

Tracing the Holy Spirit through the whole Bible.

The Holy Spirit was active from **Genesis to Revelation**, not just in the New Testament.

Below is a **structured list of key passages in the NKJV** where the Holy Spirit is clearly mentioned or directly described. (This is not every single indirect reference, but it includes the major, direct mentions.)

HOLY SPIRIT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

In the Old Testament, He is most often called **“the Spirit of God”** or **“the Spirit of the LORD.”**

◆ The Spirit in Creation

- **Genesis 1:2** – The Spirit of God hovering over the waters

◆ The Spirit Coming Upon Individuals

- **Genesis 41:38** – Joseph described as a man with the Spirit of God
- **Exodus 31:3** – Bezalel filled with the Spirit of God (wisdom, skill)
- **Numbers 11:17, 25–29** – The Spirit rests on the seventy elders
- **Numbers 24:2** – The Spirit of God comes upon Balaam
- **Judges 3:10** – The Spirit of the LORD upon Othniel
- **Judges 6:34** – The Spirit of the LORD upon Gideon
- **Judges 11:29** – The Spirit of the LORD upon Jephthah
- **Judges 13:25; 14:6,19; 15:14** – The Spirit of the LORD upon Samson
- **1 Samuel 10:6,10** – The Spirit comes upon Saul
- **1 Samuel 16:13–14** – The Spirit of the LORD comes upon David and departs from Saul
- **2 Samuel 23:2** – “The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me” (David)

◆ The Spirit in Prayer and Worship

- **Job 33:4** – “The Spirit of God has made me”
- **Psalms 51:11** – “Do not take Your Holy Spirit from me”
- **Psalms 104:30** – God sends forth His Spirit and renews the earth

- **Psalm 139:7** – “Where can I go from Your Spirit?”

◆ The Spirit in the Prophets

- **Isaiah 11:2** – The Spirit resting on the Messiah
- **Isaiah 42:1** – God puts His Spirit upon His Servant
- **Isaiah 44:3** – Promise to pour out His Spirit
- **Isaiah 48:16** – “The Lord GOD and His Spirit have sent Me”
- **Isaiah 59:21** – God’s Spirit and Word remain
- **Isaiah 61:1** – “The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me”
- **Isaiah 63:10–11,14** – References to His Holy Spirit
- **Ezekiel 2:2** – The Spirit enters Ezekiel
- **Ezekiel 36:26–27** – Promise of a new heart and God’s Spirit within
- **Ezekiel 37:1,14** – The Spirit in the valley of dry bones
- **Daniel 4:8,9,18; 5:11–14** – “Spirit of the Holy God”
- **Micah 3:8** – “Truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the LORD”
- **Haggai 2:5** – “My Spirit remains among you”
- **Zechariah 4:6** – “Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit”

◆ Prophecy of the Spirit Being Poured Out

- **Joel 2:28–29** – “I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh”

★ HOLY SPIRIT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Now He is clearly revealed as a **Person of the Trinity**.

◆ In the Life of Jesus

- **Matthew 1:18,20** – Jesus conceived by the Holy Spirit
- **Matthew 3:16** – Spirit descending like a dove
- **Matthew 4:1** – Jesus led by the Spirit
- **Matthew 12:18,28,31–32** – Jesus speaks about the Spirit
- **Luke 1:15,35,41,67** – Spirit involved in birth narratives
- **Luke 3:22; 4:1,14,18** – Jesus anointed and empowered by the Spirit

◆ Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

- **John 3:5–8** – Born of the Spirit

- **John 7:37–39** – Promise of the Spirit
- **John 14:16–17,26** – The Helper, the Holy Spirit
- **John 15:26** – Spirit of truth
- **John 16:7–15** – Work of the Holy Spirit

◆ The Coming of the Spirit

- **Acts 1:4–8** – Promise of power
- **Acts 2:1–4,16–18,33,38** – Pentecost (Joel fulfilled)
- **Acts 4:8,31** – Believers filled with the Spirit
- **Acts 5:3–4** – Lying to the Holy Spirit
- **Acts 8:14–17; 10:44–47; 11:15–16; 13:2,4; 16:6–7; 19:1–6**

◆ The Spirit in the Believer

- **Romans 5:5; 8:1–27**
- **1 Corinthians 2:10–14; 3:16; 6:19; 12:4–13**
- **2 Corinthians 3:6,17–18**
- **Galatians 4:6; 5:16–25** (fruit of the Spirit)
- **Ephesians 1:13–14; 2:18,22; 3:16; 4:3–4,30; 5:18; 6:17–18**
- **Philippians 1:19**
- **2 Timothy 1:14**

◆ The Spirit in Revelation and the Church

- **Hebrews 2:4; 3:7; 9:8; 10:15**
- **1 Peter 1:2,11; 4:14**
- **2 Peter 1:21** – Men spoke as moved by the Holy Spirit
- **1 John 2:20,27; 3:24; 4:13**
- **Jude 20**
- **Revelation 1:10; 2:7,11,17,29; 3:6,13,22; 4:5; 5:6; 14:13; 22:17**

Big Picture

Old Testament: The Spirit **comes upon** people for specific tasks

New Testament: The Spirit **dwells within** believers permanently

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