

Chapters 10:1-23

“The Gospel To The Gentiles - Part I”

Summary

- Around 40 A.D.
- Setting the stage for the first Gentile conversion

Outline

- I. Enter Cornelius
 - A. The faith of Cornelius - 10:1-2
 - B. The angel’s message to Cornelius - vs. 3-6
 - C. Cornelius sends for Peter - vs. 7-8
- II. Peter’s Vision
 - A. Praying at noon - vs. 9
 - B. The vision of the sheet, see Leviticus 11 - vs. 10-12
 - C. The command to eat them - vs. 13
 - D. Peter balks - vs. 14
 - E. God rebukes Peter - vs. 15
 - F. This repeats three times - vs. 16
 - G. The arrival of Cornelius’ messengers - vs. 17-18
 - H. The Spirit leads Peter to go with the men - vs. 19-20
 - I. The mission of the messengers -vs. 21-22
 - J. Peter goes with them - vs. 23

Notes

Notes on Places

- Caesarea
 - Port city built by Herod the Great in 25 B.C.
 - Capital of Roman province of Iudaea
 - About 30 miles north of Joppa, a little more than a day’s journey

Notes on Roman Army

- Structure
 - Legion (5400 soldiers)
 - Legion = 10 Cohorts (480 soldiers, 1st Cohort was 2x size)
 - Cohort = 6 Centuries (80 soldiers)
 - Century = 10 Contubernia (8 soldiers) - commanded by centurion
 - Each legion also had 120 horsemen
- 5th, 10th, and 15th Legions were in Judea around these times
- Many soldiers were not Italian, but provincials

Notes on Individuals

- Cornelius
 - Centurion in Roman army, would not have been noble born
 - *Italian band* = *Italian Cohort*, possibly made up of Italians
 - Evidently worshipped God, but had not become a Jewish proselyte