

# The Holy Spirit in the Age of The Gentiles and Age of Israel

12-4-11

1. This morning before we celebrate the Lord's Table I want to give you a categorical study of the role of the Holy Spirit in first the Age of Gentiles and then the Age of Israel.
2. First however you may want to use the provisions of 1Jo 1:9 by silently naming your sins to God as the Holy Spirit may or may not show.
3. Now for our categorical study.

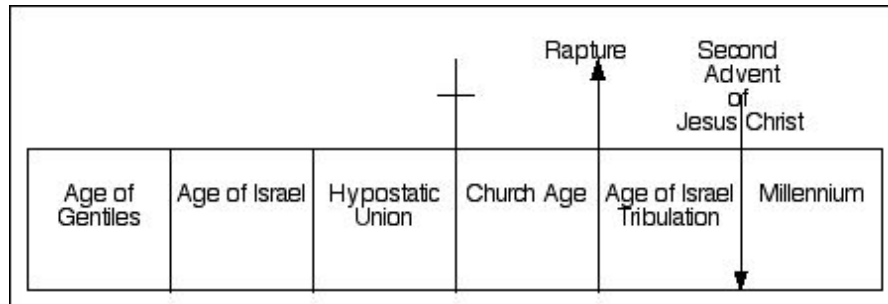
## THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE GENTILE AND JEWISH AGE PROPER

### 1. Introduction

1.1 You cannot understand the functions of the Holy Spirit unless appropriate accommodation is made for the various dispensations.

1.2 During the time period covered by the Old Testament, which would include the Age of the Gentiles-Adam to Abram and the Age of Israel-Abram to the First Advent of Christ there was no universal-perpetual indwelling as we have today in the Church Age.

1.3 There was, instead, an endowment of special powers to perform special functions. A simple dispensation chart might prove helpful at this point.



### 2. The Age of Gentiles

2.1 Certainly the Holy Spirit was an active member of the creation and restoration.

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Gen 1:2 And the earth became worthless; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

2.2 The Spirit strived actively with all men 120 years before the flood.

Gen 6:3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

2.3 Certainly Enoch, the only prophet found in the Age of the Gentiles, was helped in his ministry by the Holy Spirit.

Heb 11:5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

Jude 14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

Jude 15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

2.4 As you can see, we know little of the work of the Holy Spirit in the Age of the Gentiles.

### 3. The Age of Israel

3.1 In the Age of Israel, or the *Jewish Age Proper*, the Holy Spirit empowered only certain believers to perform special functions.

3.2 The Spirit came upon and left certain people. Perhaps this was after their special tasks had been performed. We do know for sure the Spirit left certain people who failed in their unique roles.

3.3 Examples of such unique endowments, at least in part, are:

- Joseph,

Gen 41:38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?

Gen 41:39 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art:

Gen 41:40 Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

Gen 41:41 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.

- Bazaleel, a craftsman in gold, silver and bronze,

Exo 31:2 See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:

Exo 31:3 And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,

Exo 31:4 To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,

- those who made the priestly garments,

Exo 28:3 And thou shalt speak unto all that are wise hearted, whom I have filled with the

spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.

- The seventy elders who assisted Moses (and from this we can assume so also was Moses),

Num 11:25 And the LORD came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease.

- Joshua,

Num 27:18 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him;

- David,

1Sa 16:13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

- and Elijah and Elisha.

2Ki 2:9 And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.

2Ki 2:10 And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.

3.4 Because of the manifest failures of certain Old Testament characters, the Holy Spirit is said to have left them.

- Saul

1SA 16:14 But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.

- David knew the Spirit could be taken from him, therefore he prayed concerning the potential--this after several major failures.

Psa 51:11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Psa 51:12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

3.5 Many Old Testament believers used confession to access certain benefits and powers of the Holy Spirit. David perhaps is our most prominent example.

- David

Psa 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

Psa 66:19 But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

Psa 66:20 Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

3.6 Though there was no universal indwelling of the Holy Spirit as in the Church Age, the Spirit certainly “gave understanding” and “made doctrine known.”

Job 32:8 But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

Pro 1:22 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?

Pro 1:23 Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

4. Now it is time to celebrate the Lord’s Table, a time of remembering and examining: Remembering what our Savior did for us and examining how we are doing with reference to growing in His grace.

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