

the ALPHA AND OMEGA

"And, behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give to every man according as his work has been. I am the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last. Blessed are they who do His commandments, that they may have right to the Tree of Life, and may enter in through the gates into the City. ... " (see Revelation 22:12-17)

The verses above are used in reference to Jesus; and below in reference to the Father:

"... And He who sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said unto me, "Write: for these words are true and faithful." And He said unto me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give unto him who is thirsty of the fountain of the water of life freely. He who overcomes shall inherit all things; and I will be His God, and he shall be My son."" (see Revelation 21:1-7)

Alpha: the name of the Greek letter "Α" - "the first letter of the Greek alphabet."

Omega: the name of the Greek letter "Ω" - "the Last letter of the Greek alphabet."
(equivalent to the english letter 'O', but symbolically equivalent to the last english letter 'Z').

The title, **the Alpha and Omega**, speaks of the first letter of the Greek alphabet, and the last letter of the Greek alphabet; and thus by implication the entire alphabet, or all that represents the expressed will of God: all Knowledge, all understanding, all wisdom, all truth, all judgement, all prophecy: all the Word of God that speaks of Christ Jesus, and through Christ Jesus; the "Logos" - the Word that was God in the beginning; and the Word that became flesh: even Jesus our Lord! (see John 1:1-5) Consider also the following verses:

"Then He (Jesus) said unto them, "Oh fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken. Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?" And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself." (Luke 24: 25-27 - from the Emaus road story)

When Jesus explained to the two disciples all of what the Scriptures had to say about Himself; He may have very well begun with the first letter in the books of Moses, where it says,

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). And He may have concluded His detailed discussion with the last letter of the prophecy of Malachi, the last book in the Old Testament, where it says, *"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse"* (Malachi 4:5-6). (a Messianic prophecy concerning John the Baptist, who served as Christ's forerunner.)

Jesus was using all the scriptures to explain that He was the complete fulfillment of the scriptures; and, able to claim, along with the Father, the unique singular right to this title. Can I do that? Can you?

Jesus is...

the Alpha and Omega

the Word made flesh, the fulfillment of all scripture
from the Beginning to the End, the First and the Last, God incarnate!

"Blessed are all who do His commandments,
that they may have the right to eat from the Tree of Life!!"

All Praise and Glory to You Jesus - the One who shall reward each of us...
in accordance as our work has been. Amen and Amen !!