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Then Peter began to speak to them:

"I truly understand that God shows no partiality,

but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right

is acceptable to him.

You know the message he sent to the people of Israel,

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That message spread throughout Judea,

beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:

how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power;

how he went about doing good

and healing all who were oppressed by the devil,

for God was with him.

We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;

but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,

not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses,

and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

He commanded us to preach to the people

and to testify that he is the one ordained by God

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All the prophets testify about him

that everyone who believes in him

receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

**The Word of the Lord.**

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**A reading from the book of Revelation (14:13)**

I heard a voice from heaven saying,

"Write this: Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord."

"Yes," says the Spirit,

"they will rest from their labours, for their deeds follow them."

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**A reading from the book of Revelation (20:11 – 21:1)**

I saw a great white throne and the one who sat on it;

the earth and the heaven fled from his presence,

and no place was found for them.

And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne,

and books were opened.

Also another book was opened, the book of life.

And the dead were judged according to their works, as recorded in the books.

And the sea gave up the dead that were in it,

Death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them,

and all were judged according to what they had done.

Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire.

This is the second death, the lake of fire;

and anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life

was thrown into the lake of fire.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth;

for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away,

and the sea was no more.

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And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem,

coming down out of heaven from God,

prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said,

"See, I am making all things new.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Those who conquer will inherit these things,

and I will be their God and they will be my children."

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