

Jesus - Alpha and Omega

Foreword

In the face of all that we see in the world today, there is a steady, sustaining, calm and strength that comes from understanding that our Lord Jesus was before all things, is going through all things with us, and will exceed all things.

Matt. 28:28b *and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

Main Points of the Study

1. Jesus identifies Himself four times in the Bible as letters at the beginning and end of the Greek alphabet. They are Alpha and Omega. Rev. 1:8, 11; 21:6; 22:13.
2. But of the four references there is a curious difference in one, Rev. 1:8. In Rev. 1:11, 21:6, and 22:13, Jesus stated He was the "end". But in Rev. 1:8, Jesus said He was the "ending". It's almost as if He was saying that in the story of creation and mankind, He was the beginning and the ending of the whole story...it all centers on Him.

What do the following passages say about the centrality of Christ?

John 10:9, 11, 17-18, 27-30

John 14:6, 13

Colossians 2:6-10

3. Jesus also states in Rev. 1:8 that He is, was, and is to come. It sounds like Jesus is saying three things...I am alive now, I was alive before all creation (and/or with John), and I will come to earth again to prepare the way for the creation of a new heaven and new earth.

If Jesus transcends all time, and we are on His side, then we too will transcend all things with Him. Hold on with Jesus to your last breath, unshaken, unmovable, and with a spirit of confident peace, knowing beyond all doubt, you like Christ, will overcome all things.

As followers of Christ, how does Jesus feel about our fearfulness and doubt?

Luke 8:22-25

4. In Rev. 21:5, Jesus said He makes all things new. From 21:1-4 and Rev. 22:1-5, identify things Jesus will make new, then breathe a sigh of relief that you will overcome all through Jesus Christ.