

**Building a Dwelling Place for God:
The Story of the Spirit
Ephesians 2:11-22**

1. The Spirit is involved in the creation of the world (Genesis 1:2).
2. After the flood, the dove flying over the waters alludes to the Spirit in Genesis 1 (Genesis 8:8-11).
3. The Shekinah glory cloud is imagery of the Spirit leading and guiding Israel, the means by which God is present among his people as the Spirit indwells the tabernacle in the midst of Israel (Exodus 13:21-22, 40:34).
4. God's people in the Old Testament enjoyed the indwelling of the Spirit (Psalm 51:11), though not yet the fullness of being united by the Spirit to the risen, ascended, reigning Messiah.
5. The Spirit anointed individuals for their callings (Judges 6:34).
6. The exile is described as God's Shekinah glory departing from Israel (Ezekiel 10:18).
7. During the exile, the prophets promised the restoration of Israel as involving the return of God's glory presence and a pouring out of the Spirit (Ezekiel 43:4-5, Joel 2:28).
8. Messianic promises involve anointing of the Spirit (Isaiah 61:1, Luke 4:18).
9. The incarnation is accomplished by the Spirit (Luke 1:35).
10. Jesus says that Israel needs to be made new (born again) by the Spirit (John 3:5).
11. Jesus promises and sends the fullness of the Spirit after his ascension (Luke 24:49, Acts 2).
12. At Pentecost, the Shekinah glory of the Spirit is given to all of God's people (Acts 2).
13. The Spirit inspires the Scriptures and provides the miraculous signs that confirmed the testimony of the apostles as the foundation of the church (2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21).
14. The Spirit builds the church, drawing the nations to Israel's Messiah as the center of restoration and new creation.
 - a. The Spirit builds the church as a temple for God (Ephesians 2:22).
 - b. The Spirit unites us to Christ, making us share in all the benefits of Christ.
 - c. The Spirit is grieved by our sin (Ephesians 4:30).
 - d. The Spirit intercedes on behalf of the church (Romans 8:26).
 - e. The Spirit is the guarantee of our future inheritance (Ephesians 1:13-14)
15. The Spirit makes the world new, filling all of creation with God's presence (Revelation 21:3, 22-23).
16. The Spirit involves the church in this great story, empowering our mission and shaping our life together.