THE Alpha & Omega 2024-09-29

Revelations 22:13

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

.... Only God incarnate could make such a statement.

• The main point is that Jesus Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the author, source and completer of ALL creation, life, and salvation.

"Alpha and Omega" is repeated 3 times, all in Revelations and preceded by "I am". Revelations 1:8, 21:6a, 22:13

- Alpha and Omega, first and last, beginning and end. Basically, saying the same thing **3 ways.**
- The comprehensive title proclaims Jesus' completeness, timelessness, and sovereign authority.
 - It affirms and emphasizes His omniscience, omnipresence, and omnipotence.

Alpha, the first letter of the Greek alphabet is frequently used to signify rank: First, Chief, Greatest, or Foremost.

- Also **includes** a **sense** of **origin**: **ruler**, initiator. <u>John 1:1-4 & 14, Genesis 1:1</u> Jesus Christ is **not just** another **man, angel**, or **created being**. He is the **Creator**, **God eternal**, almighty.
 - No beginning and nothing before. He has always existed and always will
 exist.
 - "Alpha and Omega" refers to the eternity of Jesus Christ; His selfexistence, having life in Himself.

Jesus is the **beginning** and the **source** of **all**. He **made everything** out of **nothing** and **maintains** fabric of **creation**; **all** things **exist** by **Him and for Him**. <u>Colossians 1:16-17</u>, Hebrews 1:2-3

- He said, "Let there be light", and for thousands of years the sun has risen every day.
- He is sovereign over time and creation. He is guiding all things in the universe, internationally, nationally, locally and individually to its appointed purpose.
 <u>Proverbs 16:33, 21:1, Ephesians 1:11, Ps 115:3</u>

Jesus Christ is the **Omega**, the last letter of the Greek alphabet: He is the ending **point** in **time**, the **sense** of **goal** or **accomplishment**.

- Omega in 2 different senses: universal and historical.
 - Jesus started history and will end it according to His sovereign plan.
 Isaiah 46:9b-10, Hebrews 1:10-12

Jesus Christ is the **Alpha** and **Omega** of **history**, **universe** and **every life**. Job 12:9-10, *Psalm* 139:16

- The title Alpha and Omega gives assurance that there is purpose and meaning behind every life.
 - Birth nor death is an accident. He knows all your days.
- The Alpha and Omega is the author, source, and completer of salvation. Revelations 21:6-8, Hebrews 12:2, Philippians 1:6

 He can save the evilest person, give victory over sin, and break any stronghold. That's the Gospel.

Nothing is **purposeless** and nothing occurs **outside** His **sovereign** awareness and involvement. *Proverbs* 16:9, 19:21

- Alpha and Omega's plan is always better than yours, even if it does not seem like it!
 - Don't lose hope or faith in the Lord working in and through your life
 - Great faith is not required as much as faith in a great God.

Jesus Christ, the **Alpha** and **Omega**, the author, source, and completer of **life**, **creation**, and **salvation** (redemption).

• Jesus **created** and **rules everything** and stands **above**, stands **beyond time**, in **eternity**.

Jesus Christ, the Alpha and Omega, the **2**nd **person** of our **triune God** is the **origin**, **source**, and **ultimate end** toward which **all life** is **moving**. <u>Acts 17:25b & 28a, Genesis</u> 1:1, Revelations 22:21

- Before, after, and during all time He is the theme and focal point of everything.
 - He is the totality, sum, and substance of Scripture: fulfilling the end of the Law and the beginning of the gospel of grace through faith.
 - Jesus Christ is the end, the goal, and consummation of all things.
- His 2nd Coming will be the beginning of the end and of creation as we know it.
 - His sovereignty in creation guarantees the fulfillment of His purposes in re-creation.
 - Jesus Christ is the Alpha and Omega of a future beyond the final iudgment to new creation.

From the **beginning to** the **end** of **time** as **we know it**.... there **has**, **is** and **will be one objective** for **everything**—the **Glory** of the **Son** of God! <u>2 Peter 3:10, Revelations</u> 21:1, Romans 11:36

- Through the ages of eternity, His name shall be the perpetual theme of worship and adoration.
 - My prayer for you, every day may the sweet name of Jesus Christ come from your lips in praise and exaltation!