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The Alpha and Omega.

(Revelation 1:7-8)

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Revelation 1:7-8 ----- ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. ⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

These two verses are used to support the theory that Jesus is God. This is because verse seven refers clearly to the Lord Jesus Christ and verse eight to the Alpha and the Omega who everyone knows is the immortal, invisible eternal God Almighty the creator of all things and source of all life.

Many who have a preconceived mindset that Jesus is God read these verses in this light already existing in the mind and therefore suppose the verses to be implying that Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega. But is this a correct interpretation or a case of approaching the two verses with a preconceived mindset and then seeing them in the light of what is already existing in the mind and interpreting them accordingly.

Before we begin to find an answer to this question let's take a moment to look at the fascinating history and global glory and majesty of the word amen.

Amen means: -

- Verily, firm, so it is, so be it and may it be fulfilled.

It is used at the beginning of a discourse to proclaim that what is being said is, surely a truth and when used at the end of a discourse carries the thought of what has been said is certain and asking for it to come to pass and be fulfilled. It was a custom, which passed over from the synagogues to the Christian assemblies, that when he who had read or offered up solemn prayer to God, the others responded by saying, "Amen" and thus made the substance of what was uttered their own.

The word amen is a most remarkable word translated directly from the Hebrew into the Greek of the New Testament, then into Latin and into English and many other languages, so that amen is practically a universal word. It has been called the best known word in human speech. Amen is directly related and almost identical to the Hebrew word for believe (aman) and faithful, thus, it came to mean sure and truly and to be an expression of absolute trust and confidence.

At the end of a discourse, conversation and dialogue amen means: -

- So it is, so be it, may it be fulfilled.

It signifies the end of that discourse or subject, similarly amen at the end of a paragraph tells the reader this is the end of the previous subject and now the story will bring a new subject into focus.

Back to our question, "Is Jesus the Alpha and the Omega?"

- Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen (Rev. 1:7).

Since this verse states, "Even those who pierced him will see him," it is very clear to all that it is the Lord Jesus Christ who John has in focus in this verses. Notice the verse finishes with an Amen which is the same as a full stop. Amen ends the subject being spoken about it is final, therefore when the reader comes into verse eight it is a new subject.

Actually it is not so much that it is a new topic since John's focus is simply reverting back to his earlier subject in the previous verses by refocussing on God the Father. John finishes his writing concerning Jesus with an Amen and then continues with the words: -

- I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God "who is and who was and who is to come the Almighty (Rev. 1:8).

Here we read that the Lord God the Almighty is saying that He is the Alpha and the Omega. The Almighty is the immortal, invisible eternal God and being such cannot die. If it was possible for the eternal and immortal Almighty to die He could never claim to be immortal and eternal since the very meaning of these words is that it is impossible to die. So we know that it was not the Alpha and Omega who died on the cross, but his most beloved Son the one that was pierced the Lord Jesus Christ.

God the Father is the Alpha and Omega.

- Who is: carries the idea of being present.
- Who was: carries the idea of past.
- Who is to come: carries the idea of future.
- Was and is and to come: carries the idea of eternally existing in all ages.

The following verses carry the same idea: -

Revelation 1:4-5 ----- ⁴John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; ⁵And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

John says, peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and then in verse five introduces Jesus Christ, the phrase who is and who was and who is to come, is not referring to the Lord Jesus Christ because John introduces Jesus after making the statement it is referring to God the Father the Alpha and Omega who will ultimately be all in all.

Following is a brief scenario of the glorious return of the Lord Jesus Christ, the beginning of eternity and of God the Father the immortal, invisible eternal God the Alpha and Omega being All in All: -

The Lord will return as, King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev. 19:11-16) to rule and reign from God's Holy City Jerusalem (on Mount Zion God's Holy Mountain) to establish God's Kingdom on earth during his millennial reign. The dead in Christ and the faithful, who are alive, will be gathered together to rule and reign as kings and priests with the Lord over those nations who are left outside the Holy City of God. Christ the King united with his people will not only bring peace to the Middle East, but establish God's Kingdom of steadfast love, faithfulness, righteousness, joy and peace throughout the world and the glory of God will cover the earth.

Jesus will do justice to the poor and oppressed, he will be a faithful and compassionate King forever. He will not allow anyone to strike terror in the earth, or use lies and deception to enlarge their own wealth and power. The land will abundantly produce and even the deserts will flourish.

The animals will not feed on each other and even the lamb will be able to lie down with the wolf and everyone will eat of their own hands because all that they plant will produce. All nations the LORD has made will come and worship before the Lord Jesus Christ. They will glorify God's Name, proclaiming the LORD is great and does wondrous things and that He alone is God.

The book of Revelation states: -

- When Christ returns everyone will see him and those who pierced him, and tells us, Jesus the faithful witness and the ruler of kings on earth loves us, freed us from our sins by his blood and RANSOMED a people for God from every tribe, language, people and

nation (i.e., Jews and Gentiles) and made us a KINGDOM and PRIESTS to his God and Father (Revelation 1:5-10).

- And in chapter six we are told that Christ was slain to RANSOM a people for God from every tribe, language, people and nation (i.e., Jews and Gentiles) and has made them a KINGDOM and PRIESTS to our God, and they shall REIGN on the EARTH (Revelation 5:9-10).

At the end of this glorious Kingdom age God descends to earth on a Great White Throne the sea, death and hades (the grave) give up the dead. They stand before God and are judged according to what is written in certain heavenly books according to what they have done. Death and those counted unworthy are cast into the Lake of Fire a symbol of eternal destruction (i.e., total extinction) (also called the, Second Death) (Rev 20:11-15). Christ hands the Kingdom over to his heavenly Father and God is All in All and ETERNITY begins in all its fullness and majestic royal glory.

For further information concerning the return of Christ, see the titles: -

- Kingdom of God (ON WEBSITE MENU).
- The Second or Great White Throne Judgment.

In, Resurrection (ON WEBSITE MENU).

For further information concerning the Alpha and Omega, see the title: -

- The First and the Last, the Alpha and Omega (Rev. 1).
(This covers the entire chapter of Revelation One).
- In Trinity (The Doctrine of the Trinity) (ON WEBSITE MENU).

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