints

Titus 3:5, “not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing produced by regeneration, that is, the renewing produced by the Holy Spirit,” [~RD]

Divine Works of Creation, Regeneration, and Resurrection of the Saints

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, “by 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?*”

***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.”

Rom. 9:1, “I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness by the Holy Spirit,”

Eph. 2:18, “For through Him [Christ] we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.”

Eph. 2:21, “in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,

Eph. 2:22, “in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God by the Spirit.”

***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. Refers to an emotion, Judg. 8:3 ... Then their anger toward him subsided when he said that**

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6. Titles which can only be ascribed to God: Holy Spirit, Spirit of God, Spirit of Yahweh

7. 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

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Hos. 11:9, “I will not execute the fierceness of My anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim. For I am God, and not man, The Holy One in your midst; And I will not come with terror.”

Isa. 40:25, “ ‘To whom then will you liken Me, or to whom shall I be equal?’ says the Holy One.”

Spirit of God רוח אלהים used some 16×

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.”

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,”

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

Spirit of *Yhwh* 28× רוּחַ-יְהוָה Spirit of the Lord

**7× in Judges, the only way the Holy Spirit is identified
in Judges**

Your Spirit 4×

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.’ ”

My Spirit 13×

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.’ ”

His Spirit English 14×, Hebrew referring to God, 8×

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

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.”

The Spirit

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.”

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;’ ”

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!’ ”

The Spirit is referred to in the earliest books of the Bible.

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Neh. 9:20, “You also gave Your good Spirit to instruct them, and did not withhold Your manna from their mouth, and gave them water for their thirst.”