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When Jacob stopped at a certain place while traveling from Beersheba to Haran, he dreamed there were angels of God ascending and **descending** upon the ladder.

- **Genesis 28:10-12:** "And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran. And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it."

God told Moses that whoever touched the mountain after He **descended** upon it was to be put to death.

- **Exodus 19:11-12:** "And be ready against the third day: for the third day the Lord will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai. And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death:"

The reason mount Sinai was covered in smoke, and quaked greatly, was because God **descended** upon it in fire.

- **Exodus 19:18:** "And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace,

and the whole mount quaked greatly."

When God was angry with Israel for their idolatry and Moses went back into the tent that he pitched outside the camp, the cloudy pillar **descended** and stood at the door of the tent.

- **Exodus 33:5, 9:** "For the Lord had said unto Moses, Say unto the children of Israel, Ye are a stiffnecked people: I will come up into the midst of thee in a moment, and consume thee: therefore now put off thy ornaments from thee, that I may know what to do unto thee. ... And it came to pass, as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the Lord talked with Moses."

When the cloudy pillar **descended** and stood at the door of the tent that Moses pitched outside the camp, all of the Israelites worshiped. (This is because the cloudy pillar was a physical manifestation of God's presence.)

- **Exodus 33:9-10:** "And it came to pass, as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the Lord talked with Moses. And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand at the tabernacle door: and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man in his tent door."

When Moses went up mount Sinai early in the morning and the Lord **descended** upon the mountain in a cloud, He proclaimed His name in front of Moses.

- **Exodus 34:5-7:** "And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of

the LORD. And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation."

God said that the eastern border of Israel was to **descend** from Riblah to the east side of the sea of Chinnereth.

- **Numbers 34:11:** "And the coast shall go down from Shepham to Riblah, on the east side of Ain; and the border shall descend, and shall reach unto the side of the sea of Chinnereth eastward:"

There was a brook that **descended** from mount Horeb. (After Moses destroyed the golden calf that the Israelites worshiped, he cast its dust into that brook.)

- **Deuteronomy 9:21:** "And I took your sin, the calf which ye had made, and burnt it with fire, and stamped it, and ground it very small, even until it was as small as dust: and I cast the dust thereof into the brook that descended out of the mount."

All of mankind **descended** from Adam.

- **Deuteronomy 32:8:** "When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel."

After the pursuers from Jericho stopped looking for them, the two Israelite spies **descended** from the mountain and returned to Joshua.

- **Joshua 2:22-23:** "And they went, and came unto the mountain, and abode there three days, until the pursuers were returned: and the pursuers sought them throughout all the way, but found them not. So the two men returned, and descended from the mountain, and passed over, and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and told him all things that befell them:"

The tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh **descended** from Joseph.

- **Joshua 16:4:** "So the children of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance."

The psalmist said that when the mountains and hills saw the Israelites, they skipped. (This may refer to the way the mountain trembled when God **descended** upon Horeb to give the Israelites His law.)

- **Psalms 114:1-4:** "When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language; Judah was his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion. The sea saw it, and fled: Jordan was driven back. The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like lambs."

The psalmist described dew as something that **descends**.

- **Psalms 133:3:** "As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the

LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore."

Agur wanted to know who **descended** from heaven. (This is a reference to the Messiah).

- **Proverbs 30:4:** "Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?"

God said that because the Jews had no knowledge of Him, their pomp and glory was **descending** into Hell.

- **Isaiah 5:13-14:** "Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst. Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it."

When the devil is defeated and **descends** into Hell, the chief ones and the kings of the nations (who are in Hell) will take notice.

- **Isaiah 14:9-12:** "Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us? Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is

spread under thee, and the worms cover thee. How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!"

All those who make idols will **descend** into confusion.

- **Isaiah 45:16:** "They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them: they shall go to confusion together that are makers of idols."

God spoke of people who were **descending** into the pit. (This seems to be a reference to Hell.)

- **Ezekiel 31:16:** "I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to hell with them that descend into the pit: and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, shall be comforted in the nether parts of the earth."

When the Spirit of God **descended** upon Jesus, He did so in the form of a dove.

- **Matthew 3:16:** "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:"
- **Mark 1:9-10:** "And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:"

- **Luke 3:21-22:** "Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, And the Holy Ghost 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."
- **John 1:32:** "And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him."

The angel of the Lord **descended** from heaven to roll away the stone from the tomb where Jesus was buried.

- **Matthew 28:2:** "And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it."

The chief priests were told by the soldiers that there had been an earthquake at the tomb of Jesus, and an angel had **descended** from heaven and rolled away the stone.

- **Matthew 28:11:** "Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done."

At the baptism of Jesus was an appearance of the trinity: there was God the Son (who was baptized), God the Father (who spoke from Heaven), and God the Holy Spirit (who **descended** upon Jesus).

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It seems that the great miracles and wise teachings of Jesus began *after* the Holy Spirit **descended** upon Him.

- **Mark 6:2:** "And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands?"

Once Jesus was on the colt (on Psalm Sunday), He **descended** from the mount of Olives.

- **Luke 19:37-38:** "And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen; Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest."

Since people saw the Holy Spirit come down from heaven and **descend** upon Jesus, everyone should have known that He was doing His miracles by the power of the Holy Spirit. It was very clear where His power came from.

- **John 1:32:** "And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit

descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him."

God told John the Baptist that when he saw the Holy Spirit **descend** upon someone and remain on him, that would be the Messiah.

- **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 Ghost."

One day heaven will open and angels will ascend and **descend** upon Jesus. When this happens, Nathanael will see it.

- **John 1:49-51:** "Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel. Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these. And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

In Peter's vision he saw a vessel **descend** from heaven, which was filled with all sorts of animals.

- **Acts 10:10-12:** "And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance, And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending upon him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth: Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and

wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air."

- **Acts 11:5:** "I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me:"

The tribe of Benjamin **descended** from Abraham.

- **Romans 11:1:** "I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin."

Paul talked about looking into a glass and beholding the glory of the Lord. Since a mirror reflects the person who's looking into it, this seems to mean that in some sense we're shining with the glory of God (just as Moses did when he **descended** from mount Sinai).

- **2 Corinthians 3:18:** "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the LORD."

Before Jesus ascended up to Heaven, He first **descended** into the lower parts of the earth.

- **Ephesians 4:9-10:** "(Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)"

When the Lord Jesus **descends** from Heaven, the trumpet of

God will sound and the dead in Christ will rise. (This will take place at the rapture.)

- **1 Thessalonians 4:16:** "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:"

The new Jerusalem isn't built upon the earth. Instead it **descends** out of Heaven from God.

- **Revelation 21:10:** "And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,"

The new Jerusalem is described as **descending** out of Heaven from God, but it's never said to land anywhere. (It may orbit the world as a satellite, providing light to the nations.)

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