

ON THE EVE OF THE END

The Alpha and The Omega Tells of Us of The Past and The Future

IN *THE REVELATION* JESUS APPEARS TO JOHN and claims to be the one who traverses all the past and all the future—the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last. As such, Jesus reveals to John future events. In this study we will journey into the ancient past of the Alpha, we will consider future end time events, and then take a peek into the distant future we are invited to share with the Omega.

Revelation 1:10-11—¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, ¹¹ saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book."

The Alpha Region—Eternity Past

Psalm 90:2—Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting You are God.

Titus 1:2—...before time began.

Colossians 1:16-17—¹⁶ For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

Daniel 7:9—...the Ancient of Days...

Genesis 1:1, 26—In the beginning God [Elohim]...Then God [Elohim] said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness."

1 John 4:8—God is love.

1 Corinthians 13:4-5, NIV—Love...is not self-seeking.

Zechariah 13:7—"Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd (Christ), against the Man who is My Companion," Says the LORD of hosts (the Father).

Proverbs 8:30—I (Christ) was beside Him (the Father) as a master craftsman; and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him.

John 17:24—Father...You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

Isaiah 57:15—¹⁵ For thus says the High and Lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit."

John 1:1-2, 14, 18—¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God... ¹⁴ And the Word became 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... ¹⁸ No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

The life of God in _____ was all about _____.

NOTE: Two of the Bible truths we discover in this study are *The Divinity of Christ* and *The Trinity*.

NOTE: "God" in Genesis 1:1 is *Elohim* in Hebrew, which is a proper name in the plural form, thus indicating that the Creator God whom scripture communicates to us is a plurality of being within the divine personage itself apart from created beings.

NOTE: "I was at His side each day, His darling and delight, playing in His presence continually" (NEB). "...always enjoying His company" (TM).

NOTE: "In the beginning...God...with God" (John 1:1-2). Jesus is God, but not all there is of God. The Father is God, but not all there is of God. The Spirit is God, but not all there is of God. These three are one God.

Signs of The End of Time

In **Matthew 24 and Luke 21** Jesus gives 10 *Signs* to watch for that will indicate that His second coming is near and the end of human history as we know it:

1. false Christ's and false prophets
2. wars and rumors of wars
3. famines
4. pestilences
5. earthquakes
6. destructive weather patterns
7. increased violence
8. sin will abound (grow exponentially)/increased immorality
9. love will grow cold/selfishness will become more extreme
10. the gospel will go to all the world

Matthew 24:8, NIV—All these are the beginning of birth pains.

There are two main characteristics of labor pains or contractions: They increase in _____ and _____.

2 Timothy 3:1-5—¹ Know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: ² For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³ unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴ traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

James 5:1-6, Msg.—¹⁻³ And a final word to you arrogant rich: Take some lessons in lament. You'll need buckets for the tears when the crash comes upon you. Your money is corrupt and your fine clothes stink. Your greedy luxuries are a cancer in your gut, destroying your life from within. You thought you were piling up wealth. What you've piled up is judgment (in the last days, NIV). ⁴⁻⁶ All the workers you've exploited and cheated cry out for judgment. The groans of the workers you used and abused are a roar in the ears of the Master Avenger. You've looted the earth and lived it up. But all you'll have to show for it is a fatter than usual corpse. In fact, what you've done is condemn and murder perfectly good persons, who stand there and take it.

The Omega Region—Eternity Future

Revelation 22:12-14—¹² “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to give to every one according to his work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End, the First and the Last.” ¹⁴ Blessed *are* those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.

Revelation 2:17— To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives *it*.

Revelation 3:20-21—²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. ²¹ To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

“Behold Your God”—Isaiah 40:9

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