

# The Torah & The Apostolic Scriptures, part 1

## *Peter's Vision (Acts 10)*

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2 different interpretations of Peter's vision in Acts 10:

- The Church interprets Acts 10 as giving license to eat any type of meat
- The Messianic Body recognizes that the Holy Spirit was poured out on gentiles

*The Messianic Body seeks to adhere to the Scripture contextually, literally, and historically.*

### *Timeline:*

30AD	40AD	50AD
Resurrection Pentecost Outpouring of the Spirit to Jews	10 years later: Acts 10 Cornelius & Gentiles come in	10 years later: Acts 15

## Acts 10 (NIV)

### Cornelius Calls for Peter

**1**At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. **2**He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. **3**One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, "Cornelius!"

**4**Cornelius stared at him in fear. "What is it, Lord?" he asked.

The angel answered, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. **5**Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter. **6**He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea."

**7**When the angel who spoke to him had gone, Cornelius called two of his servants and a devout soldier who was one of his attendants. **8**He told them everything that had happened and sent them to Joppa.

### Peter's Vision

**9**About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. **10**He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. **11**He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. **12**It contained all kinds of four-footed

animals, as well as reptiles and birds. **13**Then a voice told him, **“Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.”**

**14**“Surely not, Lord!” Peter replied. “I have never eaten anything impure or unclean.”

**15**The voice spoke to him a second time, **“Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.”**

**16**This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven.

**17**While Peter was wondering about the meaning of the vision, the men sent by Cornelius found out where Simon’s house was and stopped at the gate. **18**They called out, asking if Simon who was known as Peter was staying there.

**19**While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Simon, three <sup>a</sup> men are looking for you. **20**So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them.”

**21**Peter went down and said to the men, “I’m the one you’re looking for. Why have you come?”

**22**The men replied, “We have come from Cornelius the centurion. He is a righteous and God-fearing man, who is respected by all the Jewish people. A holy angel told him to ask you to come to his house so that he could hear what you have to say.” **23**Then Peter invited the men into the house to be his guests.

### **Peter at Cornelius’s House**

The next day Peter started out with them, and some of the believers from Joppa went along. **24**The following day he arrived in Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. **25**As Peter entered the house, Cornelius met him and fell at his feet in reverence. **26**But Peter made him get up. “Stand up,” he said, “I am only a man myself.”

**27**While talking with him, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people. **28**He said to them: “You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean. **29**So when I was sent for, I came without raising any objection. May I ask why you sent for me?”

**30**Cornelius answered: “Three days ago I was in my house praying at this hour, at three in the afternoon. Suddenly a man in shining clothes stood before me **31**and said, ‘Cornelius, God has heard your prayer and remembered your gifts to the poor. **32**Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He is a guest in the home of Simon the tanner, who lives by the sea.’ **33**So I sent for you

immediately, and it was good of you to come. Now we are all here in the presence of God to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us.”

**34**Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism **35**but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. **36**You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. **37**You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— **38**how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

**39**“We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, **40**but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. **41**He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. **42**He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. **43**All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**44**While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. **45**The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. **46**For they heard them speaking in tongues <sup>b</sup> and praising God.

Then Peter said, **47**“Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” **48**So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

**Footnotes:**

**a 19** One early manuscript *two*; other manuscripts do not have the number.

**b 46** Or *other languages*

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## **Acts 11:1-18 (NIV) Peter gives the interpretation of his vision to the Jerusalem Body**

### **Peter Explains His Actions**

**1**The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. **2**So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized

him <sup>3</sup>and said, “You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.”

<sup>4</sup>Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: <sup>5</sup>“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. <sup>6</sup>I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. <sup>7</sup>Then I heard a voice telling me, ‘**Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.**’

<sup>8</sup>“I replied, ‘Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’

<sup>9</sup>“The voice spoke from heaven a second time, ‘**Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.**’ <sup>10</sup>This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

<sup>11</sup>“Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man’s house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. <sup>14</sup>He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.’

<sup>15</sup>“As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘**John baptized with <sup>a</sup> water, but you will be baptized with <sup>b</sup> the Holy Spirit.**’ <sup>17</sup>So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God’s way?”

<sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

## **Acts 15:1-21 (ESV)**

### **The Jerusalem Council**

<sup>1</sup>But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.” <sup>2</sup>And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question. <sup>3</sup>So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers.<sup>a</sup> <sup>4</sup>When they came to Jerusalem, they were

welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them. [5](#)But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses."

[6](#)The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter. [7](#)And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. [8](#)And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, [9](#)and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith. [10](#)Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? [11](#)But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will."

[12](#)And all the assembly fell silent, and they listened to Barnabas and Paul as they related what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles. [13](#)After they finished speaking, James replied, "Brothers, listen to me. [14](#)Simeon has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for his name. [15](#)And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written,

[16](#)"After this I will return, and I will rebuild the tent of David that has fallen; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will restore it, [17](#)that the remnant<sup>b</sup> of mankind may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles who are called by my name, says the Lord, who makes these things [18](#)known from of old.'

[19](#)Therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn to God, [20](#)but should write to them to abstain from the things polluted by idols, and from sexual immorality, and from what has been strangled, and from blood. [21](#)For from ancient generations Moses has had in every city those who proclaim him, for he is read every Sabbath in the synagogues."

**Footnotes:**

**a 14** Greek *Simeon*, a variant of *Simon*; that is, Peter

**b 17** Amos 9:11,12 (see Septuagint)

**c 18** Some manuscripts *things'*—

*18the Lord's work is known to him from long ago*

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*Three things to always apply when studying Scripture:*

1. *Context – study Scripture within the context of the entire Bible.*
2. *Literal – read Scripture literally – what do the words actually mean.*
3. *Historical – understand Scripture within its historical/chronological context.*

*Matt 28:18-20 (ESV) – note these verses are after His resurrection.*

**18**And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19**Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20**teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

*The character of Yeshua according to His Word:*

1. “I change not,” Malachi 3:6.
  - a. “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, & forever,” Heb 13:8
2. “God is not a man that He should lie,” Num 23:19
  - a. “It is impossible for God to lie,” Heb 6:18
3. *Do not add or subtract from the Scriptures, Deut 4:2; Rev 22:18-19*

*1John 2:3-6 (ESV)*

**3**And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. **4**Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, **5**but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: 6whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

*Acts 1:6-8: Yeshua is restoring Israel*