

Cross Reference Seven Spirits of God and Orisha (Isaiah 11:2)

	Spirit Description	Hebrew Transliteration	True Hebrew Meaning & Nuance	
1	Spirit of the LORD	Ruach Adonai	The core presence and authority of God that "rests" (nuach) upon the individual.	Orula
2	Spirit of Wisdom	Ruach Chokmah	Supernatural skill and the capacity to make correct judgments with deep insight.	Oshun
3	Spirit of Understanding	Ruach Binah	The ability to discern or "separate" truth from error; mental clarity and prudence.	Ogun
4	Spirit of Counsel	Ruach Etzah	Divine strategy or "purpose"; the ability to devise and share perfect plans.	Ellegua
5	Spirit of Might	Ruach Gevurah	Heroic strength or mastery; the power to execute the plans devised by counsel.	Shango
6	Spirit of Knowledge	Ruach Da'at	A deep, intimate experiential awareness of God's will and character.	Yemaya
7	Spirit of the Fear of the LORD	Ruach Yir'at Adonai	A holy awe and reverence that serves as the "beginning" or foundation of all wisdom.	Obatala

Oya in Judaic Context

Feature Judaic Perspective

Nature An attribute or manifestation of God (not a separate person).

Gender Treated as **feminine**, reflecting the feminine grammar of *ruach* and the connection to the *Shekhinah* (Divine Presence).

Function Associate *Ruach Ha-Kodesh* **divine inspiration** and the ability to speak for God (*Chochmah*).

Scriptural Basis:

- **Genesis 1:2:** "...and the Spirit of God was hovering (*merakhefet*) over the face of the waters". The Hebrew verb *merakhefet* is in the **feminine form**, agreeing with the feminine noun *Ruach*.
- **Proverbs 1:20-21:** Wisdom (*Chochmah*) is personified as a woman who cries aloud in the street. In Rabbinic literature, *Chochmah* and *Ruach Ha-Kodesh* are often identified together as feminine personifications of God's voice
- **Joel 3:1 (Joel 2:28):** "I will pour out My spirit on all flesh; your sons and daughters shall **prophesy**".
- **Exodus 31:3:** God fills Bezalel with the "Spirit of God, in **wisdom**, in understanding, and in knowledge" to build the Tabernacle.
- **Isaiah 11:2:** Describes the Spirit of the Lord resting on the Messiah as a "Spirit of wisdom and understanding... counsel and might".

Summary of References

Non-Personhood **Psalm 139:7** (Spirit as a parallel to God's Presence).

Feminine Gender **Genesis 1:2** (Grammatical agreement with feminine verb *merakhefet*).

Focus on Prophecy **Numbers 11:17** (The Spirit shared for leadership/instruction).