

Acts 11:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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The threefold repetition emphasizes message's importance while divine origin (drawn up into heaven) validates vision's supernatural character.

Historical Context

Three times indicates emphatic confirmation—God ensures Peter grasps significance. Biblical pattern of threefold repetition appears elsewhere (Jesus' resurrection predictions, Peter's denial, restoration questions). Drawing up into heaven proves supernatural origin—not dream or hallucination but divine communication. This repeated vision around 40 CE prepared Peter for immediate test—Gentile messengers arriving moments later.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. Why does God use threefold repetition for crucial revelations?

2. What does vision's supernatural character establish about message's authority?
3. How does repetition ensure proper understanding of revolutionary concepts?
4. In what ways do dreams/visions differ from natural imagination?
5. What role does divine timing play—vision immediately before messengers arrive?

Interlinear Text

τοῦτο δὲ ἐγένετο ἐπὶ τρίς καὶ πάλιν ἀνεσπάσθη
this And was done three times and again were drawn up
G5124 G1161 G1096 G1909 G5151 G2532 G3825 G385

ἄπαντα εἰς τὸν οὐρανόν
all into heaven
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