

Alpha & Omega
(AL'-FAHO'-MEG-AH)

"THE FIRST AND THE LAST"

*"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."*

~Revelation 1:8

(1) _____ is the first letter of the Greek alphabet, (2) _____, and corresponds with the Hebrew (3) _____.

(4) _____ is used with the last letter of the Greek alphabet, (5) _____, in the expression "*Alpha and Omega, the first and the last,*" which is applied to the Father or Christ.

(Revelation 1:8, 1:11, 21:6, 22:13)

The Hebrews, the Greeks, and the Romans all used their alphabetical letters as numerals, and that helped to establish the first letter and last letter numerically Alpha=first, Omega=last.

The meaning is explained in the context "*the beginning*" (6) _____ and "*the end*" (7) _____, "*the first*" (8) _____ and "*the last*" (9) _____.

As (10) _____, first born, (*Colossians 1:15*) He is pre-eminent over all who will follow, or be born after. In Revelation, (11) _____ indicates that He is the one who brought all things into existence, and (12) _____ is the one who will bring them to their determined end. (*2 Peter 3:10-13; Revelation 21:1*) This expression is directly identifiable of God the Father or Jesus Christ. (*John 1:3; Romans 11:36; Ephesians 1:10; Revelation 3:14*)

(13) _____ signifies the eternal creative existence of God. (*Isaiah 44:6*) This name of God in the New Testament is identifiably the same as the name of God in the Old Testament (14) _____ and (15) _____.
(Isaiah 41:4, 43:10-15, 44:6, 45:8, 21-22)

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Isaiah is reminding us of the first and most basic truth in Scripture ⁽¹⁶⁾“ _____ ”; not ⁽¹⁷⁾“ _____ ” is God. The Scriptures never explain it, they simply contain it. In the beginning ⁽¹⁸⁾ _____; before there was anything else, there was God.

Isaiah reminds us there is only ⁽¹⁹⁾ _____; there is only ⁽²⁰⁾ _____ who created, and He was here before as ⁽²¹⁾ _____, first, and He will be here after which is ⁽²²⁾ _____, last.

Genesis 1:1, John 1:1-4, and Revelation 3:14 reveal the basic truth that God is ⁽²³⁾“ _____ ” or origin of all creation.

As ⁽²⁴⁾ _____ (the first) He is ⁽²⁵⁾ _____, creator of all things. (*John 1:1-10; Hebrews 1:10*) As Alpha and Omega, He is the ⁽²⁶⁾ _____ of all creation. (*Colossians 1:15-17*)

⁽²⁷⁾ _____ makes it clear that He is the ⁽²⁸⁾ _____ one (*Colossians 1:18-19*), and His name is above every name (*Philippians 2:9-11*) because He has all authority. (*Matthew 28:18; Ephesians 1:9-22*)

⁽²⁹⁾ _____ tells us that God is the point where everything concludes. (*Revelation 1:18-22, 12:13*) ⁽³⁰⁾ _____ tells us that God is the final authority (*John 14:6*) and that all creation will account to Him. (*Revelation 14:11-12*)

He is the eternal cause of all things, and He is the final destination at which all things arrive.

To our understanding, Alpha and Omega is like saying from A to Z. All 26 letters of the alphabet, and all they do or say. (Jesus Christ is the Word of God) (*John 1:1-4*)

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Illustration: Luke 11:51 inclusive: This name totally encompasses all that God is and all that He will accomplish. In this name is the total sum of all the names of God in the Old Testament and New Testament.

Illustration: The scene in Revelation is similar to that of Isaiah. God's people are divided; sin is rampant; confusion, idolatry, and wickedness is on every hand; and God reveals Himself to His people and proclaims their accountability to Him.

The Old Testament ⁽³¹⁾ _____ and ⁽³²⁾ _____ is inclusive. There is no other, and God identifies Himself as ⁽³³⁾ _____ first, and ⁽³⁴⁾ _____ last. The Old Testament prophets recorded the truth that there was no other. The New Testament ⁽³⁵⁾ _____ first and ⁽³⁶⁾ _____ last, is also inclusive. There is no other God, and Jesus Christ describes Himself as ⁽³⁷⁾ _____, _____ = first, and ⁽³⁸⁾ _____, _____ = last or final.

In both accounts, God is identified as ⁽³⁹⁾ _____ El-Shaddai. (*Genesis 17:1; Isaiah 41:4; Revelation 1:8, 4:8-11*) The term "The Almighty" occurs only ten times in the New Testament, and nine of these are in Revelation. The first time it is used in the Bible is in 1 Samuel 1:3. Elkanah worshipped "The Lord of Hosts." Jehovah of Hosts, the Almighty (none above, beside, none else).

Genesis reveals the ⁽⁴⁰⁾ _____, the ⁽⁴¹⁾ _____. Revelation reveals the ⁽⁴²⁾ _____, the ⁽⁴³⁾ _____, and all that is encompassed between from the beginning until the end.

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"I am... Alpha and Omega."

1. In ⁽⁴⁴⁾ _____ we see God is ⁽⁴⁵⁾ _____. Literally, Jesus Christ is God's alphabet - all wisdom, power, etc. Jesus is all things and knows all things – nothing is left out. No wonder He is called the Word of God!

"I am... the beginning and the ending."

2. In ⁽⁴⁶⁾ _____ we see God is ⁽⁴⁷⁾ _____. Here it is stated in terms of time, but it is just as true in terms of space. (*Matthew 18:20, 28:20*)

"I am... the Lord which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty."

3. In ⁽⁴⁸⁾ _____ we see God is ⁽⁴⁹⁾ _____, here speaking of Christ and clearly identifying Him as ⁽⁵⁰⁾ _____. Again, there is only one "Almighty", only one ⁽⁵¹⁾ _____, and only one ⁽⁵²⁾ _____.

These three attributes are each inclusive. There can only be one all-knowing, one all-places, and one all-powerful. These testify of the deity of Jesus Christ.

Old Testament or New, God has clearly defined that "Almighty God" is the first and the last. There is none other. God reveals this truth through the revelation of Jesus Christ. When Jesus spoke to the scribes and Pharisees in the Gospel of John, He identified Himself as "I AM", and of a truth Christ is all-compassing. I AM the door; I AM the bread of life; I AM the way, the truth, and the life. Whatever we need, He is – present tense. Alpha: He always has been; Omega: He always will be. There is none before, beside, or beyond. He is the first and the last!

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Adam, The Second - 1 Corinthians 15:45-47

Advocate - 1 John 2:1

Almighty - Revelation 1:8

Alpha and Omega - Revelation 21:6

Amen - Revelation 3:14

Ancient of Days - Daniel 7:9

Angel of His Presence - Isaiah 63:9

Angel, Mine - Exodus 23:20-23

Anointed Above His Fellows - Psalm 45:7

Anointed, His - Psalm 2:2

Apostle of Our Profession - Hebrews 3:1

Arm of the Lord - Isaiah 51:9-10

Author and Finisher of our Faith - Hebrews 12:2

Author of Eternal Salvation - Hebrews 5:9

Begotten of God - 1 John 5:18

Beloved - Ephesians 1:6

Bishop of our Souls - 1 Peter 2:25

Blessed and Only Potentate - 1 Timothy 6:15

Branch, The - Zechariah 3:8

Branch, A Righteous - Jeremiah 33:15

Branch of the Root of Jesse - Isaiah 11:1

Bread of Life - John 6:35

Bright and Morning Star - Revelation 22:16

Captain of the Lord's Host - Joshua 5:15

Carpenter's Son - Matthew 13:55

Chiefest Among Ten Thousand - Song of Solomon 5:10

Christ, The - John 1:41

Christ the Lord - Luke 2:11

Christ Jesus our Lord - Romans 8:39

Christ the Power of God - 1 Corinthians 1:24

Counselor - Isaiah 9:6

Covenant of the People - Isaiah 42:6

Dayspring - Luke 1:78

Daystar - 2 Peter 1:19

Deliverer - Romans 11:26

Door, The - John 10:9

Elect - Isaiah 42:1

Emanuel - Matthew 1:23

Eternal Life - 1 John 5:20

Everlasting Father - Isaiah 9:6

Faithful and True - Revelation 19:11

Faithful Witness - Revelation 1:5

First Begotten - Hebrews 1:6

First Born - Psalm 89:27

First Born Among Many Brethren - Romans 8:29

First Fruits - 1 Corinthians 15:23

First and Last - Revelation 22:13

Foundation Laid in Zion - Isaiah 28:16

Glorious Lord - Isaiah 33:21

God of Israel - Isaiah 45:15

God with Us - Matthew 1:23

Great God - Titus 2:13

Great High Priest - Hebrews 4:14

Head of the Body - Colossians 1:18

Head over all Things - Ephesians 1:22

Headstone of the Corner - Psalm 118:22

Heir of All Things - Hebrews 1:2

Holy One of Israel - Isaiah 41:14

Hope of Glory - Colossians 1:27

I Am - John 8:58

Image of the Invisible God - Colossians 1:15

Immanuel - Isaiah 7:14

Jesus Christ our Lord - Romans 1:3

Judge of Israel - Micah 5:1

King of Glory - Psalm 24:7

King - Zechariah 9:9

King over all the Earth - Zechariah 14:9

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Lamb of God - John 1:29
Light of the World - John 8:12
Lily of the Valleys - Song of Solomon 2:1
Living Bread - John 6:5
Lord God Almighty - Revelation 4:8
Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ - 2 Peter 2:20
Lord of All - Acts 10:36
Lord our Righteousness - Jeremiah 23:6
Lord, Your Redeemer - Isaiah 43:14
Love - 1 John 4:8

Man of Sorrows - Isaiah 53:3
Master - Matthew 3:10
Messiah - Daniel 9:25
Mighty God - Isaiah 9:6
Mighty One of Jacob - Isaiah 60:16
Most Holy - Daniel 9:24
Most Mighty - Psalm 45:3

Only Wise God - 1 Timothy 1:17
Our Passover - 1 Corinthians 5:7

Physician - Luke 4:23
Prince of Peace - Isaiah 9:6
Prince of the Kings of the Earth - Revelation 1:5
Prophet - Deuteronomy 18:15-18
Propitiation - Romans 3:25

Rabbi - John 1:49
Redeemer - Isaiah 59:20
Resurrection - John 11:25
Righteous Servant - Isaiah 53:11
Rock - 1 Corinthians 10:4
Root of Jesse - Isaiah 11:10
Rose of Sharon - Song of Solomon 2:1

Saviour of the World - 1 John 4:14
Seed of David - John 7:42
Seed of the Woman - Genesis 3:15
Shepherd, Good - John 10:11
Son of God - Romans 1:4
Son of Man - Acts 7:56
Son of Mary - Mark 6:3
Son of the Highest - Luke 1:32
Star out of Jacob - Numbers 24:17
Stone - Matthew 21:42
Sun of Righteousness - Malachi 4:2
Sure Foundation - Isaiah 28:16

Teacher - John 3:2
Truth - John 14:6

Unspeakable Gift - 2 Corinthians 9:15

Vine - John 15:1

Way - John 14:6
Wonderful - Isaiah 9:6
Word - John 1:14
Word of God - Revelation 19:13

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| 1. <i>Alpha</i> | 19. <i>One</i> | 37. <i>Creator, Alpha</i> |
| 2. <i>A</i> | 20. <i>One</i> | 38. <i>Sustainer, Omega</i> |
| 3. <i>Aleph</i> | 21. <i>Alpha</i> | 39. <i>Almighty</i> |
| 4. <i>Alpha</i> | 22. <i>Omega</i> | 40. <i>First</i> |
| 5. <i>Omega</i> | 23. <i>The Beginning</i> | 41. <i>Alpha</i> |
| 6. <i>Arche</i> | 24. <i>Alpha</i> | 42. <i>Last</i> |
| 7. <i>Telos</i> | 25. <i>Elohim</i> | 43. <i>Omega</i> |
| 8. <i>Protos</i> | 26. <i>Sustainer</i> | 44. <i>Alpha & Omega</i> |
| 9. <i>Eschatos</i> | 27. <i>Alpha</i> | 45. <i>Omniscient</i> |
| 10. <i>Prototokos</i> | 28. <i>Pre-eminent</i> | 46. <i>Alpha & Omega</i> |
| 11. <i>Alpha</i> | 29. <i>Omega</i> | 47. <i>Omnipresent</i> |
| 12. <i>Omega</i> | 30. <i>Omega</i> | 48. <i>Alpha & Omega</i> |
| 13. <i>Alpha</i> | 31. <i>First</i> | 49. <i>Omnipotent</i> |
| 14. <i>First</i> | 32. <i>Last</i> | 50. <i>The Almighty</i> |
| 15. <i>Last</i> | 33. <i>Creator</i> | 51. <i>First</i> |
| 16. <i>There is God</i> | 34. <i>Sustainer</i> | 52. <i>Last</i> |
| 17. <i>Where</i> | 35. <i>Alpha</i> | |
| 18. <i>God</i> | 36. <i>Omgea</i> | |

