

# Alpha And Omega

*21 Days of Prayer and Fasting*

**Other names associated with this name:** First and the Last, Beginning and The End.

This title occurs only three times in the Bible.

- **Revelation 1:17-18** “When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said, “Do not be afraid, I am the First and the Last. I am the living One: I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.”
- **Revelation 21:5-6** “He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” He said to me, “It is done. I am the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End.”
- **Revelation 22:13** “ Behold I am coming soon! My reward is with me, I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, The First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”
- **Isaiah 48:12** “Listen to me, O Jacob, Israel, whom I have called; I am he; I am the first and the last.”
- **Hebrews 12:2** “...He is the author and finisher of our faith.”

Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters in the Greek Alphabet. Could be paraphrased to say “*I am the A and the Z.*” In fact the word *alpha bet* comes from the first two words in the Greek alphabet – *alpha and beta*. When Jesus refers to himself as alpha and omega he is not just the two letters but all the letters in between. And letters are the building blocks of all words. He is the WORD.

Jesus in the ark, Jesus in the rainbow and the dove, Jesus in the story of Joseph, Jesus in the sacrifice on Mt Moriah, Jesus is in the ladder of Jacob, Jesus in the manna in the desert. The face of Jesus can be traced like waters marks in fine paper on every page. He is the Alpha and Omega – the First and the last and everything in between.

He is found in the first verse of Genesis and in the last verse of Revelation. He is the first and last, the all in all of salvation, from the justification before God to the final sanctification of His people.

Jesus is Alpha . . . .

- God is the Alpha and we are not (when we think of the term alpha)
- You shall have no other gods before me.
- Principle of first throughout the bible.

#### **Putting God first is a requirement for salvation**

- **Luke 9:59-60** “Lord, FIRST let me go and bury my father.” Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”
- **Luke 9:61-62** “Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but FIRST let me go back and say goodbye to my family.” Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

#### **Putting God first is a condition for God’s blessing**

- Matthew 6:33 “Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you as well.

#### **Praise God . . .**

- Jesus has always has been and always will be
- Jesus is everything we need or will ever want.
- **Hebrews 13:8** “Jesus Christ the same yesterday today and forever.”
- He is Alpha – the first and the best of all things

#### **Confess**

- Anytime we have prioritized something before Jesus (a person, a job, a hobby, etc)

## **Ask God**

- That Jesus be first in every area of your life
  - Schedule
  - Family
  - Finances
- Restore Jesus as your first love (Revelation 2:4-5)
- To give us courage, resilience and perseverance all the way to the end (Hebrews 12:2)
- Come quickly Lord Jesus