

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	G1909	three times	and	again	were drawn up
G5124	G1161	G1096		G5151	G2532	G3825	G385
ἅπαντα	εἰς	τὸν	οὐρανόν				
all	into	G3588	heaven				
G537	G1519		G3772				

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