



**=I AM SERIES=**

**I AM THE ALPHA AND OMEGA**

**REVELATION 1:8**

**INTRODUCTION:** Alpha is the first letter of the Greek alphabet. Omega is the last letter. When Jesus says He is the Alpha and Omega it is like we would say, "He knows that subject from A to Z." In Revelation 1:11 He says, "I am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last." Then in Revelation 1:8 He says, "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, the first and the last." What does our Lord mean when He says He is the Alpha and Omega?

**I. HE IS THE FIRST.**

This means He was the Creator of all things. John 1:3, "All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made." Everything that was created, Jesus created. Notice also John 17:5, "And now, O Father, glorify Thou Me with Thine own self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was." He was with the Father before the world was. John 17:24 "...be with me where I am; that they may behold My glory, which Thou has given Me, for Thou lovedst Me before the foundation of the world." He was with the Father before the foundation of the world. He was the Creator. We should never forget that Jesus is God! Isaiah 9:6, 7 pertains to Jesus. There Jesus is called "the Mighty God, the everlasting Father." Also notice John 8:58, "Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am." Note especially the words, "Before Abraham was, I am." Jesus was not born in Bethlehem, but He is the preexistent Son of God.

To explain this, notice John 1:14, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." In this verse the word "was" means "became," and "dwelt" means "tabernacled". When it says, "The word became flesh," it means that Jesus was the Preexistent Son of God became flesh. This doctrine is called the "incarnation" which means "clothed upon". Jesus was the Son of God clothed upon with human flesh.

Then the word "tabernacled" in John 1:14 means that He was in a temporary body. Paul likens this body to a tabernacle or a tent. He likens Heaven and the glorified body to a temple. Jesus was the preexistent Son of God. He came to earth to "camp out" or "live in a tent" for 33 years. He then went back to Heaven in His "temple" or "permanent body." So he is the Alpha in that He was from the beginning and in that he is the great Creator.

**II. THE WORD "OMEGA" MEANS THAT HE ALWAYS WILL BE AND HE IS THE ENDING.**

Once the rapture takes place and we will "ever be with the Lord," we will always be with Him. I Thess. 4:17, "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." (Teacher, trace where we will be with Him. We will be married to him at the Marriage of the Lamb. We will come back for our honeymoon on earth for a thousand years. Then we will be ushered into the New Jerusalem where we will live with Him forever as a bride adorned for her husband.) Revelation 21:1, 2, "And I say a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of Heaven, prepared as a bride

adorned for her husband." In other words, after everything is over, Jesus will be the omega. He is the ending and yet He never ends.

### **III. HE IS EVERYTHING BETWEEN ALPHA AND OMEGA.**

He is not saying here that He is just the first and the last. He is saying, "I am the first and the last and everything between." Here is an interesting truth. You can take the alphabet and spell any words to express any thoughts. Jesus is the alphabet. That means you can take Jesus and meet any need that arises, supply for any care, bear any burden, solve any problem, answer any question, in other words, He can meet any need. Notice Colossians 1:17, "And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist." The word "Consist" there means "hold together". Like a substance that holds things together, Jesus holds everything together. He is the Alpha, the omega, and he is all in between. He is everything you need!

**MEMORY VERSE:** Revelation 1:8 "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, the first and the last."