

1-26-2025 Sunday Sermon Message
Devotional of the Week: Psalm 91:1-16
The Text: Revelation 22:10-13

Title: **Christ Jesus, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last,**

Christ Jesus said in his last prayer, "**And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.**"(John 17:3).

In the last chapter of the last book of the Bible, Jesus told the apostle John something very important about himself. The Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last. No one in this world dares to say this. Only the Lord Jesus Christ, Almighty God, can speak.

Christ Jesus was the Word from the beginning. He was with God, and He was God (John 1:1-2). He was the Alpha, the beginning, and the first. Moses, who wrote the book of Genesis, said of Christ Jesus, "**In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.**"(Genesis 1; 1).

By creating the heaven and the earth, He testified that He is the Alpha, the beginning and the first. The Apostle John said of him, "**All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.**"(John 1:3).

Christ Jesus spoke of Himself as the Omega, the End, and the Last that would be fulfilled in about six thousand years:

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

³⁰ And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."(Matthew 24:29-30)

The Apostle John foresaw what Christ Jesus, the Omega, the End, and the Last, would accomplish seven thousand years after creation:

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

² And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."Revelation 21:1-2)

In order to know Christ Jesus, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last, we cannot know Him without carefully examining the Bible, which is the Word of God. God is testifying about how the heavens and the earth that he created will be renewed and will be renewed by becoming the bride of Christ Jesus among those born on earth. It records the judgment of heaven and earth for sin, the judgment of those who are created in God's image, those who are to be judged, and those who are renewed by God's grace to become God's children and the bride of Christ.

The Apostle Peter testified that God would judge the sinful world with sinners and wicked people before fulfilling that He is the Omega, the End, and the Last.

³ Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

⁴ And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

⁵ For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

⁶ Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

⁷ But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

⁸ But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

¹¹ Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

¹² Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

¹³ Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

¹⁴ Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.” (2 Peter 3:3-14)

The prophet Isaiah foretold what would happen at the end of the world:

"Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it.

² For the indignation of the Lord is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter.

³ Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcasses, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood.

⁴ And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree.

⁵ For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment.

⁶ The sword of the Lord is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for the Lord hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea.”(Isaiah 34:1-6)

God chose the Israelites from among the nations of the world, chose them to be the priestly people of the earth, and gave them the law. But they do not believe in their Messiah, Christ Jesus, whom he has revealed through the Law. However, God has given the gospel of Christ to the Jews and all the Gentiles for the past two thousand years, so that all believers can be saved and become members of the Church of God and the bride of Christ Jesus. God waits for a thousand years, day by day, and day after day for a thousand years, waiting for all people to repent and come unto Christ Jesus.

Now, sooner or later, Christ Jesus, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last, will lift up His children, the bride of Christ, to heaven before judging with fire all nations who do not believe in Him. This message was given to the Apostle Paul (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18, 1 Corinthians 15:51-58) God has given His children glorified bodies that are immortal and incorruptible, and He has given them the authority to rule over the nations in Christ's millennial kingdom as much as they have worked on earth. When the Apostle Paul wrote to the Thessalonian church, he exhorted them to comfort one another in the hope of the rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:18).

The Apostle John ascended to heaven and heard the twenty-four elders speak and testified: **"Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; ¹⁰ And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.” (Revelation 5:9-10) Amen! Hallelujah!**