

In the *Encyclopedia Judaica* the "Shekinah" is defined as "the Divine Presence, the numinous immanence of God in the world,...a revelation of the holy in the midst of the profane...." (Volume 14, pp. 1349-1351).

The *Encyclopedia* goes on to say --

One of the more prominent images associated with the *Shekhinah* is that of light. Thus on the verse, "...the earth did shine with His glory" (Ezekiel 43:2), the rabbis remark, "This is the face of the *Shekhinah*" (Avot diRabbi Natan [18b-19a]; see also Chullin 59b-60a). Both the angels in heaven and the righteous in *olam ha-ba* ("the world to come") are SUSTAINED BY THE RADIANCE OF THE SHEKINAH (Exodus Rabbah 32:4, B'rakhot 17a; cf. Exodus 34:29-35)....

According to Saadiah Gaon [882-942 C.E.], the *Shekhinah* is identical with *kevod ha-Shem* (the glory of God"), which served as an INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN GOD AND MAN during the prophetic experience. He suggests that the "glory of God" is the Biblical term, and *Shekhinah* the Talmudic term for the created splendor of light which ACTS AS AN INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN GOD AND MAN, and which sometimes TAKES ON HUMAN FORM. Thus when Moses asked to see the glory of God, HE WAS SHOWN THE SHEKHINAH, and when the prophets in their visions saw God in HUMAN LIKENESS, what they actually saw **WAS NOT GOD HIMSELF BUT THE SHEKHINAH** (see Saadiah's interpretation of Ezekiel 1:26, I Kings 22:19, and Daniel 7:9 in *Book of Beliefs and Opinions* 2:10).

Throughout the Bible YEHOVAH God speaks of His desire for an intimate relationship with His people. The "Shekinah," therefore, refers to the presence of YEHOVAH that was -- but is not now -- physically manifested in the time-space continuum. It could be seen. The presence was A VEHICLE OF THE PERSON OF YEHOVAH GOD IN THE THREE DIMENSIONAL WORLD. Solomon's understanding that YEHOVAH cannot actually be limited to Temples on earth because of His eternal nature can be seen in I Kings 8:27 --

But will God really dwell [yashav"] on earth? Even the heavens to their utmost reaches cannot contain You, how much less this House [Temple] that I have built!

The term "Shekinah," which is Hebrew, whereas "Memra" and "Ye□ara" are Aramaic, took the place of the latter two in Talmud and Midrash, and thus absorbed the meaning which they have in the Targum, where they almost exclusively occur. Nevertheless the word "Shekinah" occurs most frequently in the Aramaic versions, since they were intended for the people and were actually read to them, and since precautions had therefore to be taken against possible misunderstandings in regard to the conception of God. The word "dwell" in the Hebrew text is accordingly rendered in the Targumim by the phrase "let the Shekinah rest" (e.g., Ex. xxv. 8; xxix. 45, 46; Num. v. 3, xxxv. 34; Deut. xxxii. 10 [R. V. "he compassed him about"]; Ps. lxxiv. 2).

Matthew 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the [Holy Spirit](#).

Matthew 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the [Holy Spirit](#), and *with* fire:

Matthew 12:31 Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy *against* the [Holy Spirit](#) shall not be forgiven unto men.

Matthew 12:32 And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the [Holy Spirit](#), it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the *world* to come.

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the [Holy Spirit](#):

Mark 1:8 I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the [Holy Spirit](#).

Mark 3:29 But he that shall blaspheme against the [Holy Spirit](#) hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation:

Mark 12:36 For David himself said by the [Holy Spirit](#), The LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool.

Mark 13:11 But when they shall lead *you*, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the [Holy Spirit](#).

Luke 1:15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the [Holy Spirit](#), even from his mother's womb.

Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The [Holy Spirit](#) shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that [holy](#) thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Luke 1:41 And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the [Holy Spirit](#):

Luke 1:67 And his father Zacharias was filled with the [Holy Spirit](#), and prophesied, saying,

Luke 2:25 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name *was* Simeon; and the same man *was* just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the [Holy Spirit](#) was upon him.

Luke 2:26 And it was revealed unto him by the [Holy Spirit](#), that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

Luke 3:16 John answered, saying unto *them* all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the [Holy Spirit](#) and with fire:

Luke 3:22 And the [Holy Spirit](#) descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

Luke 4:1 And Jesus being full of the [Holy Spirit](#) returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

Luke 12:10 And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that blasphemeth against the [Holy Spirit](#) it shall not be forgiven.

Luke 12:12 For the [Holy Spirit](#) shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.

John 1:33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the [Holy Spirit](#).

John 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the [Holy Spirit](#) was not yet *given*; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

John 14:26 But the Comforter, *which is* the [Holy Spirit](#), whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

John 20:22 And when he had said this, he breathed on *them*, and saith unto them, Receive ye the [Holy Spirit](#):

Acts 1:2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the [Holy Spirit](#) had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

Acts 1:5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the [Holy Spirit](#) not many days hence.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the [Holy Spirit](#) is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 1:16 Men *and* brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the [Holy Spirit](#) by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.

Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the [Holy Spirit](#), and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the [Holy Spirit](#), he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the [Holy Spirit](#).

Acts 4:8 Then Peter, filled with the [Holy Spirit](#), said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

Acts 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the [Holy Spirit](#), and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Acts 5:3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the [Holy Spirit](#), and to keep back *part* of the price of the land?

Acts 5:32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and *so is* also the [Holy Spirit](#), whom God hath given to them that obey him.

Acts 6:3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the [Holy Spirit](#) and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

Acts 6:5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the [Holy Spirit](#), and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:

Acts 7:51 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Spirit: as your fathers *did*, so *do* ye.

Acts 7:55 But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

Acts 8:15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit:

Acts 8:17 Then laid they *their* hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:18 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money,

Acts 8:19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Spirit.

Acts 9:17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, *even* Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 9:31 Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, were multiplied.

Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Acts 10:44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all them which heard the word.

Acts 10:45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 10:47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Spirit as well as we?

Acts 11:15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

Acts 11:16 Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 11:24 For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.

Acts 13:2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

Acts 13:4 So they, being sent forth by the Holy Spirit, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

Acts 13:9 Then Saul, (who also *is called* Paul,) filled with the Holy Spirit, set his eyes on him,

Acts 13:52 And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 15:8 And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Spirit, even as *he did* unto us;

Acts 15:28 For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

Acts 16:6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the [Holy Spirit](#) to preach the word in Asia,

Acts 19:2 He said unto them, Have ye received the [Holy Spirit](#) since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any [Holy Spirit](#).

Acts 19:6 And when Paul had laid *his* hands upon them, the [Holy Spirit](#) came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

Acts 20:23 Save that the [Holy Spirit](#) witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the [Holy Spirit](#) hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Acts 21:11 And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the [Holy Spirit](#), So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver *him* into the hands of the Gentiles.

Acts 28:25 And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the [Holy Spirit](#) by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers,

Romans 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the [Holy Spirit](#) which is given unto us.

Romans 9:1 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the [Holy Spirit](#),

Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the [Holy Spirit](#).

Romans 15:13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the [Holy Spirit](#).

Romans 15:16 That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the [Holy Spirit](#).

1 Corinthians 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the [Holy Spirit](#) teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

1 Corinthians 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the [Holy Spirit](#) *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

1 Corinthians 12:3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and *that* no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the [Holy Spirit](#).

2 Corinthians 6:6 By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the [Holy Spirit](#), by love unfeigned,

2 Corinthians 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the [Holy Spirit](#), *be* with you all. Amen. <<*The second epistle to the Corinthians was written from Philippi, a city of Macedonia, by Titus and Lucas.*>>

1 Thessalonians 1:5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the [Holy Spirit](#), and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

1 Thessalonians 1:6 And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the [Holy Spirit](#):

2 Timothy 1:14 That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Spirit which dwelleth in us.

Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit;

Hebrews 2:4 God also bearing *them* witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to his own will?

Hebrews 3:7 Wherefore (as the Holy Spirit saith, To day if ye will hear his voice,

Hebrews 6:4 For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Spirit,

Hebrews 9:8 The Holy Spirit this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:

Hebrews 10:15 *Whereof* the Holy Spirit also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before,

1 Peter 1:12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Spirit sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

2 Peter 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.

1 John 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit: and these three are one.

Jude 1:20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,