

# The Ruach HaKodesh: Empowering Obedience from the Start

Shalom Family, let's dive into this topic together and see what the Word of Yah reveals.

## How the Holy Spirit Guide Yah's People from the Old Testament to Today

Many believe the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit) was only given in the New Testament. In reality, the Spirit has been active since the beginning of Scripture, helping Yahuah's people obey His commands, lead His people, and fulfill His purposes. His role has always been to empower obedience, not to abolish the Torah.

### 1. The Spirit in the Old Testament

#### a) Empowering Leaders and Craftsmen

- Exodus 31:3 – “And I have filled him with the Spirit of Elohim, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship.”

*Bezalel received the Spirit to construct the Tabernacle and its sacred items.*

- Judges 6:34 – “Then the Spirit of Yahuah came upon Gideon...”

*Empowered Gideon to deliver Israel from the Midianites.*

- 1 Samuel 16:13 – “Then Samuel anointed David, and the Spirit of Yahuah came upon him from that day forward.”

*Enabled David to lead Israel according to Yahuah's will.*

#### b) Inspiring Prophets

- Numbers 11:25 – Elders prophesied when the Spirit rested upon them.
- Ezekiel 2:2 – “Then the Spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard Him speaking to me.”

#### c) Guiding God's People

- Psalm 51:11 – David asked Yahuah not to take His Spirit away, showing dependence on the Spirit for obedience.

- Isaiah 63:10–11 – The Spirit guided Israel and grieved over their rebellion, emphasizing His role in leading them back to righteousness.

Summary: In the Old Testament, the Spirit empowered obedience, guided leaders, inspired prophets, and strengthened Israel to follow Yahuah’s Torah.

## **2. The Spirit in the New Testament**

### **a) Indwelling Believers**

- John 14:16–17 – Yahshua promised a Helper who would remain with believers forever.
- Romans 8:9–11 – The Spirit now lives within all believers, enabling obedience, holiness, and fruitful living.

### **b) Teaching and Guiding**

- John 14:26 – The Spirit teaches and reminds us of Yahshua’s words, helping believers understand Scripture and apply it.

### **c) Producing Fruit and Strengthening Obedience**

- Galatians 5:22–23 – Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control help believers fulfill Yahuah’s commandments naturally.

Summary: The Spirit continues His work from the Old Testament but now indwells every believer, guiding them to walk in Yahuah’s commands.

## **3. The Consistent Role of the Ruach HaKodesh**

Across Scripture, the Spirit’s role remains the same:

1. Empowers obedience – Gives strength to follow Yahuah’s commands.
  2. Guides and teaches – Provides understanding of Torah and Yahshua’s teachings.
  3. Convicts of sin – Shows when we stray and calls us back.
  4. Produces fruit – Develops character that fulfills the greatest commandments.
- Ezekiel 36:26–27 – “I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes.”
  - Matthew 5:17–18 – Yahshua affirms that the Spirit empowers obedience rather than abolishing the Torah.

## 4. Conclusion

The Ruach HaKodesh was active from the start:

- Old Testament: Empowered leaders, guided prophets, and strengthened Israel to obey Torah.
- New Testament: Indwells believers, teaches, convicts, produces fruit, and enables obedience to Torah through Yahshua.

The Spirit is not a replacement for Yahuah's commandments. He is the power that makes obedience possible, helping His people live holy, set-apart lives, from the earliest times to today.

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**Until we meet again, may we continue to walk in the undeniable truth of Yah's Word.**

**Shalom,**

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