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# The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

The Breath of God

Bible Text	How is the Holy Spirit revealed
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Genesis 2:4-7	
Adam and Eve	
<sup>4</sup> This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.	
<sup>5</sup> Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth <sup>[a]</sup> and no plant had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, <sup>6</sup> but streams <sup>[b]</sup> came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. <sup>7</sup> Then the LORD God formed a man <sup>[c]</sup> from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.	
Ezekiel 37:1-15	
The Valley of Dry Bones	
<sup>1</sup> The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"	
I said, "Sovereign LORD, you alone know."	
<sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! <sup>5</sup> This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath <sup>[d]</sup> enter you, and you will come to life. <sup>6</sup> I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD."	
<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone.	
<sup>8</sup> I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.	
continued	
<ul> <li>a. Or <i>land</i>; also in verse 6</li> <li>b. Or <i>mist</i></li> <li>c. The Hebrew for <i>man</i> (<i>adam</i>) sounds like and may be related to the Hebrew for</li> </ul>	
ground (adamah); it is also the name Adam (see verse 20).	

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Ezekiel 37:1-15 (continued)	
<sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" <sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.	
<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. <sup>14</sup> I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD."	
Job 33:4	
<sup>4</sup> The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.	
Job 37:1-13	
<ul> <li><sup>1</sup> "At this my heart pounds and leaps from its place.</li> <li><sup>2</sup> Listen! Listen to the roar of his voice,</li> </ul>	
to the rumbling that comes from his mouth.	
<ul> <li><sup>3</sup> He unleashes his lightning beneath the whole heaven and sends it to the ends of the earth.</li> </ul>	
<sup>4</sup> After that comes the sound of his roar; he thunders with his majestic voice.	
When his voice resounds, he holds nothing back.	
<ul> <li>God's voice thunders in marvelous ways;</li> <li>he does great things beyond our understanding <i>continued</i></li> </ul>	
d. The Hebrew for this word can also mean <i>wind</i> or <i>spirit</i> (see verses 6-14)	

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<sup>6</sup> He says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth,'	
and to the rain shower, 'Be a mighty downpour.'	
<sup>7</sup> So that everyone he has made may know his work, he stops all people from their labor. <sup>[e]</sup>	
8 The animals take cover; they remain in their dens.	
<sup>9</sup> The tempest comes out from its chamber, the cold from the driving winds.	
<sup>10</sup> The breath of God produces ice, and the broad waters become frozen.	
<sup>11</sup> He loads the clouds with moisture; he scatters his lightning through them.	
<sup>12</sup> At his direction they swirl around over the face of the whole earth to do whatever he commands them.	
<ul> <li><sup>13</sup> He brings the clouds to punish people, or to water his earth and show his love.</li> </ul>	
or to water his earth and show his love.	
e. Or work, / he fills all people with fear by his power	

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#### Reflections

Describe a time when you identified with the dry, spiritually dead bones crying out to be filled with the breath of God. How did God's breath sustain you?

Praying over these God-breathed verses, please share a time when you have claimed His power as your own.

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