

The Jesus Story

Chapter 1 | Alpha and Omega

Revelation 1:8 | 22:13



During the month of December we are going to explore the Story of Jesus in four chapters.

In [chapter 1](#) we are going to explore the implications of His claim to be the “Alpha and Omega.”

In [chapter 2](#) we examine His birth through his name, Immanuel “God With Us.”

The [3rd chapter](#) will focus on the climax of human history, the cross, where Jesus was, “Sin For Us.”

The [Final chapter](#) will focus on Jesus as our “Coming King.”

Jesus is the Alpha and Omega

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,” says the Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty,” **Revelation 1:8**

Implication #1—Jesus is **Immortal** and **Eternal** God

Psalm 90:1-4 | Micah 5:2 | Genesis 1:1 | John 1:1-10

This is the most natural outflowing of Jesus’ title as Alpha and Omega as the very name implies no beginning and no end. Jesus is Immortal (he cannot die) and Jesus is eternal (He as creator is uncreated and without beginning or end!)

Psalm 90:1-4 1 LORD, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. **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.](#) **3** You turn man to destruction, And say, “Return, O children of men.” **4** For a [thousand years in Your sight Are like yesterday when it is past, And like a watch in the night.](#)

Micah 5:2 2 “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *Though* you are little among the thousands of Judah, *Yet* out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, [Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting.](#)”

Genesis 1:1 1 [In the beginning God created](#) the heavens and the earth.

John 1:1-10 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. **3** [All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.](#) **4** In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. **5** And

the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. **6** There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John. **7** This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. **8** He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light. **9** That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. **10** He was in the world, and the [world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.](#)

Implication #2—Jesus is **Transcendent** God

Psalm 90:1-4 | Colossians 1:16 | John 1:3

Transcendent means that God is not created and He is distinct from His creation. Although He is everywhere present, He is not in everything like some type of mystical force or presence. He is the personal God of creation that is separate and distinct from His creation!

Colossians 1:16 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.](#)

John 1:3 3 All things were made through Him, and [without Him nothing was made that was made.](#)

Implication #3—Jesus is **Omniscient** God

Isaiah 46:9-11

Omniscient stems from the two words, Omni-all and Science-knowledge. God is an all-knowing God. His title Alpha and Omega helps bear that out as He is the God who dwells outside of time and as such He knows all from beginning to end. Scripture also states that He declares all!

Isaiah 46:9-11 9 Remember the former things of old, For I *am* God, and *there is* no other; I *am* God, and *there is* none like Me, **10** [Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done.](#) Saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,’ **11** Calling a bird of prey from the east, The man who executes My counsel, from a far country. Indeed [I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it.](#)

Implication #4—Jesus is **Sovereign** God

Sovereignty is the quality of having supreme authority over a certain sphere. God's sovereignty extends to all created things...

Revelation 5:13 *13* And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and **glory and power** *Be* to Him who sits on the throne, **And to the Lamb, forever and ever!**"

Isaiah 43:10-11 *10* "You *are* My witnesses," says the LORD, "And My servant whom I have chosen, That you may know and believe Me, And understand that I *am* He. **Before Me there was no God formed, Nor shall there be after Me. 11 I, even I, am the LORD, And besides Me there is no savior.**

Hebrews 1:1-3 *1* God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, *2* has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has **appointed heir of all things**, through whom also He **made the worlds**; *3* who being the **brightness of His glory** and the **express image of His person**, and **upholding all things** by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

CONCLUDING VERSES:

"And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to give to every one according to his work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End, the First and the Last..."

I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star." And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

Revelation 22:12-13, 16-17

Eternal existence is a unique characteristic of God.

Jehovah the true God has always existed and always will exist. He was not created. There was never a time when God did not exist. He is the everlasting Maker or Creator of all temporal, created things. The power of eternal existence is inherent in His nature (self-existence). He is the "living" God.

The names of God demonstrate this eternal nature. "Jehovah," "I am," and "First and Last" all imply eternal self-existence (see on the names of God). Note also the following:

Psalm 90:1-4 - Jehovah is "from everlasting to everlasting" (Hebrews OLAM). [Cf. Genesis 21:33; Isaiah 40:28; Deuteronomy 32:40]

Psalm 93:2 - His throne is "established from of old" (Hebrews ME-AZ). He is "from everlasting" (Hebrews OLAM).

Isaiah 57:15 - God "inhabits eternity" (Hebrews AD).

Habakkuk 1:12 - He is "from everlasting" (Hebrews QEDEM).

Psalm 55:19 - He "abides from of old" (Hebrews QEDEM).

[See also Deuteronomy 33:27; Jeremiah 10:10; Psalm 29:10; 9:7; Revelation 1:4; Exodus 15:18; Job 36:26; Romans 16:26; Isaiah 57:15; etc.]

Jesus possesses the characteristic of eternal existence.

Jesus is not a created being but existed eternally.

The names of God which imply eternal self-existence are used for Jesus (see the study of the names of Jesus: "First and Last," "I am," and "Jehovah").

Micah 5:2 - A ruler would come from Bethlehem, but his goings forth were actually "from of old" (Hebrews QEDEM), "from everlasting" (Hebrews OLAM). That this is a prophecy of Jesus is confirmed by Matthew 2:4-6.

Isaiah 9:6 - He is called "Everlasting" Father (Hebrews AD).

Psalm 102:24-27 - His "years are throughout all generations." The heavens and the earth are temporary so they will perish, but His "years will have no end." Hebrews 1:8,10-12 prove this was spoken to Jesus.

Isaiah 43:10,11 - No God was formed before Jehovah (the true God), nor will any be formed after. Hence, either Jesus is a false "god" (which surely contradicts the Bible), or else He is eternal like the Father.

Many passages show that Jesus was not created but is the Creator of all created things.

In another study we will consider in more detail regarding Jesus' role in creation. But consider briefly these passages:

John 1:3 - All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. Either He created Himself (which is absurd), or else He is eternal.

Colossians 1:16 - In Jesus were all things made, whether in heaven or on earth. Surely He did not make Himself, hence, He is not created.

Revelation 5:13 - Every created thing gave praise to the Father and the Lamb. Jesus is classed with the Father, not with the created things.

Romans 1:25 - Created things should not be worshipped, but we will see that Jesus accepted worship. Hence, He is not a created thing, but is the Eternal Creator.

Jesus is not a created being (as some claim). He is the eternal Creator. Eternal existence is a characteristic that only God can possess, and He surely cannot lose it. Yet Jesus possesses this characteristic.