

## HOLY SPIRIT: FIRST MENTION

The Holy Spirit was involved in creation as mentioned in the first chapter of the first book of the Bible. The Spirit, along with the Father and the Son, took part in the work of creation. God the Father (Genesis 1:1) created the heavens and the earth. God the Spirit (Genesis 1:2) hovered over the face of the waters. God the Son (Genesis 1:3) as the Word, spoke the world into existence (John 1:1-3, 14). "Elohim" is the Hebrew name for God, and it is a plural noun. God (Elohim) said, "Let US make man in OUR image, according to OUR likeness... So God (Elohim) created man in HIS own image" (Genesis 1:26, 27). From the beginning the Holy Spirit is recognized as part of the Godhead (Divine nature). The Holy Spirit is as much "Elohim" as the Father and the Son. In the Old Testament it was foretold that God would pour out His Spirit on the earth. "I will pour out my Spirit on your descendants" (Isaiah 44:3). The Holy Spirit was poured out by the Son (Acts 2:33) on the Day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is present in believers for this dispensation. The Holy Spirit empowers us, purifies us, teaches us, and unifies us. The blessings from God the Father and God the Son are given to us through God the Holy Spirit. Those blessings begin when we receive the Spirit who gives us life the life of the Father when we receive the gift of His Son.