



The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit - Part 5

Title: His ministry concerning Israel.



Text: Gen 32:28 NLT:

28 “Your name will no longer be Jacob,” the man told him. **“From now on you will be called Israel,** because you have fought with God and with men and have won.”

An exegesis on the name " Israel."

1. As a personal name:

Jacob, the son of Isaac and grandson of Abraham, wrestled with the Angel of the Lord when returning to Palestine.

In accordance with his arduous struggle throughout the night, God Himself bestowed upon him the name "Israel."

Gen 32:28 NLT:

28 "Your name will no longer be Jacob," the man told him. "From now on you will be called Israel, because you have fought with God and with men and have won."

Gen 35:10 NLT:

10 saying, "Your name is Jacob, but you will not be called Jacob any longer. From now on your name will be Israel." So God renamed him Israel.



2. As a tribal name:

In the Old Testament, the term “Israel” is frequently employed to affirm the distinct identity of the people of God as a separate religious community.

Ex 1:1 NLT:

Exodus

The Israelites in Egypt

1 These are the names of the sons of Israel (that is, Jacob) who moved to Egypt with their father, each with his family:

Ex 3:16 NLT:

16 “Now go and call together all the elders of Israel. Tell them, ‘Yahweh, the God of your ancestors—the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—has appeared to me. He told me, “I have been watching closely, and I see how the Egyptians are treating you.

Ex 12:3 NLT:

3 Announce to the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each family must choose a lamb or a young goat for a sacrifice, one animal for each household

Deut 1:38 NLT:

38 Instead, your assistant, Joshua son of Nun, will lead the people into the land. Encourage him, for he will lead Israel as they take possession of it.

3. As a national name:

The people of Israel, as a family, were delivered from slavery in Egypt. They were led by God to Palestine, the land promised to their forefathers by the Lord.

Ex 7:4 NLT:

4 Even then Pharaoh will refuse to listen to you. So I will bring down my fist on Egypt. Then I will rescue my forces—my people, the Israelites—from the land of Egypt with great acts of judgment.

In this context, it refers to an inheritance.



4. As a splinter kingdom:

After the death of King Solomon, the nation was divided geographically. The territory occupied by the ten northern tribes became the separate kingdom of Israel. The territory occupied by the two southern tribes became the separate kingdom of Judah.

1 Kings 11:2 NLT:

2 The LORD had clearly instructed the people of Israel, “You must not marry them, because they will turn your hearts to their gods.” Yet Solomon insisted on loving them anyway.

In this context, it means to designate the Northern Kingdom.

5. As a restored people or district:

In 722 B.C., the Northern Kingdom was destroyed, and in 586 B.C., the people of the Southern Kingdom were deported to Babylon.

The books of Ezra, Nehemiah, and the Gospels use the term “Israel” to refer to a religious community, the land, and the ethnic entity that aspired for a restored national identity.

6. As a prophetic entity:

The Old Testament portrays a bright destiny for the descendants of Jacob. This destiny encompasses a religious conversion, the re-establishment of a national identity, the occupation of the Promised Land, and numerous associated blessings.

Isa 44:21-23 NLT:

Restoration for Jerusalem

21 “Pay attention, O Jacob,
for you are my servant, O Israel.
I, the LORD, made you,
and I will not forget you.

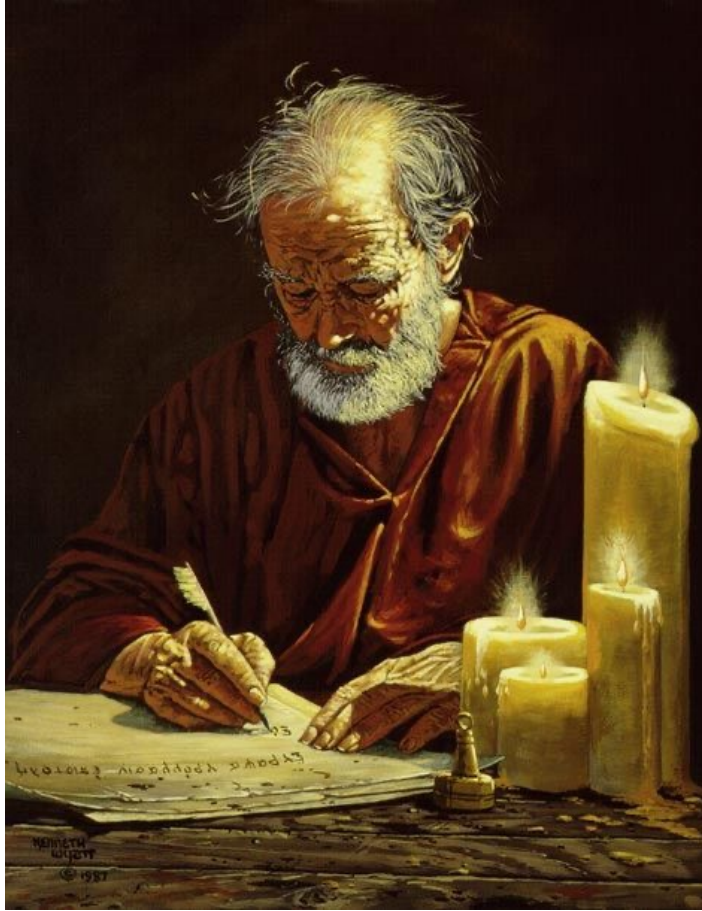
22 I have swept away your sins like a cloud.
I have scattered your offenses like the morning mist.
Oh, return to me,
for I have paid the price to set you free.”

23 Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done this wondrous thing.
Shout for joy, O depths of the earth!
Break into song,
O mountains and forests and every tree!
For the LORD has redeemed Jacob
and is glorified in Israel.

Isa 45:17 NLT:

17 But the LORD will save the people of Israel
with eternal salvation.
Throughout everlasting ages,
they will never again be humiliated and disgraced.

These passages incorporate the meaning entitled.



7. As believers within the national community.

Many of the physical descendants of Israel had no vital personal relationship with the Lord.

The Apostle Paul, argues in Romans 9, that “ not all who are descendants from Israel are Israel”.

This topic unites us the “Gentiles” with the religious covenant promulgated by the Apostle Paul, and endorsed by God.

Eph 3:6 NLT:

6 And this is God’s plan: Both Gentiles and Jews who believe the Good News share equally in the riches inherited by God’s children. Both are part of the same body, and both enjoy the promise of blessings because they belong to Christ Jesus.

Heb 8:1-13 NLT:

Christ Is Our High Priest

1 Here is the main point: We have a High Priest who sat down in the place of honor beside the throne of the majestic God in heaven.

2 There he ministers in the heavenly Tabernacle, the true place of worship that was built by the Lord and not by human hands.

3 And since every high priest is required to offer gifts and sacrifices, our High Priest must make an offering, too.

4 If he were here on earth, he would not even be a priest, since there already are priests who offer the gifts required by the law.

5 They serve in a system of worship that is only a copy, a shadow of the real one in heaven. For when Moses was getting ready to build the Tabernacle, God gave him this warning: "Be sure that you make everything according to the pattern I have shown you here on the mountain."

6 But now Jesus, our High Priest, has been given a ministry that is far superior to the old priesthood, for he is the one who mediates for us a far better covenant with God, based on better promises.

7 If the first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no need for a second covenant to replace it.

8 But when God found fault with the people, he said:
“The day is coming, says the LORD,
when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel and Judah.

9 This covenant will not be like the one
I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
and led them out of the land of Egypt.
They did not remain faithful to my covenant,
so I turned my back on them, says the LORD.

10 But this is the new covenant I will make
with the people of Israel on that day, says the LORD:
I will put my laws in their minds,
and I will write them on their hearts.
I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

11 And they will not need to teach their neighbors,
nor will they need to teach their relatives,
saying, ‘You should know the LORD.’
For everyone, from the least to the greatest,
will know me already.

12 And I will forgive their wickedness,
and I will never again remember their sins.”

13 When God speaks of a “new” covenant, it means he has made
the first one obsolete. It is now out of date and will soon
disappear.

*** In this limited religious sense “ all believers are “Israel,”
and are Abraham’s spiritual descendants.**

His ministry concerning Israel.

He encountered Israel's leaders. It is said that no less than sixteen individuals from the Old Testament experienced the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

1. Upon Joseph.

Genesis 41:38 NLT:

38 So Pharaoh asked his officials, "Can we find anyone else like this man so obviously filled with the spirit of God?"

2. Upon Moses.

Numbers 11:17 NLT:

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.

3. Upon Joshua.

Numbers 27:18 NLT:

18 The LORD replied, "Take Joshua son of Nun, who has the Spirit in him, and lay your hands on him.

4. Upon Othniel.

Judges 3:10 NLT:

10 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.

5. Upon Gideon.

Judges 6:34 NLT:

34 Then the Spirit of the LORD clothed Gideon with power. He blew a ram's horn as a call to arms, and the men of the clan of Abiezer came to him.

6. Upon Jephthah.

Judges 11:29 NLT:

Jephthah's Vow

29 At that time the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jephthah, and he went throughout the land of Gilead and Manasseh, including Mizpah in Gilead, and from there he led an army against the Ammonites.



7. Upon Samson (Three Times).

Judg 14:6 NLT:

6 At that moment the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon 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.

Judg 14:19 NLT:

19 Then the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon him. He went down to the town of Ashkelon, killed thirty men, took their belongings, and gave their clothing to the men who had solved his riddle. But Samson was furious about what had happened, and he went back home to live with his father and mother

Judg 15:14-15 NLT:

14 As Samson arrived at Lehi, the Philistines came shouting in triumph. But the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon Samson, and he snapped the ropes on his arms as if they were burnt strands of flax, and they fell from his wrists.

15 Then he found the jawbone of a recently killed donkey. He picked it up and killed 1,000 Philistines with it



8. Upon Saul.

After 1 Samuel 10:10 NLT:

10 When Saul and his servant arrived at Gibeah, they saw a group of prophets coming toward them. Then the Spirit of God came powerfully upon Saul, and he, too, began to prophesy

Saul was anointed king by Samuel.

Just before his victory at Jabesh-Gilead.

1Sa 11:6 NLT:

6 Then the Spirit of God came powerfully upon Saul, and he became very angry



9. Upon David.

1SA 16:13 NLT:

13 So as David stood there among his brothers, Samuel took the flask of olive oil he had brought and anointed David with the oil. And the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David from that day on. Then Samuel returned to Ramah.

10. Upon Elijah.

As testified by Obadiah.

1Ki 18:12 NLT:

12 But as soon as I leave you, the Spirit of the LORD will carry you away to who knows where. When Ahab comes and cannot find you, he will kill me. Yet I have been a true servant of the LORD all my life.

As testified to by some prophets at Jericho.

2Ki 2:16 NLT:

16 “Sir,” they said, “just say the word and fifty of our strongest men will search the wilderness for your master. Perhaps the Spirit of the LORD has left him on some mountain or in some valley.”

11. Upon Elisha.

2Ki 2:15 NLT:

15 When the group of prophets from Jericho saw from a distance what happened, they exclaimed, “Elijah’s spirit rests upon Elisha!” And they went to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

12. Upon Ezekiel.

Ezk 2:2 NLT:

2 The Spirit came into me as he spoke, and he set me on my feet. I listened carefully to his words.

13. Upon Daniel.

1. As testified by Nebuchadnezzar.

Dan 4:9 NLT:

9 “I said to him, ‘Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you and that no mystery is too great for you to solve. Now tell me what my dream means.

2. As testified by a frightened queen.

Dan 5:11 NLT:

11 There is a man in your kingdom who has within him the spirit of the holy gods. During Nebuchadnezzar's reign, this man was found to have insight, understanding, and wisdom like that of the gods. Your predecessor, the king—your predecessor King Nebuchadnezzar—made him chief over all the magicians, enchanters, astrologers, and fortune-tellers of Babylon.

3. As testified by King Darius.

Dan 6:3 NLT:

3 Daniel soon proved himself more capable than all the other administrators and high officers. Because of Daniel's great ability, the king made plans to place him over the entire empire.

14. Upon Micah.

Mic 3:8 NLT:

8 But as for me, I am filled with power—
with the Spirit of the LORD.
I am filled with justice and strength
to boldly declare Israel's sin and rebellion.

15. Upon Azariah the Prophet.

2Ch 15:1 NLT:

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1 Then the Spirit of God came upon Azariah son of Oded,

16. Upon Zechariah, the high priest.

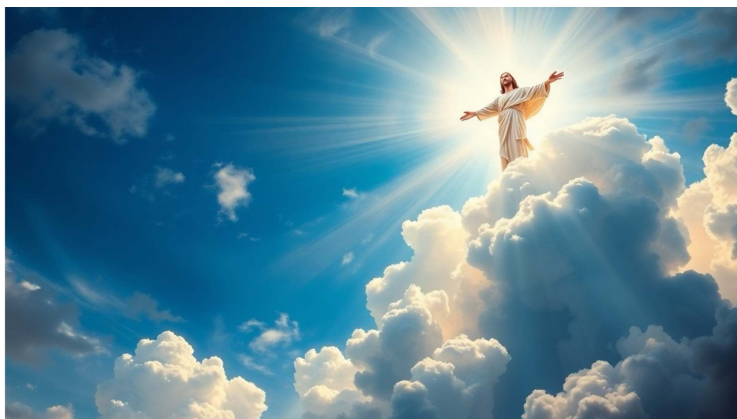
2Ch 24:20 NLT:

20 Then the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah son of Jehoiada the priest. He stood before the people and said, "This is what God says: Why do you disobey the LORD's commands and keep yourselves from prospering? You have abandoned the LORD, and now he has abandoned you!"

17. He came upon Israel's elders.

Num 11:25 NLT:

25 **And the LORD came down in the cloud** and spoke to Moses. Then he gave the seventy elders the same Spirit that was upon Moses. And when the Spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But this never happened again.



Let us examine this “Cloud” in this verse:

Name of the Cloud in the Hebrew:

The Shekinah Glory Cloud.

Shekinah: That which dwells, resides.

Glory:

A physical characteristic that draws attention and makes the object described by the words “significant” or “prominent.”

Cloud:

The Pillar of Cloud served as a symbol of God’s guidance and presence to the children of Israel during their journey to the Promised Land.



Neh 9:19 NLT:

19 “But in your great mercy you did not abandon them to die in the wilderness. **The pillar of cloud** still led them forward by day, and the pillar of fire showed them the way through the night.

18. He came upon Israel's tabernacle.

Ex 40:34 NLT:

The LORD's Glory Fills the Tabernacle

34 Then the cloud covered the Tabernacle, and the glory of the LORD filled the Tabernacle.

19. He came upon Israel's Temple:

1 Ki 8:10 NLT:

10 When the priests came out of the Holy Place, a thick cloud filled the Temple of the LORD.

20. He led Israel through the desert.

Neh 9:20 NLT:

20 You sent your good Spirit to instruct them, and you did not stop giving them manna from heaven or water for their thirst.

Isa 63:10 NLT:

10 But they rebelled against him and grieved his Holy Spirit. So he became their enemy and fought against them.

How do I ask Jesus to come into my life?



How do we get right with God, regardless of my sins?

Lord Jesus, I ask You to please come into my life, and to forgive me of all my sins, and I ask You to become my Lord and Savior, from this day forward.

Friends, if you prayed that prayer, I believe that you are born again, and that you have been made a new creation in Christ Jesus, and that ALL of your sins have been forgiven, and that you have Eternal life with our father in Heaven.

For Jesus Says to all of us: Jn.14:6 NIV:

6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

I encourage You, to get in a good bible teaching church, so that you may grow in Christ Jesus, so that HE may use you to preach and teach, the Good News!

In, Jesus Mighty Name!

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