Open Heavens

1) Jesus' experiences with an Open Heaven

Mt 3:16 [Jesus' baptism]

16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Luke 3:21b [Jesus' baptism]

.. And as he was praying, heaven was opened

Acts 1:9,11 [Jesus' ascension]

9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

11 "Men of Galilee," they [angels] said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

2) The disciples' experiences with open heavens

Jn 1:50-51 [talking to Nathanael]

50 Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." 51 He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Acts 7:55-56 [just before Stephen was stoned to death – the first martyr]

55 But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56 "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

Acts 10:9-11 [God's call for Paul to go to the Gentiles]

9 About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. 10 He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. 11 He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners.

2 Corinthians 12:2 [Paul tells experience of being caught up into heaven]

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows.

Rev 4:1-2 [Apostle John's heavenly experiences]

After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."

Rev 19:11 [Apostle John's heavenly experiences]

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war.

3) Old Testament experiences

Gen 28:12 [Jacob's dream]

12 He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

Eze 1:1 [Ezekiel's visions]

In my thirtieth year, in the fourth month on the fifth day, while I was among the exiles by the Kebar River, the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God.

4) Personal experience with Portal in hotel in Brazil

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