

# Peter's Vision in Acts 10

Is the abolishment of Kosher Food Laws addressed in this passage of Scripture?

**(Act 10:10-16)** *But he (Peter) became hungry and was desiring to eat; but while they were making preparations, he fell into a trance; and he \*saw the sky opened up, and an object like a great sheet coming down, lowered by four corners to the ground, and there were in it all kinds of four-footed animals and crawling creatures of the earth and birds of the air. A voice came to him, "Get up, Peter, kill and eat!" But Peter said, "By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything unholly and unclean." Again a voice came to him a second time, "What God has cleansed, no longer consider unholly." This happened three times, and immediately the object was taken up into the sky.*

[One commentator ask, "Is God telling Peter (by inference, everyone), by this private vision to you Peter, I am abolishing the Kosher Food Laws that I established in the Torah and it is now okay for everyone to consume this list of animals / creatures as they appear in this vision? It contained all kinds of four-footed animals (wild beasts, weasels, mice, lizards, crocodiles & chameleons), crawling creatures (snakes, spiders & bugs) and birds (eagles, vultures, owls & bats). Peter's interpretation of this vision guided his actions in dealing with Cornelius, yet we are asked to believe a different interpretation saying by this vision God abolished the Kosher Food Laws that He established in the Torah and its now okay to eat these animals."]

Peter protested the command, he did not eat and God took it away. See **Ezekiel 4:11-15** for a similar passage where God initially told Ezekiel to eat unclean food and Ezekiel, as did Peter, protested and God also took that command away.

**(Act 10:17)** *Now while Peter was greatly perplexed in mind as to what the vision which he had seen might be, (At this point Peter could not understand this vision without future revelation from God as to its meaning. God gave Peter the revelation and interpretation, yet many attach another interpretation to this vision.)*

## Peter's Interpretation of the Vision

**(Act 10:28)** (Peter is at Cornelius' place) *And he said to them, "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a man who is a Jew to associate with a foreigner or to visit him; and yet God has shown me that I should not call any man unholly or unclean.*

**(Acts 10:34)** And further Peter states: *"I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality, but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him."*

(God's revelation of the meaning of the vision is the source for Peter's new understanding.)

Only these verses in Scripture show any connection to an interpretation for Peter's vision, as in verse 28 Peter uses the exact wording from the vision only changing the vision to apply to mankind in place of animals.

The timing of the vision and its application to Cornelius, the verse sequence as listed in Scripture and the use of the same wording in the interpretation as in the vision, all connect Peter's interpretation to the vision.

Yet people say in this vision, God abolished the Torah portion of the Kosher Food Laws.

Where is a confirming "Kosher Food Law" interpretation of this vision found in Acts?

Scripture seems silent, only Peter's interpretation and application are found.