

# **I AM**

## **THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA**

Text: Revelation 1:8

Introduction:

1. The deity of Christ is proven conclusively by John's account of the Gospel (20:30-31).
2. His deity is proven even by His name (1:1-3, 14; 8:58; Exodus 3:13-15).
3. The "I am" statements of Christ recorded by John reveal His nature and His work...
  - a. I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE
  - b. I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD
  - c. I AM THE DOOR OF THE SHEEPFOLD
  - d. I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD
  - e. I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE
  - f. I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE
  - g. I AM THE TRUE VINE
4. In the book of Revelation, the "I am" statements of Christ reveal His glory and power as King of kings and Lord of lords.
5. The phrase "*the alpha and the omega*" is a statement of completion.
  - a. Alpha is the first letter of the Greek alphabet; while omega is the last.
  - b. Thus, from alpha to omega indicates completeness, entirety.
6. So, when Jesus says, "I am the alpha and the omega," He is teaching us about the completeness of His deity and its implications in our lives...
  - I. Complete Eternity (Revelation 1:8)
    - A. Concerning deity, He is eternal (Isaiah 43:10; 44:6; 57:15; Micah 5:2; Psalm 90:2).
    - B. Concerning history, He is the beginning and the ending.
    - C. Concerning salvation, He was and is and shall ever be (Revelation 1:17-18; Hebrews 13:8).
  - II. Complete Authority (Revelation 1:11)
    - A. Because He is eternal – therefore, divine – Jesus has all authority.
    - B. Thus, what He revealed to John was to be written and distributed to the churches as the authoritative Word of God.
    - C. His Word is our authority (John 12:48; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-8).
      1. Man must obey it (Romans 6:17-18).
      2. Man must respect it (Hebrews 1:5, 13).
  - III. Complete Benevolence (Revelation 21:6)
    - A. Because He is eternal, Jesus can meet every need of man.
      1. Physical needs (Matthew 6:33; 7:7-11).

2. Spiritual needs (Titus 2:11; 2 Timothy 3:16-17).
  3. Eternal needs (Revelation 21:1-7).
  - B. His benevolence toward His faithful is absolute (Revelation 21:5).
- IV. Complete Judgment (Revelation 22:13)
- A. Because He is eternal, authoritative and benevolent, Jesus can judge man in righteousness.
  - B. On the day of judgment, it will be too late to change (22:11).
  - C. On the day of judgment, man will be judged by his works (22:12).
  - D. On the day of judgment, the obedient will enter Heaven (22:14).
  - E. On the day of judgment, the disobedient will be left outside (22:15).

Conclusion: *Revelation 22:17*

1. Jesus is eternal – therefore, He is God!
2. Jesus has all authority – Have you submitted to Him?
3. Jesus is benevolent – Have you become a recipient of His blessings?
4. Jesus is the Judge – He will reward and condemn.
5. He pleads with man to come unto Him now!