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**What did it mean that the
“heaven was opened”?**

1. It once meant the coming of God's wrath

- “In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.” *Genesis 7:11*

2. From the open heaven, blessings were promised

- “Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,’ Says the LORD of hosts, ‘If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.’” *Malachi 3:21*

3. Through it, God was seen by a prophet

- “Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the River Chebar, that the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God.” *Ezekiel 1:1*

4. Through the open heaven, we learned about the Trinity

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5. Through the open heavens, the angels ascend and descend upon the Son of Man

- “And He said to him, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.’” *John 1:51*

6. Through the open heavens, we see the glory of God in our tribulations

- "...and said, 'Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!'" *Acts 7:56*