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Alpha and Omega

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First and Last

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Alpha and Omega, the First and Last.

INTRODUCTION: in this study we are going to look at whether the title, "The Alpha and Omega," belongs to Jesus, or an Angel, or God.

Topics.

- The Alpha and Omega belongs to God.
- The Alpha and Omega.
- The Alpha and Omega can be Jesus or God.
- The Alpha and Omega belongs to an Angel and Jesus.
- Summary of the Alpha and Omega.
- Words of comfort and encouragement.

THE ALPHA AND OMEGA BELONGS TO GOD

The English Standard Bible, says:

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

The King James Bible, says:

- **Revelation 1:8:** (KJV) 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. (Rev. 1:8).

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In this verse it is very clear the title, "The Alpha and Omega," solely belongs to God the Almighty, the creator and source of all life, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

THE ALPHA AND OMEGA

The English Standard Bible, says:

- **Revelation 1:11:** (ESV) saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

The King James Bible, says:

- **Revelation 1:11:** (KJV) 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.

The King James Bible and the New King James Bible are the only Bibles that have included the title, "The Alpha and Omega," in this verse. The following four major Bibles have omitted the words Alpha and Omega.

The American Standard Bible.

- Saying, "What thou seest, write in a book and send it to the seven churches: unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamum, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea" (Rev. 1:11).

The New American Standard Bible.

- Saying, "Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea" (Rev. 1:11).

The New International Bible.

- Which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea" (Rev. 1:11).

The New Revised Standard Bible.

- Saying, "Write in a book what you see and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamum, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea" (Revelation 1:11).

These four major Bible versions have not included the words, Alpha, and Omega in verse eleven. The following statements show that the one speaking, is Jesus:

- I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. (v8).
- You have kept my word and have not denied my name. (v8).
- I have loved you, because you have kept my word (v9-10).
- I am coming soon. (v11).
- The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. (v12).
- I will write on him the name of my God. (v12).
- I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. (v20).
- The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. (v21).

Clearly these verses show that the title: "The Alpha and Omega," in this chapter belongs to the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE ALPHA AND OMEGA CAN BE JESUS OR GOD

The English Standard Bible, says:

- **Revelation 21:5-6:** (ESV) He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."
⁶And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. (Rev. 21:5-6).

The King James Bible, says:

- **Revelation 21:5-6:** (KJV) And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. 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.

In these verses the Alpha and the Omega refers to the One sitting on the throne in heaven, which could refer to God the Father or Jesus His Son, since the following verse shows that Jesus also sits on his Fathers throne.

- **Revelation 3:21:** The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.

THE ALPHA AND OMEGA BELONGS TO AN ANGEL AND JESUS

The English Standard Bible, says:

- **Revelation 22:13:** (ESV) I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

The King James Bible, says:

- **Revelation 22:13:** (KJV) I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

When we travel back to the previous chapter, we discover that the, “I,” in this verse belongs to, the angel that showed John, the pure river of life flowing out from the throne of God and the Lamb. (Rev. 21:9), which means the title, The Alpha and Omega in this verse belongs to an angel. However, fixing the name Alpha and Omega to the angel, is not as simple as it seems, for later in this chapter we read:

- **Revelation 22:6–10:** And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.”⁷ “And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”⁸ I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me,⁹ but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.”¹⁰ And he said to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.

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Here we read:

- Behold, I am coming soon, which clearly belongs to Jesus. (v7)
- John fell-down to worship at the feet of the angel. (v8).
- The angel told John, that he is a fellow servant with him. (v9).

Then in the following verses we read:

- **Revelation 22:12:** Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done.
- **Revelation 22:13:** I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.
- **Revelation 22:16:** I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.
- **Revelation 22:20:** He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

These verses show the title, “The Alpha and Omega,” can be applied to the angel and to Jesus, this is logical, because Jesus says, “he has sent his angel,” which means, when the angel speaks, he is speaking on behalf of Jesus, and whatever he says, will always be exactly what Jesus would say.

SUMMARY OF THE ALPHA AND OMEGA

It is foolishness to limit the title, "The Alpha and the Omega," to God the Almighty or to the Lord Jesus Christ only as it can also apply to the angel God sent to show John what must come to pass. This is logical since God, Jesus and the angel are all one in Spirit, unity, mind, and love and therefore all have the same goals, plans and purposes. This means that the words the angel speaks are the same words God and Jesus would speak, which means each can be viewed as speaking on behalf of the other. Jesus can be viewed as the Alpha and Omega, in the sense, he was the centre of God's eternal plan for mankind's salvation before time began, and he is also the beginning of the New Testament church age, without Christ there would be no church, no salvation and no future Kingdom of God, so in this sense, the title, The Alpha and Omega, is a fitting title for him.

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT

Since the words, "who is and who was and who is to come," and the words, "I am the Alpha and the Omega," have been used to support the idea that Jesus is God, and the teaching that Jesus is God has such a strong hold on much of traditional Christianity the following will encourage and comfort faithful brothers and sisters in Christ who maybe unsure of what to believe concerning the Father and the Son. The Bible very clearly shows that even if Jesus was God, as many believe, no one has, to know this to be saved to eternal life since there is not one verse in the entire Bible that states:

- We must believe that Jesus is God to be saved.

Nor is there one verse from Genesis to Revelation that says:

- Whoever believes that Jesus is God will be saved.

In total contrast to this silence there are literally multitudes of Scriptures throughout the pages of the New Testament that very clearly proclaim:

- We must believe that Jesus is the Son of God to be saved.

And that say:

- Whoever believes that Jesus is the Son of God will be saved.

Surely if it was important to believe that Jesus was God to be saved to eternal life Jesus, the apostles and Paul would have told us at least once in all their teaching concerning salvation, but all we hear from Paul, the apostles and Jesus himself is them saying that we must believe that Jesus is the Son of God to be saved to eternal life. Jesus himself said, "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent" (John 17:3). Since there is not one verse in the entire Bible that states: "a person must believe Jesus is God to be saved," it seems to me that those proclaiming that they must, are preaching a different Gospel to what Jesus, Paul and the apostles proclaimed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

See the title:

- Trinity (The Doctrine of the Trinity).
- in Various Topics (ON WEBSITE MENU).

As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.

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