

## I Am the Alpha and the Omega Rev. 1:9-11

### Introduction:

Notice the times in the book of Revelation that refers to the Alpha and Omega:

**Rev. 1:8, 11, 17-18**

**Rev. 21:6** - (He who sat on the throne) - **And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.**

**Rev. 22:13** - **I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.**

### I. Jesus is He who is.

A. Jesus was in the beginning with God.

1. **John 1:1-2** - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. {2} He was in the beginning with God.
2. Twice in John 17, Jesus refers to His relationship to the Father before the world even existed.
  - a. **John 17:5** - **And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.**
  - b. **John 17:24** - **Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.**
3. Three times in the book of Genesis, God is referred to in the plural tense (notice two now and the third in a moment).
  - a. **Gen. 3:22** - (after Adam and Eve ate of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil) **Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil.**
  - b. **Gen. 11:7** - (the Tower of Babel) **Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.**

B. Jesus was with God when They created the earth.

1. **Gen. 1:26** - **Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;"**
2. **John 1:3** - **All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.**
3. **Col. 1:15-17** - **He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. {16} For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. {17} And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.**

4. **Rev. 4:11** - You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.
- C. Jesus has always been.
1. Even John the baptizer, who was born approximately 6 months before Christ, claims that Jesus was before Him.
    - a. **John 1:15** - John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.'"
    - b. **John 1:30** - (When John saw Jesus just before he baptized Him) "This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.'"
  2. In talking with the Jews, Jesus said Himself that He existed before Abraham.
    - a. The Jews were questioning some of the things that Jesus said.
    - b. **John 8:58** - Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."
- D. Jesus is He who is.

## II. Jesus is He who was.

- A. Jesus came to this earth and was born of a virgin.
  1. **Mt. 1:18-25**
  2. This was a fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah in **Is. 7:14**.
- B. While on this earth, Jesus lived as a man.
  1. He had all the feelings and emotions of a man (Jesus wept over Jerusalem and Lazarus).
  2. In fact, He was even tempted as a man.
    - a. Refer to **Mt. 4:1-11**
    - b. **Heb. 4:15** - For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.
- C. At the end of His life on this earth, He was crucified on a tree.
  1. Jesus was betrayed by Judas in the Garden (**Mt. 26:47ff**).
  2. He was beaten and mocked.
  3. Eventually, He was put on a tree to die.
- D. Even though Jesus died on the cross, He rose to live again.
  1. When the women came to the tomb, they found that Jesus was not there (as we read in all the accounts of the gospel).
  2. He had risen from the dead.
  3. **Rom. 6:9** - knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.
  4. **I Pet. 1:20-21** - He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you {21} who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.
  5. We serve a risen Savior!

E. Jesus is He who was.

### III. Jesus is He who is to come.

- A. While Jesus lived on this earth, He was crucified because He is the Son of God.
1. However, after His death, He rose to live again.
  2. Jesus promised us that there is something better for us.
    - a. **Jn. 14:1-4** - Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. {2} In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. {3} And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. {4} And where I go you know, and the way you know.
    - b. Jesus has promised us that He would come again.
  3. As Jesus was ascending into heaven, this great prophecy was made.
    - a. Two men stood by the apostles.
    - b. Notice what they said to them: **Acts 1:11** - "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."
- B. He does not know when, but He is going to come again.
1. **Mt. 24:36** - But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.
  2. **I Thes. 5:1-4** - But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. {2} For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. {3} For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. {4} But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.
  3. **Rev. 22:12** - And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.
- C. We can know, at least to some degree, what is going to happen on that great day.
1. **I Cor. 15:50-55** - Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. {51} Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—{52} in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. {53} For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. {54} So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." {55} "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"

2. **I Thes. 4:13-17** - But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. {14} For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. {15} For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. {16} For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. {17} Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.
- D. Knowing that the great Day of Judgment is coming, could we echo the same words that John did at the end of the book of Revelation?
1. **Rev. 22:20** - He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!
  2. Will the coming of our Lord be a good day or a bad day for us?

### **Conclusion:**

Jesus is "the Almighty" (**Rev. 1:8**).

It is the Christ "who is, and who was, and who is to come" that we serve (**Rev. 1:8**).