

# 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

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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

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

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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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

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καὶ	θεωρεῖ	τὸν	οὐρανὸν	ἀνεωγμένον	καὶ	καταβαῖνον
And	saw	G3588	heaven	opened	And	descending
G2532	G2334		G3772	G455	G2532	G2597
ἐπὶ	αὐτὸν	σκεῦός	τι	ὥς	ὀθόνην	μεγάλην
to	him	vessel	a certain	as	sheet	it had been a great
G1909	G846	G4632	G5100	G5613	G3607	G3173
τέσσαρσιν	ἀρχαῖς	δεδεμένον	καὶ	καθιέμενον	ἐπὶ	τῆς
at the four	corners	knit	And	let down	to	G3588
G5064	G746	G1210	G2532	G2524	G1909	
γῆς						
the earth						
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## Additional Cross-References

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**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.