

Acts 10:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:

Analysis

Peter saw 'heaven opened' - indicating divine revelation. The 'great sheet' descending with 'all manner of fourfooted beasts' contained clean and unclean animals together. This vision challenged dietary distinctions that separated Jews from Gentiles.

Historical Context

Leviticus 11 categorized animals as clean or unclean. These distinctions, while practical, symbolized Israel's separation from Gentile nations.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What did the mixture of clean and unclean animals symbolize?
2. How did dietary laws function as barriers between Jews and Gentiles?

Interlinear Text

καὶ θεωρεῖ τὸν οὐρανὸν ἀνεῳγμένον καὶ καταβαῖνον

And saw G3588 heaven opened And descending
G2532 G2334 G3772 G455 G2532 G2597

ἐπὶ αὐτὸν σκεῦός τι ὡς ὁθόνην μεγάλην

to him vessel a certain as sheet it had been a great
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τέσσαρσιν ἀρχαῖς δεδεμένον καὶ καθιέμενον ἐπὶ τῆς

at the four corners knit And let down to G3588
G5064 G746 G1210 G2532 G2524 G1909 G3588

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the earth

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Additional Cross-References

Ephesians 3:6 (Parallel theme): That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:

John 1:51 (Parallel theme): And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

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