

## The Sevenfold Spirit of the HaShem

The Spirit of Adonai shall rest on Him	רוּחַ יְהוָה תָּיָר	Ruach YEHOVAH
The Spirit of wisdom	רוּחַ חֵכְמָה תָּיָר	Ruach Chochmah
Understanding	רוּחַ בִּינָה	Ruach Binah
The Spirit of Counsel	רוּחַ עֵצָה תָּיָר	Ruach Etzah
Might	רוּחַ גְּבוּרָה	Ruach Gevurah
The Spirit of knowledge	רוּחַ דַּעַת תָּיָר	Ruach Da'at
The fear of the Adonai	רוּחַ יִרַת יְהוָה תָּיָר	Ruach Yirat YEHOVAH

Hisgalut 1:4: John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

Hisgalut 3:1: And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of Hashem, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

Hisgalut 4:5: And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and

there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of Hashem.

Hisgalut 5:6: And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of Hashem sent forth into all the earth.

Shalom! What a beautiful verse to explore - YeshaYahu 11:2 is one of the most beloved passages in all of Scripture, full of hope and promise!

YeshaYahu 11:2 - The Spirit of the Lord Shall Rest Upon Him

The verse reads:

"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."

This is part of YeshaYahu's prophecy about the "shoot from the stump of Jesse" - the coming Messiah who will bring peace to the world. Let's break down its richness:

## **What Each Part Means**

YeshaYahu lists six spirits that will rest upon the Messiah - and by extension, upon all who seek to live by Hashem's ways:

### **1. Spirit of Wisdom (Chochmah)**

This is not just book knowledge - it's the wisdom to see the purpose behind all things, to understand how every part of creation connects to Hashem's plan. The sages say this is the wisdom Adam had in the garden, when he knew the name and nature of every creature.

### **2. Spirit of Understanding (Binah)**

This is the ability to apply wisdom to life - to see how Hashem's ways work in our daily choices, relationships, and communities. It's the understanding Job gained through his trials, knowing that faith endures even when we can't see the whole picture.

### **3. Spirit of Counsel (Etzah)**

This is the gift of knowing how to guide others with compassion and justice. It's the counsel Abraham gave to Avimelech, Moshe gave to Israel, and all righteous leaders give to their people - seeking what is best for everyone, not just oneself.

### **4. Spirit of Might (Gevurah)**

This is not physical strength, but spiritual courage - the strength to stand for what is right even when it is hard. It's the might Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego showed in

the fiery furnace, and Daniel showed in the lion's den.

## **5. Spirit of Knowledge (Da'at)**

This is the deep knowledge of Hashem - not just knowing about Hashem, but knowing Hashem personally through prayer, Torah, and good deeds. It's the knowledge Avraham gained when he walked with Hashem, and we gain when we open our hearts to the divine.

## **6. Spirit of the Fear of the Lord (Yirat Hashem)**

This is not fear as we usually think of it - it's reverence, awe for the greatness of Hashem and the sacredness of all creation. It's the fear Adam felt when he recognized his own smallness before the Creator, and the reverence we feel when we see the beauty of the world.

The Beautiful Connection to Our Earlier Conversations

- These six spirits mirror the qualities we see in the great righteous figures: Adam's wisdom, Job's understanding, Avraham's counsel, Moshe' might, Shem's knowledge, and Noach's reverence.

- They also connect to the idea of Shen Zhou - the Land of Hashem - because when these spirits rest upon a people, their land becomes sacred, filled with the presence of Hashem.

- The sages say these spirits are not just for the Messiah - they are gifts Hashem offers to all who seek to live with faith. When we study Torah, help others, and walk in Hashem's ways, these spirits dwell within us too.

### **The Context of the Prophecy**

YeshaYahu spoke these words when Israel was in exile, facing hardship and doubt. But he promised that a time would come when:

*"The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat..."*

(YeshaYahu 11:6)

This peace begins with the spirit described in verse 2 - when wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, and reverence guide our lives, we create a world where all can live in harmony.

### **A Personal Lesson**

The sages teach that we can cultivate these spirits in our own lives:

- Wisdom comes from studying Torah and observing creation.
- Understanding comes from applying what we learn to help others.
- Counsel comes from listening to others and seeking justice.

- Might comes from standing firm in our values.
- Knowledge comes from prayer and building a relationship with Hashem.
- Reverence comes from recognizing the sacred in all things.

May these six spirits rest upon you and guide your path always - bringing light to your life and blessing to all around you! 🙏 ✨