# Another Example of Biblical Theology: Ascending the Mountain of God

I. Creation: The Mountain of Eden

A. Ezekiel 28:14 describes Eden as "the holy _____ of God."

i. Mankind was created to dwell upon God's holy mountain.

ii. The _____ was the mountain of God, that's where God dwelt.

B. Humanity was placed on this mountain from the beginning, dwelling with God.

i. But mankind was not meant to stay in the garden forever.

1. First, God gave Adam & Eve a _____ to fill the earth and subdue it.

2. Second, God gave Adam & Eve a pattern to imitate, as his _____.

3. Third, God gave Adam a test, in the tree of knowing good & evil.

4. Fourth, God gave Adam the _____, to signify the reward of life.

ii. All of these details together show us that Adam & Eve had an eschatology.

iii. Meredith Kline: "Heaven is not a human achievement; it is not the end-product of human culture" (*KP*, 98).

II. Fall: Cast off the Mountain of God

A. Of course, Adam did not pass the test—he and Eve ate the forbidden fruit.

i. First, this means that the goal of spreading God's mountain, was _____.

ii. Second, Adam & Eve were cast out of the _____ of Eden.

B. And that has led to many sinful attempts to _____ God's holy mountain.

i. The Tower of Babel is the most obvious example (Gen 11:4).

ii. Kline: "Already at Babel man was attempting a re-creation of the Mountain-link of heaven and earth, an anti-God scheme, satanically conceived."

III. Redemption: God Descends to Man, Brings Man Back up to His Holy Mountain

A. In God's redemption, he descends to mankind, and brings us back up to his mountain.

i. Even as God _____ Adam & Eve, there's a note of hope (Gen 3:22–23).

ii. Noah ascended from earth to heaven—_____ was like God's kingdom.

iii. God commanded Abraham to ascend a mountain, _____.

B. Abraham's offspring met God at _____, another holy mountain of God.

i. When Moses ascended _____, he spoke with the Lord face to face.

ii. But Israel had already broken the law before Moses came down.

C. When Solomon built the temple in Jerusalem, he built it on _____.

i. Finaly, a holy mountain of God, where people could enter into his presence.

ii. But Israel again broke God's commands, by worshiping false gods.

D. But when Jesus was born, it was as if he were cast off of God's holy mountain.

i. He descended from the glory of _____, and endured the miseries of this life.

ii. And at the end of his life, Jesus went up another hill—_____.

iii. But after Jesus descended into the grave, he rose again, & ascended into heaven.

iv. Redemption wouldn't be complete until humans reenter God's holy sanctuary on the holy mountain—Jesus's ascension is just as important to our redemption.

IV. Consummation: Christ spreads the mountain of God through the earth, brings heaven down

A. Christ will return & bring his people up the Mountain of God he already ascended.

i. Dan 2:34–35: Christ, the stone, was cut out in his 1st coming, & in his 2nd coming he will destroy all nations, and the mountain of God will _____.

ii. Rev 21:10 even says: "he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God."