

- **Pentateuch** – (1.) creation/man (2.) striving (3.) artistic skill (4.) leadership
- **Historical** - (1.) judge/deliverer (2.) king (3.) prophet (4.) priest
- **Poets** – (1.) creation (2.) holiness
- **Prophets (Pt.1)** – (1.) by sin they had grieved the Spirit (2.) the Messiah was coming filled with the Spirit (3.) by virtue of His work the Spirit would be poured out on all of God's people

## I. THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT IN THE PROPHETS

- **[quickly...this isn't the main point, you need to get to the next]**
- The backdrop for most of the prophets is looking forward to coming judgment of God by a nation's dominion or living in exile, having been taken captive by a nation
- Ezekiel 2:2 - set on feet; 8:3 - lifted between heaven and earth - 11:1 - lifted up to East Gate - 11:5 - fell upon to speak; 11:24 - took up to a vision of Chaldea
- Daniel 4:8 – "the Spirit of the Holy God"; 5:14 – understanding and excellent wisdom
- Micah 2:7 - Spirit not restricted, in connection with God's Word; 3:8 - full of power by the Spirit, justice, might, to declare...
- Zechariah 7:12 - the Word through prophets by the Spirit

Application: What does this have to do with us? What, at bottom, does the Spirit do?

- The Spirit gave the prophet God's perspective on the current situation (through various means), and enabled him to speak God's Word to the situation – isn't this what we need and want, in relation to our own lives, in relation to the lives of one another, in relation to the lives of those outside of Christ?
- By the Spirit, I speak to the present spiritual condition of those of you outside of Christ
- the Gospel speaks to that need you have in both glorious and dreadful promises

## II. THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT IN THE FUTURE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

- One of the ongoing problems with Israel was their continued rebellion, even though God had been so gracious to them; it is evident that the mere knowledge of God's will and law was not sufficient; it only condemned their guilt
- In the prophets, there begin to be promises of a "universal" work of the Spirit among and in all of those who God makes a covenant with
- Ezekiel 36:27 – to put Spirit within them to cause to walk; 37:14 – valley of dry bones; (34:25/37:26 *shepherd, Prince of David, peace and everlasting covenant*) 39:29 – poured out Spirit on Israel
- Joel 2:28-29 – promise to be poured out on all flesh (fulfilled in Acts 2)
- Haggai 2:5 - looking to God's word and covenant, by the Spirit be strong and do not fear (2Tim1:7)
- Zechariah 4:1-7 - olive trees supplying oil...not by human might or power, but by the Spirit
- 12:10 - pour out the Spirit of grace and supplication - mourning the pierced One

Application: the work of the Spirit under the New Covenant will be for all who call on the Name of the Lord (1.) and internal transformation of desire to walk in God's ways (2.) a resurrection from death to life (3.) will strengthen to overcome fear (4.) will be a constant supply of Spirit empowerment (5.) will work grace and supplication (prayerfulness) in response to brokenness over the pierced God, the only Son, the Firstborn

- Are these things true of you?
- If so (in some measure), then worship and thank God through Jesus Christ for His generous and awesome Gift of the Spirit to you
- then plead with the Lord, for you have at your disposal more of God's grace to be known
- If not, then call upon the Name of the Lord, for this Promise is to you; realize your fallen, rebellious, and needy condition, and cry to the Lord for His mercy; cast yourself upon the righteousness of Jesus, trusting in His punishment for your own