

Doctrine of Every Eye

“Every eye shall see him...”

Revelation 1:7

1. *Proposition.* The phrase, *“Every eye shall see Him”*, has reference to every eye without distinction, not every eye without exception. In other words, Jews and Gentiles shall be able to see the return of Christ, as well as rich and poor, educated and uneducated alike.
2. Why is this understanding to be preferred, over thinking John is speaking of every single eye being able to see the return of Jesus because of television?
 - If John was speaking about TV in the 20th and 21st century, then this verse had no real meaning to any other generation for 2000 years.
 - If John had in mind television, than Jesus could not have returned to earth for the past 2000 years, and so the blessed hope of the Lord’s return in any other particular generation would have been a meaningless hope.
 - If this verse is relying upon modern technology in the form of TV for its fulfillment, then it still does not apply today, for vast regions of the world do not have any direct access to television.
 - The truth of the matter is that the second coming of Christ is not contingent upon modern technology, or any event being fulfilled.
3. For centuries the church has consistently understood the words of *Revelation 1:7* to refer to every eye without distinction, not every eye without exception.
 - Example. *“Every eye shall see him, the eye of his people, the eye of his enemies, every eye, yours and mine”* (Matthew Henry, 18th century).
 - Example. *“Every eye shall see him. I. OUR LORD'S COMING WILL BE SEEN OF ALL. 1. It will be a literal appearance. Not merely every mind shall think of Him, but "every eye shall see Him." 2. It will be beheld by all sorts and kinds of living men. 3. It will be seen by those long dead. 4. It will be seen by His actual murderers and others like them. 5. It will be manifest to those who desire not to see the Lord. 6. It will be a sight in which you will have a share. Since you must see Him, why not at once look to Him and live? (C. H. Spurgeon, 19th century).*
 - Example. *“Every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him; and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him.” Men of all creeds, in short, of all colors, of all grades of talent, and of all conditions of society, will be there”* (William Nesbit).

- Example. *Every eye shall see Him.*
 - ❖ He will be seen by the devout Christian. By men who have consecrated their lives to His service. These will be in sympathy with His coming.
 - ❖ He will be seen by the impious skeptic. Hobbs and Hume will see Him. These will behold His coming with surprise.
 - ❖ He will be seen by the morally impenitent. Herod, Judas, Pilate; sinner, you will see Him. These will see Him with dismay. Hypocrite and backslider, you will see Him. You will see Him with despair. (J. S. Exell)
 - Example. *Every eye shall see him.* ...the very ones who, Romans and Jews, all who shared in this act (A.T. Robertson, 20th century).
4. Special care must be taken NOT to read the *Bible* in light of current events, or to press modern technology on to the Bible, and suggest it speaks of gadgets, it does not.
 5. The temptation to read into the Bible modern technology has led to some very imaginative thoughts and websites, such as the one with the following introduction.

“The Technology (in the Bible) section of this site contains over 200 verses that refer to the lights, devices, sounds, and weapons associated with flying vehicles. Other mechanized and lighted devices and general technological anomalies are also found. But, technological wonders are not exclusive to the Bible. Evidence of advanced technology is witnessed in the structures, artifacts, and writings of cultures throughout the ancient world. Many of the gods of the world’s religions are clearly associated with flight and technological wonders and devices”.