

When examining how many times the Son of God visibly descended to Earth between Adam and His birth in Bethlehem, both the **King James Bible (KJV)** and the **Ethiopian Biblical Canon** present these visitations through visible appearances (known as *Christophanies* or appearances of the *Angel of the LORD*).

Because Scripture records these events as distinct narrative episodes rather than a single running tally, the Bible does not give a single, fixed number. However, by comparing both traditions, we can map out **every explicit, individual visit** where the Son of God took a physical, localized form on Earth.

1. According to the King James Version (KJV)

In Protestant/KJV theology, appearances of the pre-incarnate Son of God are identified when a figure appears, acts with divine authority, receives worship (which created angels refuse), and speaks in the first person as Almighty God.

Between Adam's exile from Eden and the birth of Christ, the KJV records **15 major explicit visits**:

#	Story / Event	Scripture Reference (KJV)	Manifestation
1	Hagar in the Wilderness	Genesis 16:7–13	Appeared at the fountain, spoke as God, Hagar called Him " <i>The God Who Sees</i> ".
2	Abraham at Mamre	Genesis 18:1–33	Appeared as a man, ate a meal, and Abraham interceded with Him for Sodom.
3	Sacrifice of Isaac	Genesis 22:11–18	Stopped Abraham's knife, swore an oath by Himself.
4	Jacob at Peniel	Genesis 32:24–30	Appeared as a man and wrestled Jacob face-to-face.
5	The Burning Bush	Exodus 3:2–6	Appeared in the fire; spoke to Moses as " <i>I AM THAT I AM</i> ".
6	Pillar of Cloud & Fire	Exodus 13:21, 14:19	Guided Israel through the wilderness as the Angel/Presence of God.
7	Moses & 70 Elders	Exodus 24:9–11	Stood on a pavement of sapphire stone and ate/drank with them.
8	Balaam and the Donkey	Numbers 22:22–35	Stood in the road with a drawn sword.
9	Joshua at Jericho	Joshua 5:13–15	Appeared as " <i>Captain of the host of the LORD</i> " with a sword;

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			accepted worship.
10	Rebuke at Bochim	Judges 2:1–5	Came up from Gilgal and told Israel, " <i>I made you to go up out of Egypt</i> ".
11	Gideon's Call	Judges 6:11–23	Sat under the oak, consumed Gideon's sacrifice with fire.
12	Parents of Samson	Judges 13:3–22	Appeared to Manoah and his wife, declared His name as " <i>Secret/Wonderful</i> ".
13	Elijah at the Broom Tree	1 Kings 19:5–8	Touched Elijah and provided miraculous bread and water.
14	The Fiery Furnace	Daniel 3:24–25	Walked in the fire with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (" <i>like the Son of God</i> ").
15	Zechariah's Visions	Zechariah 1:11–12, 3:1–5	Stood among the myrtle trees and forgave Joshua the High Priest's sins.

(Note: The phrase "Angel of the LORD" appears 59 times in the Old Testament, but many of these references describe repeat encounters within the same narrative event listed above).

2. According to the Ethiopian Biblical Canon

The Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church uses a broader biblical canon (consisting of 81 books), which includes books like **1 Enoch**, **Jubilees**, **Meqabyan**, and **4 Baruch**.

In Ethiopian tradition, the Son of God is known pre-incarnately as the **Word (Kal)** or the **Son of Man** (as highlighted heavily in *1 Enoch*). The Ethiopian texts record the same appearances found in Genesis and Kings, but add **3 additional prominent personal visitations**:

A. The Secret Visit to Enoch (*1 Enoch 46–48, 71*)

In *1 Enoch*, Enoch is taken into the heavenly realm and directly encounters the pre-existent "Son of Man" sitting on His throne of glory. Furthermore, Ethiopic tradition preserves stories where the Son of God personally visits Enoch on Earth to reveal the secrets of creation, the calendar, and the judgment of the Fallen Watchers (angels) before the Great Flood.

B. The Secret Covenant with Melchizedek (*Conflict of Adam and Eve with Satan / Ethiopic Cave of Treasures*)

In traditional Ethiopian scriptural texts (such as *The Conflict of Adam and Eve with Satan*),

Melchizedek's lineage and role are treated with deep mystical reverence. The text describes divine manifestations visiting Melchizedek at the "Center of the Earth" (Golgotha/Jerusalem) where he was set apart to guard the body of Adam and serve as the Priest of the High God until Abraham met him.

C. The Garden Comforting Visits (*Conflict of Adam and Eve*)

In the Ethiopic texts detailing Adam's life after Eden, God doesn't completely abandon Adam to distance. The *Word of God* personally visits Adam and Eve **5 distinct times** after their exile—specifically when they are in deep grief or dying—to give them promises of the future Incarnation (promising to save them after 5,500 years).

Summary Count

If you tally these explicit visits together:

- **KJV Old Testament Canon: 15 distinct narrative episodes** where the Son of God physically manifests, speaks, or eats/wrestles with humans.
- **Ethiopian Extended Canon: Approx. 22-25 distinct visitations**, as it adds early patriarchal visits to Adam, Enoch, and Melchizedek prior to the Abrahamic covenant.