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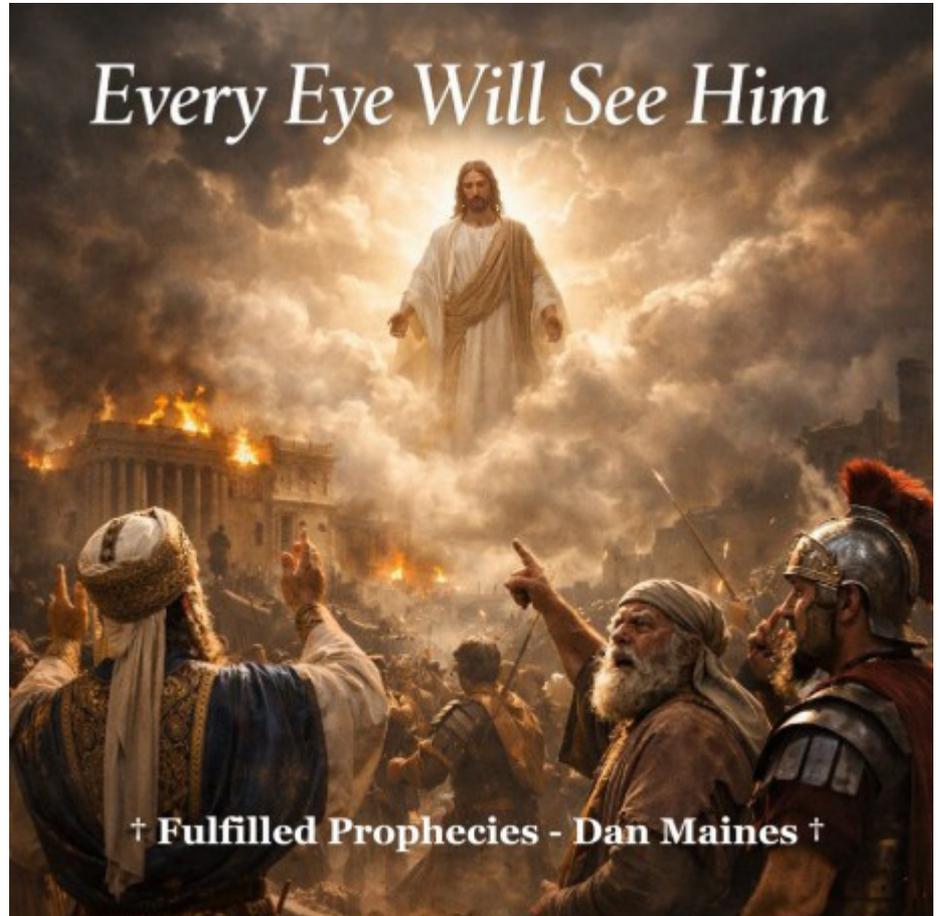
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Every Eye Will See Him



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Introduction

† This statement has been one of the most misunderstood phrases in Bible prophecy, often pulled out of its covenant and historical setting.

† Scripture itself defines who would see Him, when they would see Him, and what that seeing meant.

† When the Bible is allowed to interpret itself, the meaning becomes clear and consistent from the prophets, to Jesus, to

the apostles.

Revelation 1:7

BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.

† John explicitly limits the audience to those who pierced Him, which can only refer to the first century Jewish leadership responsible for His death (Revelation 1:7; Acts 2:23).

† Coming with the clouds is established prophetic judgment language, not a physical descent through the atmosphere (Isaiah 19:1; Ezekiel 30:3).

† The mourning of the tribes reflects covenant judgment upon Israel, echoing the language of Zechariah, not a worldwide event (Revelation 1:7; Zechariah 12:10).

Matthew 24:30

And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory.

† Jesus had already defined the time frame for this event as occurring within that generation (Matthew 24:34).

† The tribes of the earth refers to the tribes of the land, Israel, consistent with Old Testament prophetic language (Matthew 24:30).

† Seeing the Son of Man is covenant recognition of His authority and kingship, not a physical viewing of His body (Daniel 7:13-14).

Matthew 26:64

Jesus said to him, "You have said *it* yourself. But I tell you, from now *on* you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."

- † Jesus spoke directly to the high priest, placing the fulfillment squarely within that audience's lifetime (Matthew 26:64).
- † Sitting at the right hand of power describes enthronement and authority, not movement through space (Psalm 110:1).
- † The high priest would see this through the judgment that fell upon Jerusalem and the Temple in AD 70.

Zechariah 12:10

"And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and of pleading, so that they will look at Me whom they pierced; and they will mourn for Him, like one mourning for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.

- † This prophecy is explicitly limited to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, not the world at large (Zechariah 12:10).
- † The phrase whom they have pierced directly identifies the same group mentioned in Revelation 1:7 (Zechariah 12:10; John 19:37).
- † Their mourning is covenantal grief brought on by realized guilt and impending judgment, fulfilled in the events leading to AD 70 (Matthew 23:36-38).

Acts 1:9-11

And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were watching, and a cloud took Him up, out of their sight. And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, then behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them, and they said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

- † The cloud receiving Him reflects divine authority imagery, not physical travel distance (Daniel 7:13).
- † The disciples were corrected for staring into the sky, showing

the meaning was not atmospheric spectacle (Acts 1:10-11).

† Like manner refers to manner of authority and cloud imagery, consistent with prophetic judgment language (Isaiah 19:1).

Daniel 7:13-14

"I kept looking in the night visions,
And behold, with the clouds of heaven
One like a son of man was coming,
And He came up to the Ancient of Days
And was presented before Him.
And to Him was given dominion,
Honor, and a kingdom,
So that all the peoples, nations, and *populations of all*
languages
Might serve Him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
Which will not pass away;
And His kingdom is one
Which will not be destroyed.

† The Son of Man comes to the Ancient of Days, not down to the earth, establishing enthronement, not descent (Daniel 7:13).

† Cloud coming here is royal accession language tied to authority and kingdom reception (Daniel 7:13-14).

† Jesus applied this text to Himself before the high priest, confirming fulfillment within that generation (Matthew 26:64).

† Jesus explicitly stated that some standing with Him would not taste death until they saw the Son of man coming in His kingdom (Matthew 16:27-28).

† Revelation opens by stating these things must shortly come to pass, confirming the immediacy of what John describes (Revelation 1:1).

Historical References

† Josephus recorded that the destruction of Jerusalem was understood as divine judgment, accompanied by signs interpreted as heavenly authority exercised against the city (Wars of the Jews 6.5.3).

† Tacitus confirmed that first century Jews believed prophetic writings pointed to imminent rulership and judgment (Histories 5.13).

† Eusebius stated that Christians recognized Jesus' warnings as fulfilled in the fall of Jerusalem (Ecclesiastical History 3.5).

† Clement of Alexandria affirmed that Jerusalem's fall marked the close of the old covenant order (Stromata 1.21).

How It Applies To Us Today

† Christ's authority has already been established and demonstrated.

† Believers live under a completed kingdom, not an awaiting one.

† Confidence replaces fear when fulfillment is understood.

Q & A Appendix

Q Did every human on earth literally see Jesus?

A No. Scripture defines the audience as those who pierced Him and the tribes of the land.

Q What does seeing Him mean?

A It means covenant recognition of authority through judgment and vindication.

Q Why does this matter today?

A It confirms Christ reigns now, not later.

† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †

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