## the BEGINING AND END

"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." (Revelation 22:12-14)

This title is used only twice (or thrice), and only in the Book of Revelation; above in reference to Jesus; and in reference to God also in Revelation 21:1-7, (see also Revelation 1:1-11 KJV...)

**Beginning:** from the Greek word <u>arche</u> which means "the beginning, origin, commencement, or rule, of some action or event, or thing."

**End:** from the Greek word <u>telos</u> which means "an end; termination, consummation, completion; or the principal end, aim, plan, purpose, or goal, of some act or event."

The uniqueness of the title **'the Beginning and the End'** is in understanding that the two words, the Beginning, and the End, rather than being mere terms of opposite meaning when understood separately, instead represent a singular title of both the Son, and the Father, that illustrates their unfied role in the commencement, plan, purpose, and consummation of the present heaven and earth creation: from the time it was all created in the past, to the time it shall all 'pass away' in the future. Consider these verses:

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth...." (Genesis – chapter 1)

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was Life; and the Life was the Light of men. And the Light shines in darkness; and the darkness comprehends it not." (John 1:1-5)

"For by Him all things were 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. And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist. (Colossians 1:16-17)

Jesus said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For truly I say unto you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one jot or one tittle shall pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. (Matthew 5:17-18)

"For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one who believes. (Romans 10:4)

When Jesus calls Himself the Beginning and the End, within the context of the whole Word of God, from the beginning verse in Genesis to the ending verse in Revelation, He is speaking of Himself as being the beginning-origin of all Creation; and thus all history, all dominion and rule, all prophecy and Law, and all that will be fulfilled in and through Christ Jesus to the end of the age. When all the Word of God is thus fulfilled, both that in the Law of Moses and in the Prophets; then shall Jesus be the fulfillment of the Law and the end of the law; and all that is said of Himself within. Then Jesus shall become the End of creation, as it says, "For truly I say unto you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one jot or one tittle shall pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." (Matthew 5:18) And again, "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;..." (Revelation 21:1) The ending of the old, and the beginning of the new, is in and through Jesus!

It is, and always will be all about Jesus, from the beginning of creation to the end of the present age, and beyond - forever and ever, and always and always! From the beginning prophecies in Genesis to the ending words of Jesus in Revelation - it has always pointed towards Jesus, God's promised Messiah, the Christ; our Saviour, our Lord, our King, our Advocate, our Life. our everything, ...!

## Jesus is...

## the Beginning and End

the origin and source, the goal and purpose; the End and fulfillment of the Law, even the Word of God; the consummation of this present creation. He is the Ruler of the New Heaven and New Earth... and He will give us the right to eat from the Tree of Life!

It is all about Jesus! Thank You Jesus!