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Revelation 4:1

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Revelation 3:20

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1 Corinthians 16:8-9

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2 Corinthians 2:12-13

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Colossians 4:3-4

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- Revelation 3:8
- An open door speaks of opportunity
- Demonstrates God's care: blessing of manna, freed from prison
- Demonstrates God's purpose: work for us to do
- Reminds us that we are vital in God's work.

Revelation 3:8

I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

- Revelation 3:7-8 (ESV) 7 “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: ‘The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, **who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.**’
- 8 “I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

Acts 5:19-21

But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

- Acts 5:17-21 (ESV) 17 But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy 18 they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. 19 But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, 20 "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." 21 And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Acts 12:10

When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him.

- Acts 12:1-3 (ESV) 1 About that time Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. 2 He killed James the brother of John with the sword, 3 and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also.
- Acts 12:5 (ESV) 5 So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

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- Acts 12:7 (ESV) 7 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, “Get up quickly.” And the chains fell off his hands.
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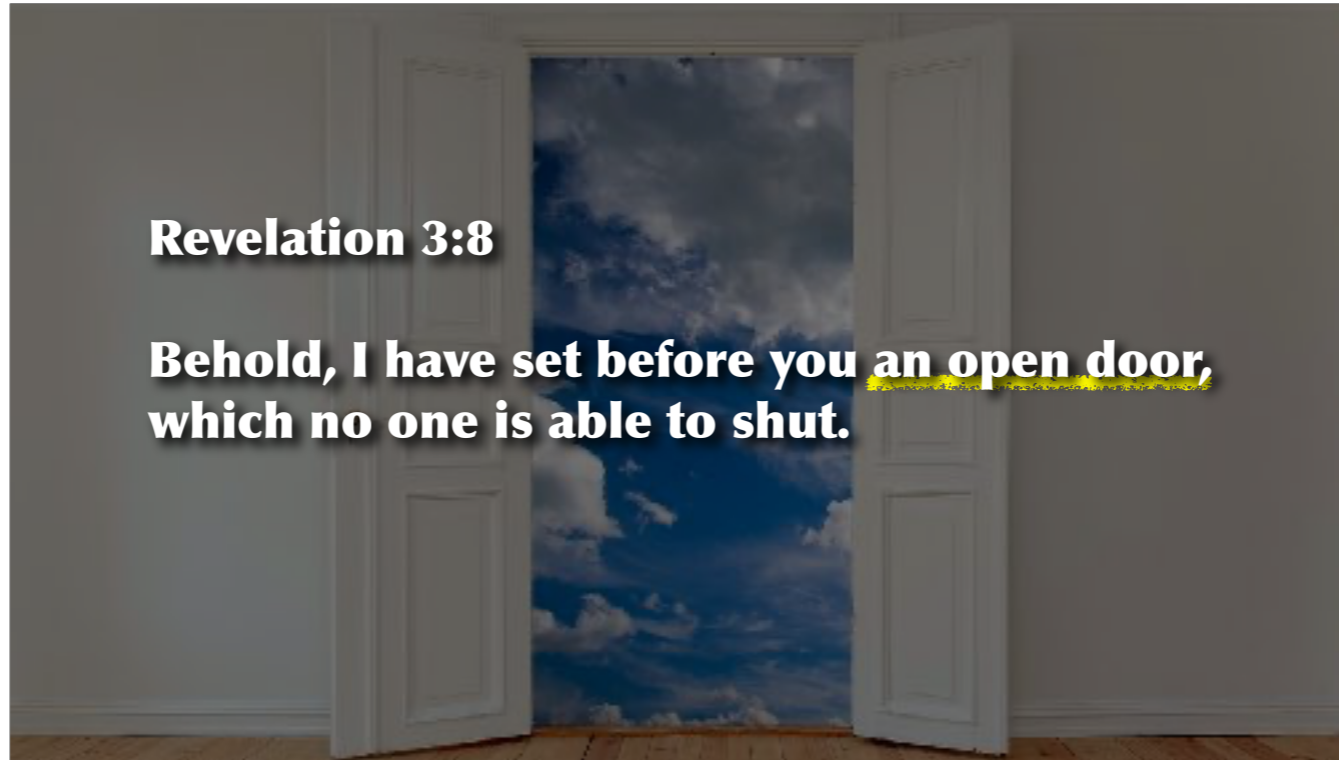
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- Acts 12:12 (ESV) 12 When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying.
- Acts 12:16-17 (ESV) 16 But Peter continued knocking, and when they opened, they saw him and were amazed. 17 But motioning to them with his hand to be silent, he described to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, "Tell these things to James and to the brothers."

Acts 16:26

and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened.

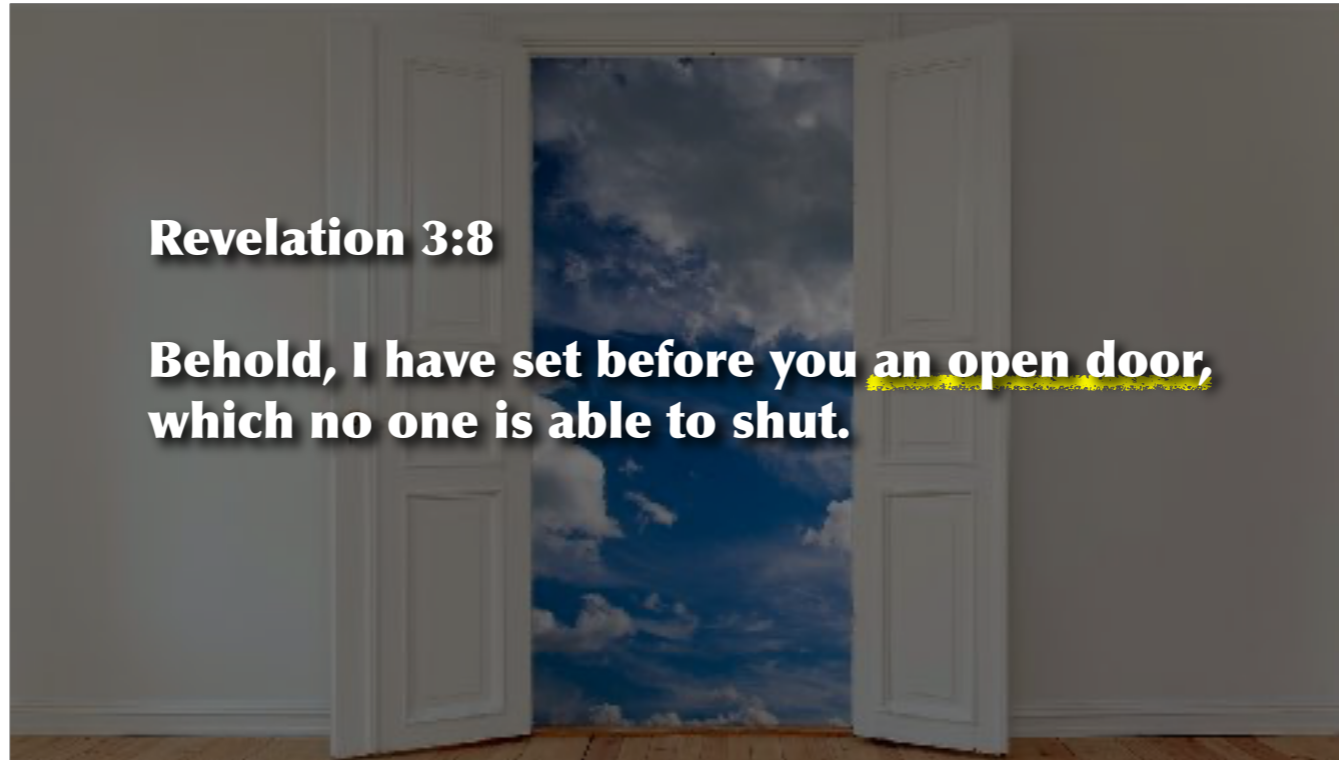
- Acts 16:25-26 (ESV) 25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, 26 and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened.
- Acts 16:31-32 (ESV) 31 And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32 And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.



Revelation 3:8

**Behold, I have set before you an open door,
which no one is able to shut.**

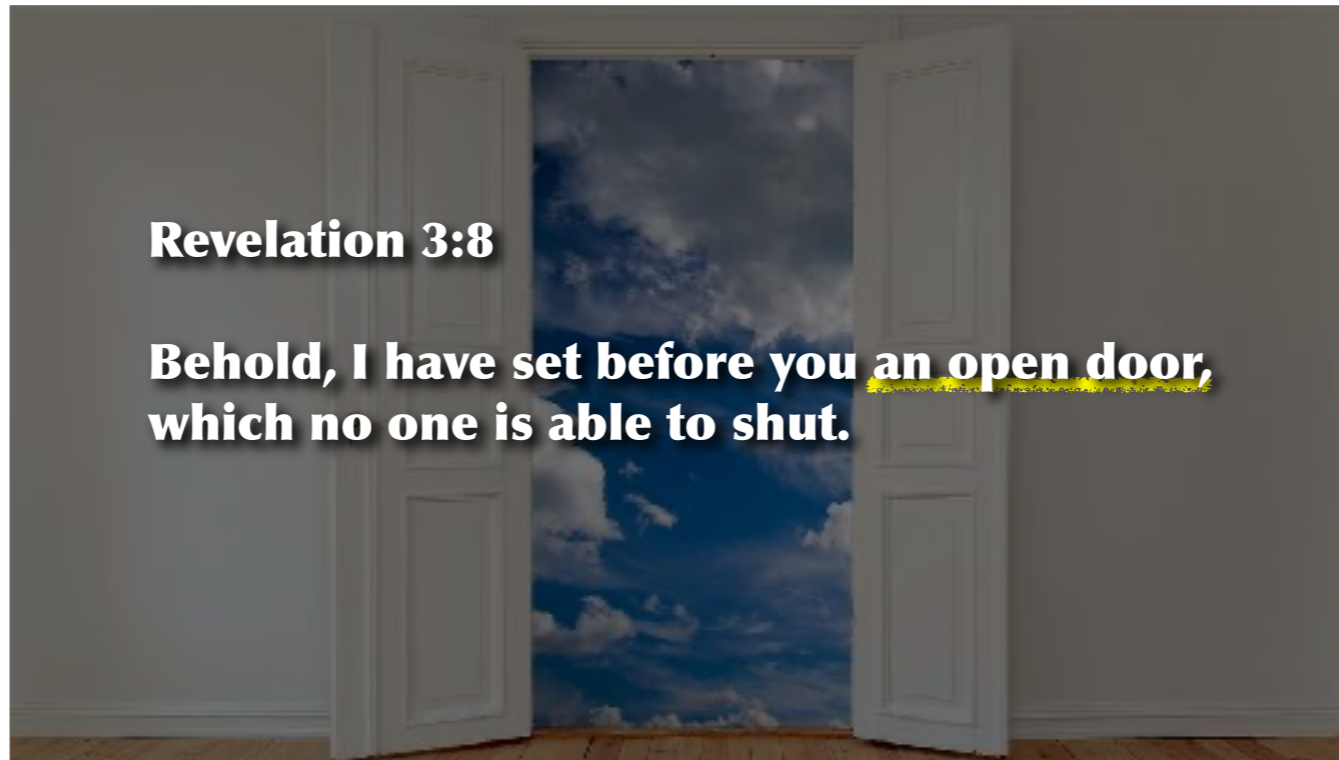
- Our God opens doors for his people.
 - Revelation 3:7 (ESV) 7 “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: ‘The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.
- Does God still open doors for his people?
 - Not literally
 - But spiritually ... Yes!



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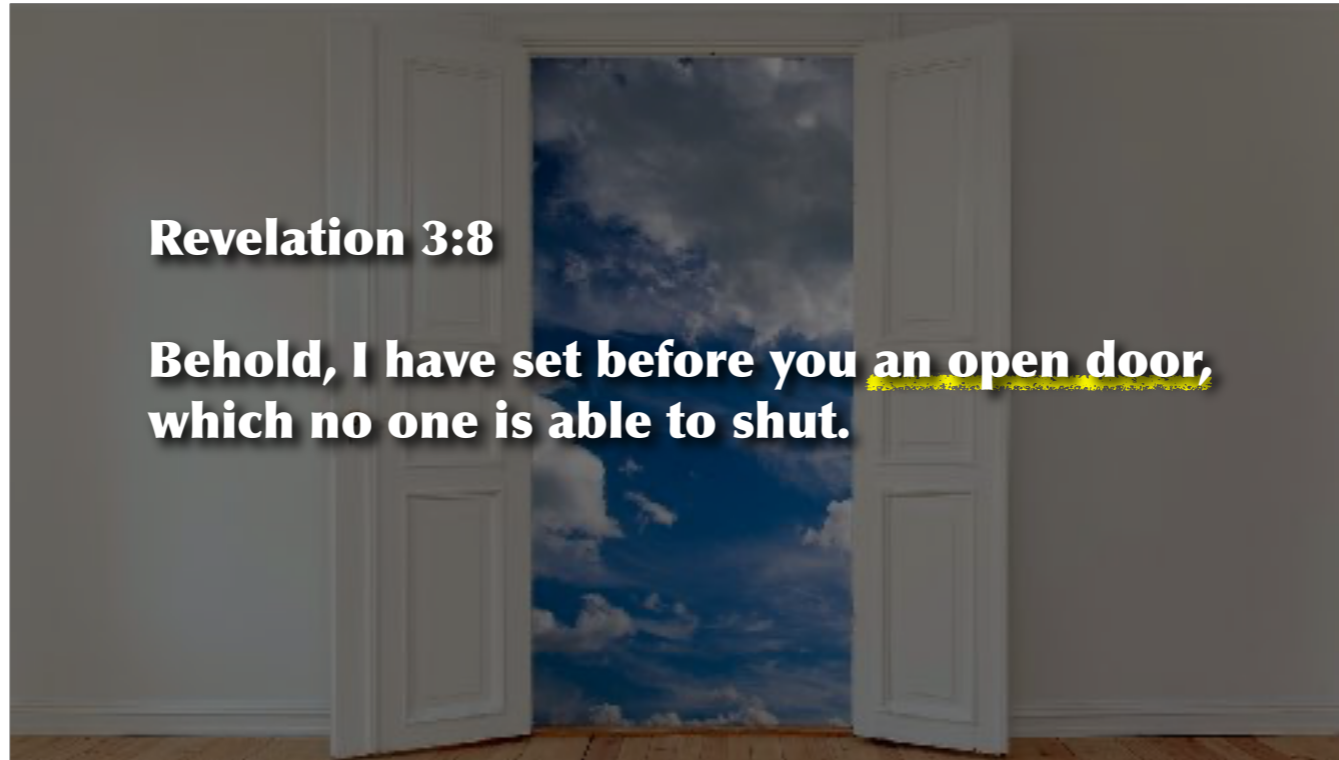
- We don't know if he will in specific situations:
 - James was killed, but Peter rescued;
 - eventually all apostles killed except John
- We don't know when it will happen
 - Peter was confused and unsure (though it had happened before)
 - Were Paul and Silas expecting an earthquake?



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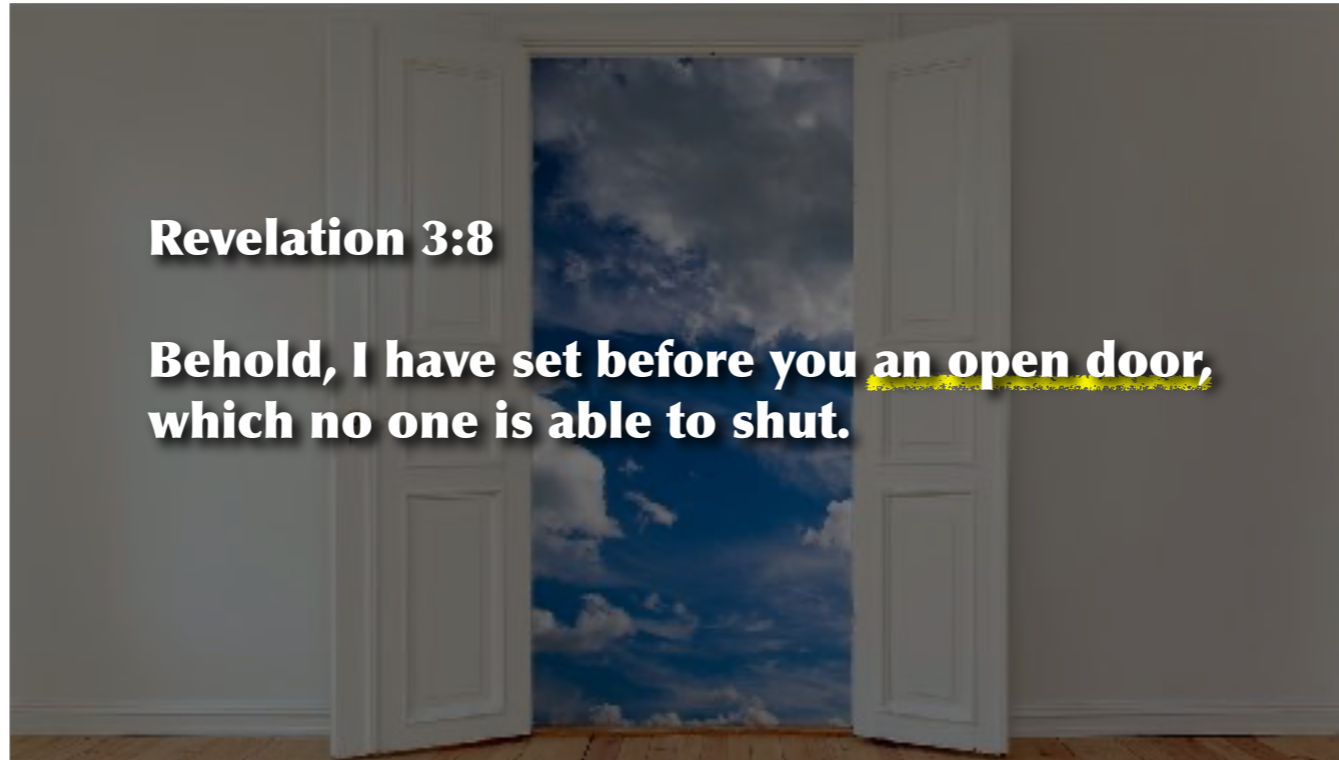
- We don't know how
 - manna (blessing) opening the doors of heaven (in spite of grumbling, lack of trust of God!)
 - John seeing the doors of heaven open
 - Angel freeing all the apostles from prison, or just Peter
 - An earthquake
- We don't know where:
 - Wilderness
 - Prison, shackles, guards



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**Behold, I have set before you an open door,
which no one is able to shut.**

- Are you ready to go through the open door from God?
 - It's not a Panacea
 - Paul still faced adversaries in Ephesus and anxiety in Troas
 - Look for it!
 - John's vision of heaven
 - Look to God and trust him



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- Pray for it!
 - disciples praying for Peter
 - Paul requesting prayers
 - In times of difficulty: prison
- Go through the Door:
 - Philadelphia: kept his word, with little power (don't make excuses)
 - Apostles: teach the word of God (Jerusalem, Philippi)
 - Peter: comfort and encourage the saints



- Where are you? (chains, prison, wilderness)
- Has God opened a door for you?
- Are you ready to step through His door?

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20

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Synopsis: An introduction to our theme this year, emphasizing that our God opens doors for us.

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