

## Peter and Cornelius – The First Gentile Believer in Messiah

### Cornelius's Vision

**Act 10:1** Now there was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a captain of what was called the Italian Regiment,

**Act 10:2** dedicated, and fearing Elohim with all his household, doing many kind deeds to the people, and praying to Elohim always.

**Act 10:3** He clearly saw in a vision, about the ninth hour of the day, a messenger of Elohim coming to him, and saying to him, "Cornelius!"

**Act 10:4** And looking intently at him, and becoming afraid, he said, "What is it, master?" And he said to him, "Your prayers and your kind deeds have come up for a remembrance before Elohim.

**Act 10:5** "And now send men to Yapho, and send for Shim'on who is also called Kěpha.

**Act 10:6** "He is staying with Shim'on, a leather-tanner, whose house is by the sea."

**Act 10:7** And when the messenger who spoke to him went away, Cornelius called two of his household servants, and a dedicated soldier from among those who waited on him continually.

**Act 10:8** And having explained to them all, he sent them to Yapho.

### Peter's Vision

**Act 10:9** And on the next day, as they were on their way and approaching the city, Kěpha went up on the house-top to pray, about the sixth hour.

**Act 10:10** And he became hungry and wished to eat. But while they were preparing, he fell into a trance,

**Act 10:11** and he saw the heaven opened and a certain vessel like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth,

**Act 10:12** in which were all kinds of four-footed beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping *creatures*, and the birds of the heaven.

**Act 10:13** And a voice came to him, "Rise up, Kěpha, slay and eat."

**Act 10:14** But Kěpha said, "Not at all, Master! Because I have never eaten whatever is common or unclean."

**Act 10:15** And a voice *came* to him again the second time, "What Elohim has cleansed you do not consider common."

**Act 10:16** And this took place three times, and the vessel was taken back to the heaven.

**Act 10:17** And while Kěpha was doubting within himself about what the vision might mean, look, the men who had been sent from Cornelius, having asked for the house of Shim'on, stood at the gate,

**Act 10:18** and calling out, they enquired whether Shim'on, also known as Kěpha, was staying there.

**Act 10:19** And as Kěpha was thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "See, three men seek you.

**Act 10:20** "But rise up, go down and go with them, not doubting at all, for I have sent them."

**Act 10:21** So Kěpha went down to the men who had been sent to him from Cornelius, and said, "Look, I am the one you seek. Why have you come?"

**Act 10:22** And they said, "Cornelius the captain, a righteous man and one who fears Elohim and well spoken of by the entire nation of the Yehudim, was instructed by a set-apart messenger to send for you to his house, and to hear words from you."

**Act 10:23** So inviting them in, he housed them. And on the next day Kěpha went away with them, and some brothers from Yapho went with him.

**Act 10:24** And the following day they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius was waiting for them, having called together his relatives and close friends.

**Act 10:25** And it came to be, that when Kěpha entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and bowed before him.

**Act 10:26** But Kěpha raised him up, saying, "Stand up, I myself am also a man."

**Act 10:27** And talking with him, he went in and found many who had come together.

**Act 10:28** And he said to them, "You know that a Yehudi man is not allowed<sup>a</sup> to associate with, or go to one of another race. But Elohim has shown me that I should not call any man<sup>b</sup> common or unclean. Footnotes: <sup>a</sup>This was a man-made law. See [Mat 15:3](#), [Mat 15:9](#), [Mar 7:7-8](#), [Col 2:14](#), [Col 2:20](#) and [Col 2:22](#). <sup>b</sup>Not animal - See also [Act 10:35](#).

**Act 10:29** "That is why I came without hesitation when I was sent for. So I ask, why have you sent for me?"

**Act 10:30** And Cornelius said, "Four days ago I was fasting until this hour. And at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and see, a man stood before me in shining garments,

**Act 10:31** and said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your kind deeds were remembered before Elohim.

**Act 10:32** Now send to Yapho and call Shim'on here, who is also called Kěpha. He is staying in the house of Shim'on, a leather-tanner, by the sea. When he comes, he shall speak to you.'

**Act 10:33** "So I sent to you immediately, and you have done well to come. And now, we are all present before Elohim, to hear all that you have been commanded by Elohim."

### **Gentiles Hear the Good News**

**Act 10:34** And opening his mouth, Kěpha said, "Truly I see that Elohim shows no partiality,

**Act 10:35** but in every nation, he who fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.

**Act 10:36** "He sent the word to the children of Yisra'ěl, bringing the Good News: peace through הוּשַׁע Messiah! He is Master of all.

**Act 10:37** "You know what word came to be throughout all Yehudah, beginning from Galil after the immersion which Yoħanan proclaimed:

**Act 10:38** how Elohim did anoint יהוֹשֻׁעַ of Natsareth with the Set-apart Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for Elohim was with Him.

**Act 10:39** "And we are witnesses of all He did, both in the country of the Yehudim and in Yerushalayim, whom they even killed **by hanging on a timber**. [Deu 21:22-23](#).

**Act 10:40** "Elohim raised up this One on the third day, and let Him be seen,

**Act 10:41** not to all the people, but to witnesses, those having been chosen before by Elohim – to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.

**Act 10:42** "And He commanded us to proclaim to the people, and to witness that it is **He who was appointed by Elohim to be Judge of the living and the dead.**<sup>c</sup> Footnote: <sup>c</sup>See [Act 17:31](#), [Joh 5:29](#), [Psa 96:13](#), [Psa 98:9](#), [Rev 19:11](#).

**Act 10:43** "To this One all the prophets bear witness, that through His Name, everyone believing in Him does receive forgiveness of sins."

### **The Holy Spirit Falls on the Gentiles**

**Act 10:44** While Kěpha was still speaking these words, the Set-apart Spirit fell upon all those hearing

the word.

**Act 10:45** And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Kěpha, because the gift of the Set-apart Spirit had been poured out on the nations also,

**Act 10:46** for they were hearing them speaking with tongues and extolling Elohim. Then Kěpha answered,

**Act 10:47** “Is anyone able to forbid water, that these should not be immersed who have received the Set-apart Spirit – even as also we?”

**Act 10:48** And he commanded them to be immersed in the Name of יהושע Messiah. Then they asked him to remain a few days.

### **Peter Reports to the Other Apostles**

**Act 11:1** And the emissaries and brothers who were in Yehudāh heard that the nations also received the word of Elohim.

**Act 11:2** And when Kěpha went up to Yerushalayim, those of the circumcision were contending with him,

**Act 11:3** saying, “You went in to uncircumcised men and ate with them!”

**Act 11:4** But Kěpha began and set it forth in order, saying:

**Act 11:5** “I was in the city of Yapho praying. And in a trance I saw a vision, a certain vessel descending like a great sheet, let down from the heaven by four corners, and it came to me.

**Act 11:6** “Having looked into it, I perceived and I saw four-footed beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping *creatures*, and the birds of heaven.

**Act 11:7** “And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise up, Kěpha, slay and eat.’

**Act 11:8** “But I said, ‘Not at all, Master! Because whatever is common or unclean has never entered into my mouth.’

**Act 11:9** “And the voice answered me again from the heaven, ‘What Elohim has cleansed you do not consider common.’

**Act 11:10** “And this took place three times, and all were drawn up again into the heaven.

**Act 11:11** “And see, immediately three men stood before the house where I was, having been sent to me from Caesarea.

**Act 11:12** “And the Spirit said to me to go with them, not doubting at all. And these six brothers also went with me, and we went into the man’s house.

**Act 11:13** “And he told us how he had seen a messenger standing in his house, who said to him, ‘Send men to Yapho, and call for Shim’on who is also called Kěpha,

**Act 11:14** who shall speak to you words, by which you shall be saved, you and all your house.’

**Act 11:15** “And as I began to speak, the Set-apart Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning.

**Act 11:16** “And I remembered the word of the Master, how He said, ‘Yoḥanan indeed immersed in water, but you shall be immersed in the Set-apart Spirit.’

**Act 11:17** “So if Elohim gave them the same gift as He gave us when we believed on the Master יהושע Messiah, how was I able to withstand Elohim?”

**Act 11:18** And having heard this, they were silent, and praised Elohim, saying, “Then Elohim has indeed also given to the nations repentance to life.”<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See [Act 10:35](#).