

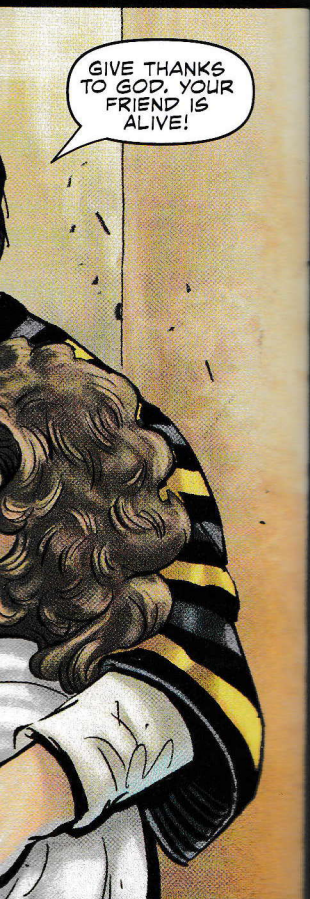
The Story of Peter & Cornelius

Based on the Book of Acts chapters 10-11.

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ONE DAY A STRANGE THING HAPPENS IN THE HOME OF CORNELIUS, A ROMAN CENTURION. HE LIVES IN THE SEACOAST CITY OF CAESAREA, 55 MILES NORTH OF JOPPA. IT IS THREE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON. CORNELIUS, WHO HAS LEARNED TO WORSHIP GOD, KNEELS TO PRAY.

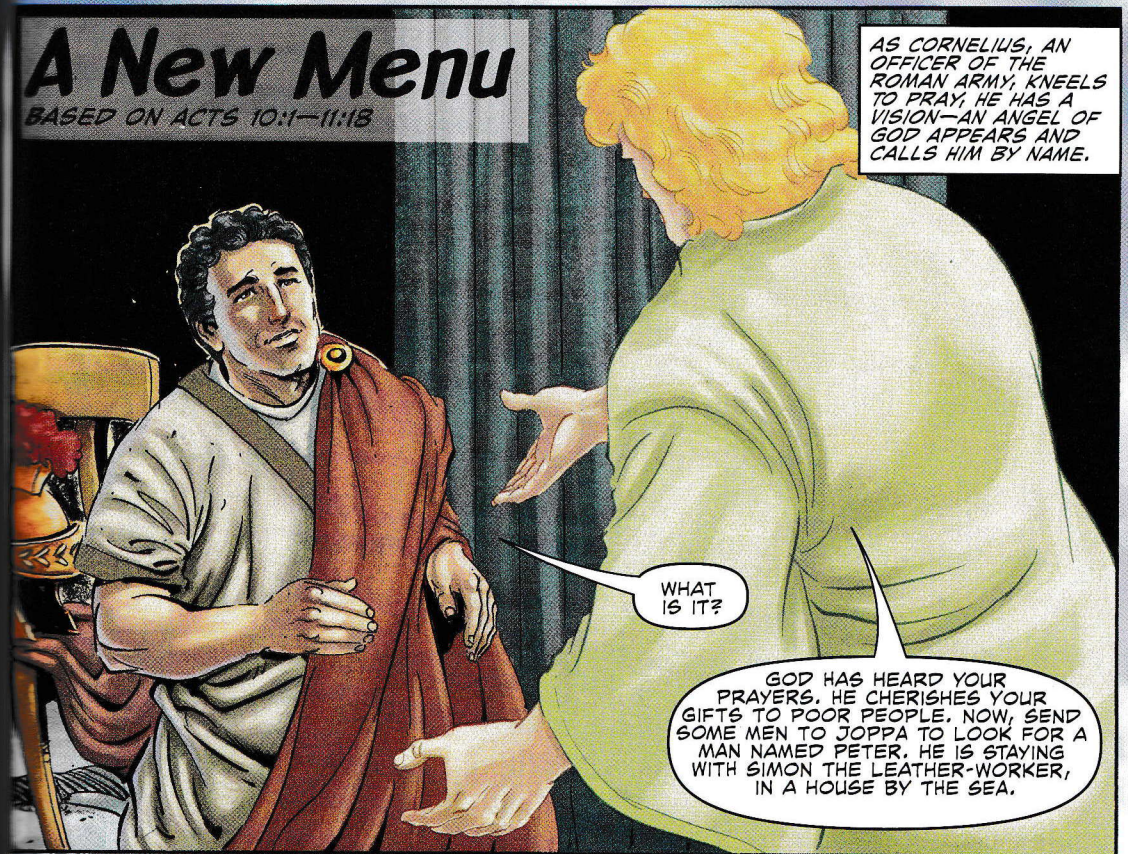




GIVE THANKS TO GOD, YOUR FRIEND IS ALIVE!

A New Menu

BASED ON ACTS 10:1-11:18



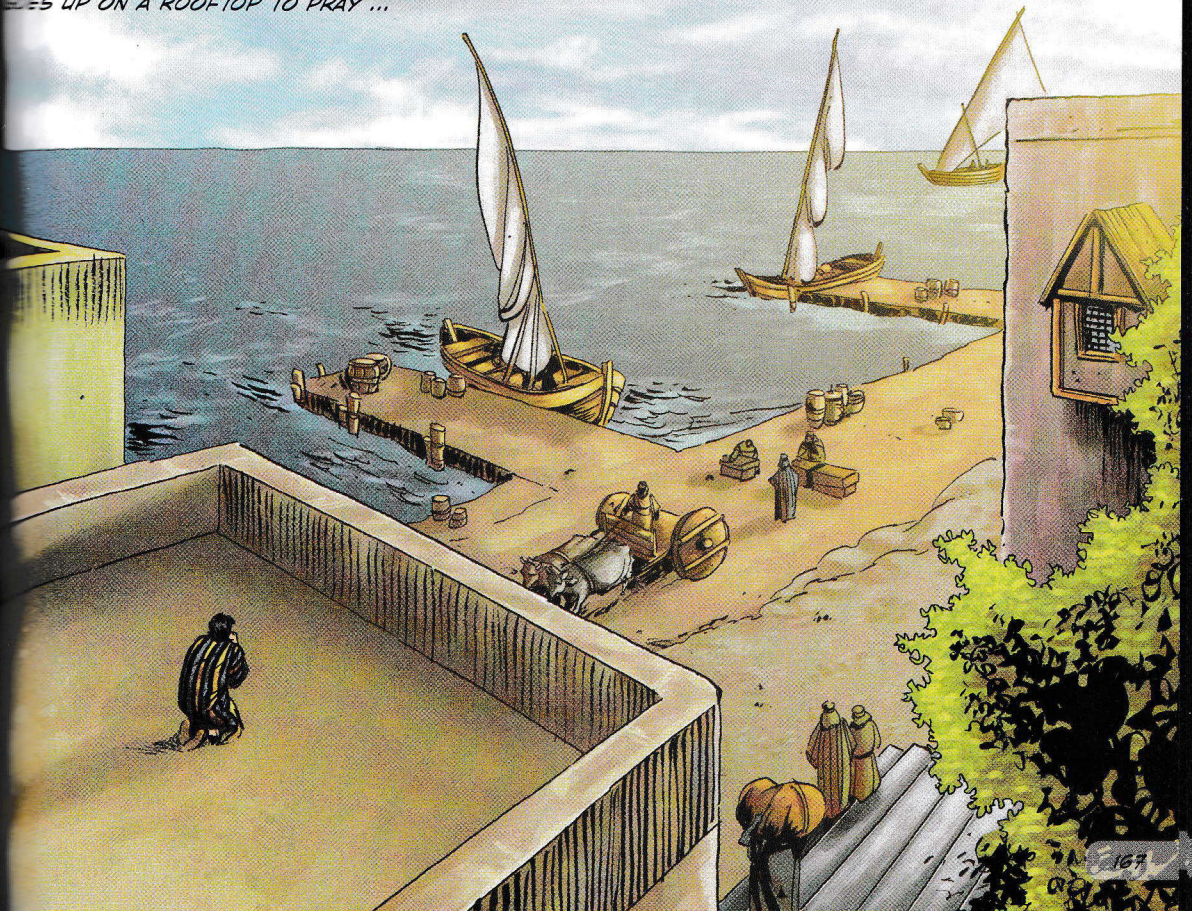
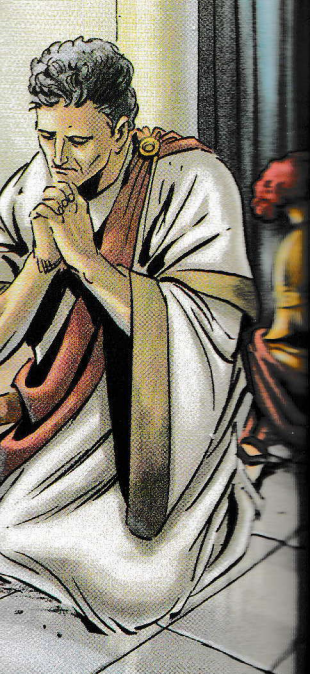
AS CORNELIUS, AN OFFICER OF THE ROMAN ARMY, KNEELS TO PRAY, HE HAS A VISION—AN ANGEL OF GOD APPEARS AND CALLS HIM BY NAME.

WHAT IS IT?

GOD HAS HEARD YOUR PRAYERS. HE CHERISHES YOUR GIFTS TO POOR PEOPLE. NOW, SEND SOME MEN TO JOPPA TO LOOK FOR A MAN NAMED PETER. HE IS STAYING WITH SIMON THE LEATHER-WORKER, IN A HOUSE BY THE SEA.

AFTER THE ANGEL LEAVES, CORNELIUS SENDS THREE OF HIS MOST TRUSTED MEN TO JOPPA. AS THEY APPROACH THE CITY, THE MAN THEY'RE LOOKING FOR KEEPS UP ON A ROOFTOP TO PRAY ...

WHAT HAPPENS IN THE NEXT CHAPTER? A ROMAN CENTURION, THE MOST TRUSTED MEN TO JOPPA. AS THEY APPROACH THE CITY, THE MAN THEY'RE LOOKING FOR KEEPS UP ON A ROOFTOP TO PRAY ...



ON THE ROOF, PETER HAS A VISION. A VOICE COMMANDS HIM: "GET UP, PETER. KILL AND EAT."

NEVER, LORD. IN ALL MY LIFE, I HAVE NEVER EATEN ANYTHING THAT THE JEWISH LAW CALLS UNCLEAN.

DON'T SAY SOMETHING IS NOT PURE THAT I HAVE CALLED CLEAN. NOW GO DOWNSTAIRS! THREE MEN ARE LOOKING FOR YOU. GO WITH THEM, BECAUSE I HAVE SENT THEM TO YOU.

PETER ENTERS THE HOUSE CROWDED WITH FRIENDS. CORNELIUS, EVERYONE

ACCORD TO JEWISH PEOPLE FROM OTHER NATIONS ARE UNCLEAN. I AM NOT A JEW, I AM FOREIGN. BUT I DON'T WANT TO ASSOCIATE WITH YOU. BUT GOD IN A VISION HAS TOLD ANYONE UNCLEAN. YOU ASK ME TO COME TO YOU.

PETER HURRIES DOWNSTAIRS AND FINDS THREE MEN AT THE GATE.

I'M THE ONE YOU'RE LOOKING FOR. WHY HAVE YOU COME?

CORNELIUS THE CENTURION SENT US. HE WORSHIPS GOD, AND AN ANGEL TOLD HIM TO SEND FOR YOU.

THE NEXT DAY, PETER AND SOME OF HIS FRIENDS SET OUT FOR CAESAREA. WHEN THEY REACH THE HOME OF CORNELIUS, THE ROMAN OFFICER FALLS ON HIS KNEES TO WORSHIP PETER.

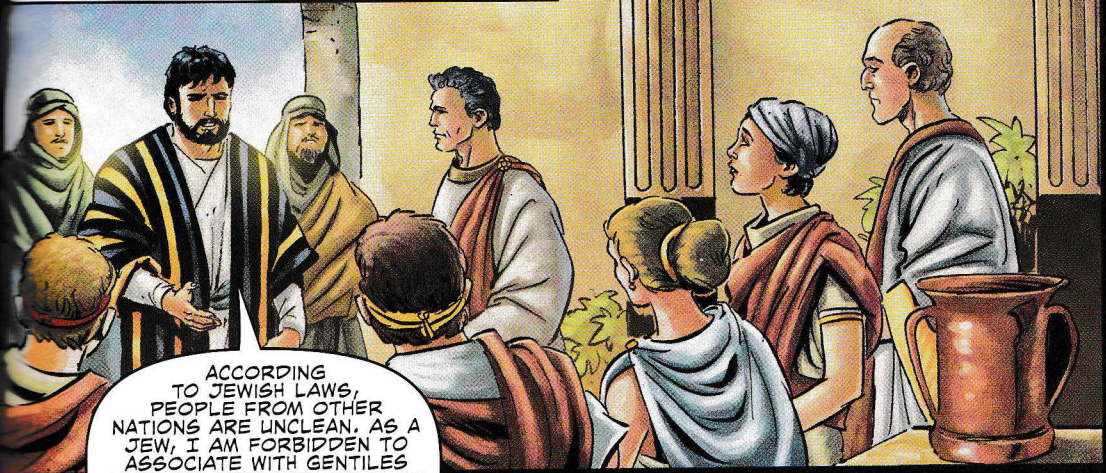
NO! I'M ONLY A MAN LIKE YOU!

THEN PETER TELLS GOD TO BRING ETERNAL LIFE TO ALL. PETER SEES THAT GOD ARRANGES FOR THE

NEWS TRAVELERS LEADERS OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM. WHAT IS HAPPENING?



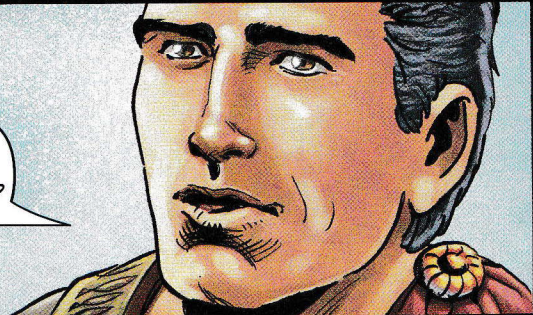
PETER ENTERS THE HOUSE AND FINDS IT CROWDED WITH FRIENDS AND RELATIVES OF CORNELIUS. EVERYONE IS ANXIOUS TO MEET HIM.



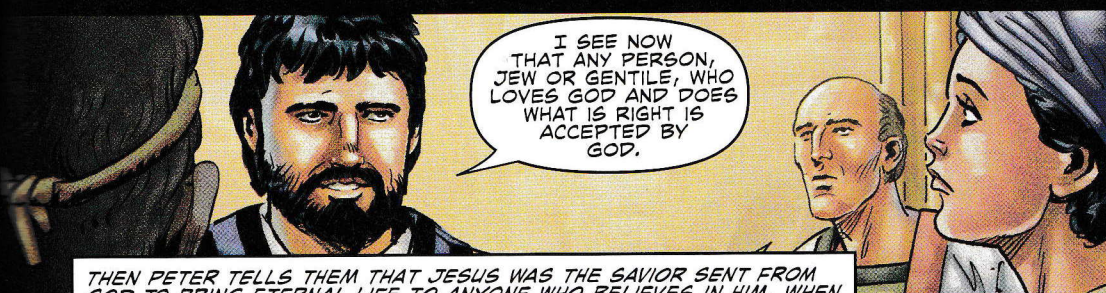
ACCORDING TO JEWISH LAWS, PEOPLE FROM OTHER NATIONS ARE UNCLEAN. AS A JEW, I AM FORBIDDEN TO ASSOCIATE WITH GENTILES LIKE YOU. BUT GOD TOLD ME IN A VISION NOT TO CALL ANYONE UNCLEAN. WHY HAVE YOU ASKED ME TO COME?

DON'T SAY SOMETHING IS NOT PURE THAT I HAVE CALLED CLEAN. NOW GO DOWNSTAIRS! THREE MEN ARE LOOKING FOR YOU. GO WITH THEM, BECAUSE I HAVE SENT THEM TO YOU.

AN ANGEL OF GOD TOLD ME TO SEND FOR YOU. WE ARE WAITING TO LEARN WHAT THE LORD TOLD YOU TO TELL US.



THE NEXT DAY, PETER AND SOME OF HIS DISCIPLES SET OUT FOR CAESAREA. WHEN THEY REACH THE HOME OF CORNELIUS, A ROMAN OFFICER FALLS ON HIS KNEES AND WORSHIP PETER.

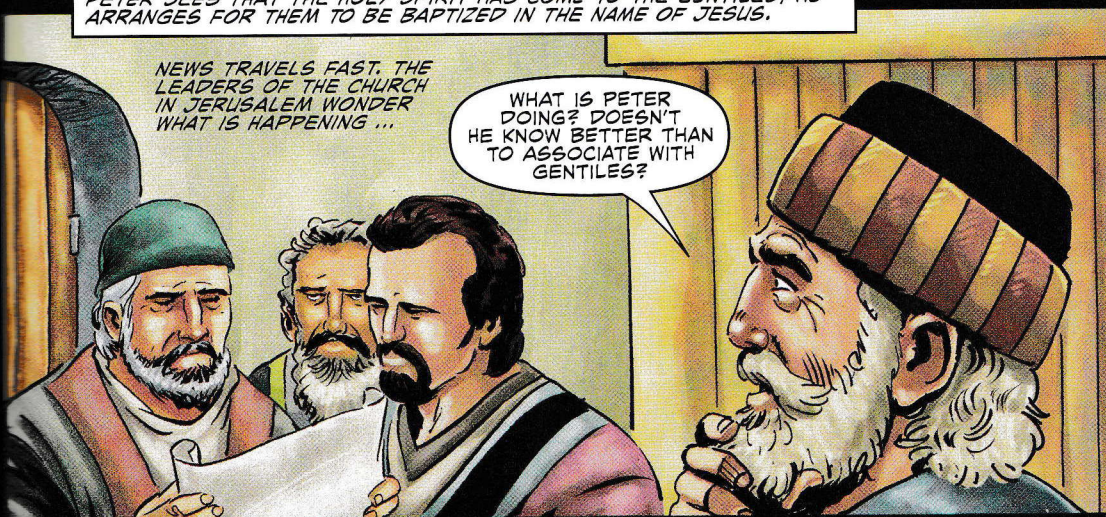


I SEE NOW THAT ANY PERSON, JEW OR GENTILE, WHO LOVES GOD AND DOES WHAT IS RIGHT IS ACCEPTED BY GOD.

THEN PETER TELLS THEM THAT JESUS WAS THE SAVIOR SENT FROM GOD TO BRING ETERNAL LIFE TO ANYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM. WHEN PETER SEES THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME TO THE GENTILES, HE ARRANGES FOR THEM TO BE BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF JESUS.



NO! I'M ONLY A MAN LIKE YOU!



NEWS TRAVELS FAST. THE LEADERS OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM WONDER WHAT IS HAPPENING ...

WHAT IS PETER DOING? DOESN'T HE KNOW BETTER THAN TO ASSOCIATE WITH GENTILES?

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WHEN PETER RETURNS TO JERUSALEM, THE JEWISH LEADERS THINK HE HAS SOME EXPLAINING TO DO.



IS IT TRUE THAT YOU'RE BREAKING JEWISH LAWS AND BEING FRIENDLY WITH GENTILES? WE HEARD YOU WERE EVEN VISITING THEIR HOMES AND EATING WITH THEM.

GOD TOLD A ROMAN CENTURION TO SEND FOR ME, AND GOD TOLD ME TO GO TO HIM.

WHILE I WAS TELLING THE GENTILES ABOUT JESUS, THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME TO THEM— THE SAME WAY THE SPIRIT CAME TO US ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST!

IF GOD GAVE THEM THE SAME GIFTS HE GAVE US, WHO WAS I TO STAND IN THE WAY?

THE CHURCH LEADERS AGREE WITH PETER AND PRAISE GOD FOR GIVING ETERNAL LIFE TO THE GENTILES. THE CHURCH CONTINUES TO GROW...



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