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 - For that matter, how is *Jesus* physically described in Scripture?



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 - In the Old Testament, the word for "Spirit" ("רוּחַ" or "*ruach*") is grammatically feminine in form, and in the New Testament, the word for "Spirit" ("πνεῦμα" or "*pneuma*") is grammatically neuter in form but Jesus repeatedly breaks with proper grammar to refer to the Spirit as a "He" (*John 16:13-14, etc.*)
 - Why might that be...?



Meeting the Holy Spirit

Who Is He, and Why Don't We Know Him So Well?



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- *The Spirit Before Pentecost*
- *The Explosion at Pentecost*
- *New Life in the Spirit*
- *The Spirit and the Flesh*
- *Where the Rubber Hits the Road*
- *The Gifts of the Spirit*



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- Why is it that when *most* people think of the Holy Spirit, they tend to jump to Pentecost?
 - Was the Spirit's activity *prior* to Pentecost relatively *obscure* in the Old Testament? Why or why not?
 - Read Genesis 1:1-2
 - What do we learn about the Holy Spirit in these verses?
 - Why is it significant that God's Spirit is being shown as active even at the very *beginning* of Creation?
 - How is God's Spirit actively involved in *our* Creation in verses like Genesis 2:7 (echoed later in verses like Job 33:4 and Psalm 104:29-30)?
 - What does His work *there* suggest about the nature of the Holy Spirit, and *our* relationship to Him?



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 - Read Genesis 1:1-2
 - Read Exodus 31:1-5
 - What is the Holy Spirit doing in these verses?
 - Is this what you normally think of as a “gift of the Spirit?” Why or why not?
 - What does any of *that* suggest about God's Spirit?



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 - Read Numbers 24:1-5 (*and he goes on and on...*)
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 - Is there anything particularly significant about this specific work of the Spirit?
(note Numbers 23:7-12, etc.)



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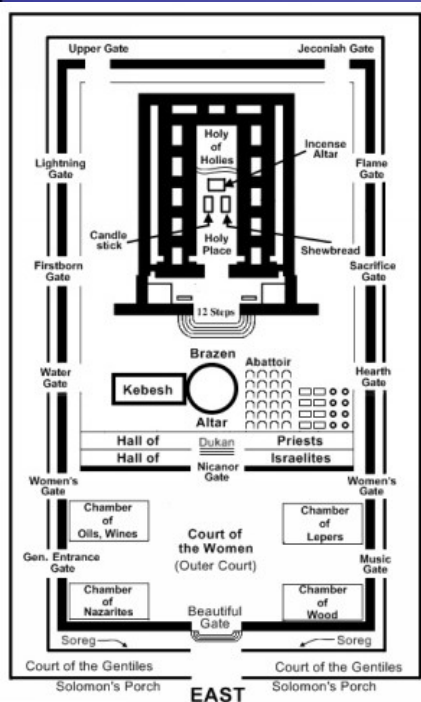
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 - Is this a fundamentally new or different sort of action for Him in Scripture? Why or why not?



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 - Read 1 Chronicles 28:11-12
 - What is the Holy Spirit doing in *these* verses?
 - Again, is *this* what you normally think of as a “gift of the Spirit?”
 - What is the nature of His inspiration? Is this really fundamentally different from what we see in, say, 2 Samuel 23:1-2 or Mark 12:36? Why or why not?
 - So can the Holy Spirit still provide this sort of “mundane,” “work-a-day” inspiration today, or was this just a special Old Testament, “Bezalel” / “David” sort of thing? How so?



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 - Is this more in line with the sorts of things that you'd expect the Holy Spirit to do? Why or why not?



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 - Read Psalm 143:10 and Ezekiel 36:27
 - What specific work of the Holy Spirit is being highlighted here?
 - How does this put what He's *been* doing into a clearer focus?
 - How might the Holy Spirit *continue* to be doing this for us even today?

