

Exodus 31 Filled with the Spirit of God
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Facing the Bible believer is the peculiar statement "And I have FILLED him with the SPIRIT OF GOD . . ." (vs 3). Since this goes against the grain of the Lockman Foundation and the Scofield Board of Editors, Brother Bullinger helps them out by saying that he was not *really* "filled with the spirit of God" – although that is what the Bible text said! – but rather "Put by Fig. (Metonymy) . . . for the GIFTS of the Holy Spirit." Which, of course, *the text does NOT SAY*.

Now the reason for blatantly denying this clear statement of the Holy Bible (by a fundamental, Pre-Millennial Conservative – Bullinger) is the same reason that John R. Rice gave for altering Acts 8:37 and Revelation 22:14: i.e. "I cannot understand it, therefore, there is something *wrong* with it." From time immemorial "Conservatives" have taught that the Holy Spirit only came "ON" certain select individuals in the Old Testament as he came "ON" Samson (Jud 14:6). This coming "on" the individual was supposed to be limited to the individual's "anointing" for a particular job (Saul: 1Sam 11:6). The expression used to teach this is found in the New Scofield Reference Bible, page 975, footnote 1, "Holy Spirit [Old Testament] Summary." The careful student will observe that the work of the Spirit has been limited by the NSRB to "coming UPON men," and not one word is said about the explicit statement of the Holy Spirit Himself that He was IN men (Gen 41:38, Ex 35:31, Num 27:18, Neh 9:30, Isa 63:11, and 1Pet 1:11). In the average "fundamental school" these clear references are distorted in the courses called "*Biblical Theology*" and "*Biblical Introduction*." Both courses are used to teach the student that the "spirit" referred to in the passages above was only the general term used to express the general work of God moving, generally, in a way which can best be described as "related" to a Spirit. That is, rank infidelity is often taught

in "Bible-believing bastions of Orthodoxy" just like it is taught at the University of Chicago, Wake Forrest, Emory, and Rochester "Divinity" School.

The truth of the matter is – and the truth is so inconvenient in this case that the Lockman Foundation and the New Scofield Board of Editors would just as soon forget the whole mess – is:

1. The Holy Spirit came on men and left them TEMPORARILY (*Samson*).
2. The Holy Spirit came in men and left them PERMANENTLY (*Saul*).
3. The Holy Spirit refused to leave when He could have left (*David*).
4. He was IN Moses, and Joseph, and David, and Daniel, and Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, etc. *but was not INDWELLING PERMANENTLY* (John 14:6).

Rather than believe these truths and teach them, the average Fundamentalist (as Bullinger) simply adopts the cliché that "The Spirit came ON men in the Old Testament, but IN men in the New Testament."

"I have called BY NAME" (vs 2) as the Lord called Peter, Samuel and Saul, and Moses, and Lazarus (John 11:43). Observe also that where God commands (vs 6), He equips: "I have put wisdom, that they MAY MAKE ALL that I have commanded thee." [We have commented on verses 7-11 under Exodus 27, 28, 29, and 30.]

Notes. See the *Ruckman Reference Bible* pp 156, 165, 405, 805, 1386, 1412, 1496-1498, 1553.

The Spirit of God was *in* men in the Old Testament, not only *on* or *upon* men but the Spirit of God did not *permanently* indwell them no matter what.

Joseph

“And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?” Genesis 41:38. Joseph does not attempt to advise pharaoh to the contrary.

Bezaleel

“And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship” Exodus 31:1-3 with Exodus 35:30-31. Note the matches with Isaiah 11:2 *“And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.”*

Joshua

“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” Numbers 27:18.

Saul

Although *“the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him”* 1 Samuel 16:14 *“the Spirit of the LORD”* indwelt Saul at first. *“And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man...And it was so, that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day”* 1 Samuel 10:9. *“Another heart”* is *“A new heart”* from *“a new spirit”* Ezekiel 36:26 *within* not simply *upon* the individual. That is the Old Testament picture of the New Testament reality of *“a man...born again...and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit”* John 3:3, 5 *and he can't get unborn again!*

David

“The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue” 2 Samuel 23:2.

The prophets e.g. Daniel

“Yet many years didst thou forbear them, and testifiedst against them by thy spirit in thy prophets: yet would they not give ear: therefore gavest thou them into the hand of the people of the lands” Nehemiah 9:30. *“There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him...”* Daniel 5:11.

“Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow” 1 Peter 1:10-11. *“Of which salvation”* today's believer has *assurance* of the permanent indwelling of the Spirit of God *by adoption*:

Today's believer

“For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God” Romans 8:15-16 *who can't be unadopted* with God *“Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself...according to the good pleasure of his will, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved”* Ephesians 1:5-6.