



JESUS – NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES

***“The Alpha and Omega, The Beginning and The End,
The First and the Last”***

As we closed out the titles of Christ as “the Light of the World,” and “The Light”, we concluded with the Lord Jesus as “The Light in the New Jerusalem.” As we consider the splendor of the Lord in the future, we see Him closing out the New Testament with a promise to believers:

Rev. 22:12 And, **behold, I come quickly**; and **my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.**

Rev. 22:13 I am **Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.**

The appearance of Christ will be swift in happening, and fair in rewarding His faithful servants. Such a reminder should be a wonderful encouragement to believers during troublesome times to be faithful and fruitful for His glory.

The confirmation and validity of the Lord's promises are dependent upon who He is, His character, His power, and His authority. The consummate description is seen in His declaration that He is **"...Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last."** This evening we will observe why the Lord Jesus' name is above all names.

I. THE IDENTIFICATION IN THE PAST

A. The Revealing

Isa. 41:4 Who hath wrought and done *it*, calling the generations from the beginning? **I the LORD, the first, and with the last; I *am* he.**

Isa. 44:6 Thus saith **the LORD** the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; **I *am* the first, and I *am* the last; and beside me *there is* no God.**

Isa. 48:12 Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; **I *am* he; I *am* the first, I also *am* the last.**

❖ The Jehovah's Witnesses *New World Translation* Reveals a Truth

New World Translation

Isa. 41:4 Who has acted and done this, Summoning the generations from the beginning? **I, Jehovah, am the First One; And with the last ones I am the same."**

Isa. 44:6 **This is what Jehovah says**, The King of Israel and his Repurchaser, Jehovah of armies: 'I am the first and I am the last. There is no God but me.

Isa. 48:12 Listen to me, O Jacob, and Israel, whom I have called. I am the same One. **I am the first; I am also the last.**

- ❖ The Jehovah's Witnesses Bible states that Jehovah is "the first...also the last."
- ❖ Their "Bible" also identifies Jehovah as "...the Alpha and the Omega..."

Rev. 1:8 **“I am the Al’pha and the O·me’ga,” says Jehovah God**, “the One who is and who was and who is coming, the Almighty.”

11 **(note omission)** saying: “What you see, write in a scroll and send it to the seven congregations: in Eph’e·sus, in Smyr’na, in Per’ga·mum, in Thy·a·ti’ra, in Sar’dis, in Philadelphia, and in La·o·di·ce’a.”

17 When I saw him, I fell as dead at his feet. And he laid his right hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. **I am the First and the Last,**

Rev. 21:6 And he said to me: “They have come to pass! **I am the Al’pha and the O·me’ga, the beginning and the end.** To anyone thirsting I will give from the spring of the water of life free.

Rev. 22:12 “Look! I am coming quickly, and the reward I give is with me, to repay each one according to his work. ¹³ **I am the Al’pha and the O·me’ga, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.**

❖ After identifying Jehovah as the Alpha and the Omega, their Bible states that Jesus is speaking:

Rev. 22:16 “**I, Jesus**, sent my angel to bear witness to you about these things for the congregations. I am the root and the offspring of David and the bright morning star.”

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Rev. 1:8 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. ...

11 Saying, **I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last**: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send *it* unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

Rev. 1:17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; **I am the first and the last:**

Rev. 21:6 And he said unto me, It is done. **I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.** I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Rev. 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward *is* with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

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

Rev. 22:16 **I Jesus** have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, *and* the bright and morning star.

❖ “...*be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you...” 1 Pet. 3:15

B. The Ramifications

❖ For All Ranking – “*The First and the Last*” – All that Can be Prioritized

❖ In regard to Salvation, He originated the whole plan of salvation, and He will determine its close; In the meantime, He keeps His children in the palm of His hands.

Heb. 12:2 Looking unto Jesus **the author and finisher of our faith**; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Jn. 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, **neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.**

29 My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and **no man is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand.**

❖ In regard to Creation, He formed the world, and he will wind up its affairs. In the meantime, all of Creation consists by His hands.

Col. 1:16 For **by him were all things created**, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: **all things were created by him, and for him:**

17 And he is before all things, and **by him all things consist.**

Isa. 40:12 **Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand**, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?

❖ In the beginning, the continuance, and the end, he will be recognized as the same being presiding over and controlling all.

Rev. 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for **thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.**

Comparing Scripture with Scripture

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Isa. 41:4 + Isa. 44:6 + Isa. 48:12 = The LORD is the first and the last.

Rev. 1:8, 11, 17 + Rev. 22:13 = The LORD JESUS is the first and the last.

❖ From Isaiah to Revelation, the Lord Jesus Christ is “the first and the last.”

II. THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PROMISE

Rev. 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward *is* with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

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A.The Arrival is Imminent – “...behold, I come quickly...”

Luke 12:40 **Be ye therefore ready** also: for **the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.**

Phil. 4:5 Let your moderation be known unto all men.
The Lord *is* at hand.

1 Pet. 4:7 But **the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.**

B. The Accountability is Inevitable – “...to give every man according as his work shall be.”

Rom. 14:11 For it is written, **As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me**, and every tongue shall confess to God.

12 So then **every one of us shall give account of himself to God.**

2 Cor. 5:10 For **we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ**; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.

1 Cor. 4:2 Moreover **it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.**

Summary

- ❖ In Rev. 22:13, Jesus declares His name is above all names, a testimony of His deity, eternity, infinity, and perfection.

- ❖ Jesus Christ offered a trinity of three titles for Himself that give assurance that He both can and will fulfill His former promise to reward (cf. 1:4, 8, 17; 2:8; 21:6)
 - The All Inclusive – Alpha and Omega – All that Can be Known (in any and all languages). This title stresses His eternality and sovereignty.

- For All Time – The Beginning and the End – All that Can be Experienced – complete, from start to finish. The beginning and the end means that He finishes what He begins.
- For All Ranking – The First and the Last – All that Can be Prioritized. The first and the last is also a title for Christ (1:17; 2:8) and the Father (Isa. 44:6; 48:12). It emphasizes that God is the cause and goal of history.

Conclusion

1 Kings 8:27 But will God indeed dwell on the earth?
behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?

Isa. 57:15 For thus saith **the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy;** I dwell in the high and holy *place*, with him also *that is* of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Rom. 13:11 And that, **knowing the time, that now** *it* is high time to awake out of sleep: **for now** *is* our salvation nearer than when we believed.

12 The night is far spent, **the day is at hand**: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and **let us put on the armour of light**.

13 **Let us walk honestly, as in the day**; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

14 But **put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof**.