

CHAPTER II

AN EXAMINATION OF EXEGETICAL DATA RELEVANT TO THE QUESTION USES OF RUACH IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

The Hebrew word ruach (רוּחַ) is used 372 times in the Old Testament. Of this number 82 of them seem to refer to the Holy Spirit. With respect to the remaining 290 instances of the word, various meanings are discovered. A large number of times it denotes "human personality." Many times it is used to designate "wind" or "moving air." A number of times it means "breath." Sometimes it means "non-human personality." In a fair number of cases the word is used to represent some "strong emotion" or "attitude," such as anger, indignation, courage, etc. And in a few cases it appears to mean "life."

These 82 references to the Holy Spirit occur in 20 of the 39 canonical books of the Old Testament. The 19 books which do not seem to make any direct reference to the Holy Spirit include the following:

Leviticus	Lamentations
Joshua	Daniel
Ruth	Hosea
Ezra	Amos
Esther	Obdiah
Job	Jonah
Proverbs	Nahum
Ecclesiastes	Habakkuk
Song of Solomon	Zephaniah
Jeremiah	