

THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Activities of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

● 2 Peter 1:16-21

“For we did not follow cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when there was borne such a voice to him by the Majestic Glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased: and this voice we ourselves heard borne out of heaven, when we were with him in the holy mount.

And we have the word of prophecy made more sure; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day-star arise in your hearts: knowing this first, that **no prophecy of scripture is of private interpretation. For no prophecy ever came by the will of man: but men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit.”**

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● 2 Timothy 3:14-17

“But abide thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a babe thou hast known **the sacred writings** which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness: that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work.”

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- ◎ His work in revealing the words of God
 - Acts 7:51-52
 - He was resisted
 - Hebrews 3:7-11; 4:3-4, 7
 - The words of the Old Testament attributed to the Holy Spirit

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◎ Acts 4:25

- “And they, when they heard it, lifted up their voice to **God** with one accord, and said, O **Lord**, thou that didst make the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that in them is: who **by the Holy Spirit, by the mouth of our father David thy servant, didst say**, Why did the Gentiles rage, And the peoples imagine vain things?” (ASV)

◎ **God said**

◎ **By the Holy Spirit**

◎ **By the mouth of David**

- A declaration of inspiration

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◎ Acts 1:16

- “Brethren, it was needful that the scripture should be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spake before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who was guide to them that took Jesus.” (ASV)

◎ In the scripture

◎ The Holy Spirit spake before

◎ By the mouth of David

- A declaration of inspiration

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◎ His foretelling of redemption

- 1 Peter 1:11
- Hebrews 9:8-14
- Isaiah 11:1-3
- Isaiah 61:1-3

Revelation & Inspiration: An example from Jeremiah

- 1:9 – “My words in your mouth”
- 1:17 – “speak to them”
- 2:1-2 – the words Jeremiah spoke were the words of God: “Thus says the Lord...”
- 36:1-2 – God commanded Jeremiah to write “all the words that I have spoken”
- 36:4 – Jeremiah instructed Baruch to write “all the words of the Lord which He had spoken to him”
 - 36:17-18 – Baruch did just that
- 36:8 – the book with all those words was produced (and read from)
- 36:10-11 – the words of Jeremiah = the words of the Lord

The Scripture originated with God, was transmitted to man by the power of God, was first spoken by Jeremiah, and then put into written form. What he spoke and what he wrote were verbally inspired.