

What did Stephen see?
(Every Eye Shall See Him)
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[Rev 1:7-8](#)

7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and **every eye shall see him**, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.
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The main question one asks is what did every eye see? (even those that pierced Him.) What was to be observed by those who would witness the Lords` coming?

Was it to be a manifestation of Jesus in the Middle East? Was every eye on the entire planet to “see” Jesus destroy his enemies? What conclusion was to be drawn on what was perceived?

The scriptures do draw a definitive conclusion. It is woven within the word of God in such a way that only the breath of His presence can reveal it.

In my study, I noticed that the trial of Jesus before the Sanhedrin and the confrontation of Stephen by the Jews draw an uncanny parallel. The wordings within the following scriptures describe an event that only the population of that day would be privileged to witness.

[Rev 5:7-9](#)

7 And he came and took the book out of **the right hand** of him that sat upon the throne.

8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and **golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints**.

What were they praying for? The prayer is essence is “thy kingdom come thy will be done..What will? Gods wrath be done. Just read the following scriptures and see how the Lord destroyed His enemies.

[Rev 6:9-10](#)

9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, **dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?**

[Luke 18:6-8](#)

6 And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith.

7 And shall not God **avenge** his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. **Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh**, shall he find faith on the earth?

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The saints are praying that the right hand of him that sat upon the throne would bring judgment to their oppressors.

The result of these prayers lead to the opening of the seals of wrath upon Jerusalem.

[Rev 8:3-5](#)

3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having **a golden censer**; and there was given unto him **much incense**, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar **which was before the throne**.

4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the **prayers of the saints**, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

5 And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

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9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and **to open the seals** thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

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The right hand of him that sits on the throne is none other than Jesus Christ.

Let us consider scriptures that continue the story with the same biblical imagery.

[Ps 110:5-6](#)

5 The Lord at thy **right hand** shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.

6 He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.

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[Ps 21:8-9](#)

8 Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies: **thy right hand** shall find out those that hate thee.

9 Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger: the LORD shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them.

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Matt 22:44

44 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on **my right hand** , till I make thine enemies thy footstool?

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The High priest was very familiar with the sort of verbiage Jesus was using when told that he would witness the son of man coming on the right hand of power. That was the last straw!

Guilty of death?

The charges against Jesus and Stephen were very similar. Prophecies concerning the destruction of Jerusalem by the both of them ultimately brought their demise.

Both were charged with blasphemy.

Both were brought before the high priest and the council. Both were subjected to false witnesses.

Both predicted the destruction of the Temple.

Both had the same things to say about the Consummation of the age.

The charges against Jesus

Matt 26:60-65

At the last came two false witnesses,

61 And said, This fellow said, **I am able to destroy the temple of God,** and to build it in three days.

64 Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

65 Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy.

The charges against Stephen

[Acts 6:13-14](#)

13 And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law:

14 For we have heard him say, that **this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place,** and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us.

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What Stephen saw.

[Acts 7:55-57](#)

55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on **the right hand of God.**

57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

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What the high priest saw.

Matt 26:63-65

63 But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.

64 Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter **shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.**

65 Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have

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What the tribes of the earth saw:

Matt 24:29-30

29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

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They all saw the same thing.

The kindreds of the earth saw it.

Those that pierced Him saw it

The high priest saw it.

Stephen saw it.

The 12 tribes of the earth saw it.

The sign of the son of man in heaven is the sign or proof that the son of man is ruling in heaven . As it says in the book of Daniel 7:13-34 Which prophesied that the son of man would come with clouds of heaven and to the ancient of days (in heaven) To receive his everlasting kingdom. His appearing IN JUDGMENT WAS PROOF OF THAT

Additional scriptures:

Hab 2:15-17

15 Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!

16 Thou art filled with shame for glory: **drink thou also, and let thy foreskin be uncovered: the cup of the LORD's right hand shall be turned unto thee, and shameful spewing shall be on thy glory.**

17 For the violence of Lebanon shall cover thee, and the spoil of beasts, which made them afraid, because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein.
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Ex 15:12

12 Thou stretchedst out thy **right hand, the earth swallowed them.**

Ps 74:10-16

10 O God, how long shall the adversary reproach? shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever?

11 Why withdrawest thou thy hand, even thy right hand? pluck it out of thy bosom.

12 For God is my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.

13 Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength: thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.

14 Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces, and gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness.

15 Thou didst cleave the fountain and the flood: thou driedst up mighty rivers.

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9 Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger: the LORD shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them.

10 Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth, and their seed from among the children of men.

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Ps 98:1-2

O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: **his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.**

2 The LORD hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.