

I am Alpha and Omega. Revelation 1:8

John mentioned how Jesus referred to himself as Alpha and Omega about 3 times in Revelation. Isaiah said similar 44:6 I am the first and the last.

Two elements are important to have in mind as to the context in which this statement is made: John was in exile because of persecution of Christians from the roman emperor. These words are spoken in connection to the return of Jesus.

Alpha and Omega are simply the first and the last letter in the Greek alphabet but what Jesus is conveying is that there is nothing outside his control. All the creation is submitted to Him from the origin and He the end of everything is in his hand.

This was the invitation for the Christians in Asia minor to live their life in the perspective of eternity with God.

1- Worship: when contemplate, who is the Alpha, cannot help but to worship. Jesus the Alpha is that since Genesis He has not given up on human being. Even though His might, His awesomeness, His splendour, His holiness are indescribable, he pursued relationship with human at the point of giving up His life for us. He has taken the initiative of coming down to us, close to us. John describes himself as the disciple Jesus love the most. He awesomeness of Jesus did not prevent him from coming to us, right where we are.

#### 2- Trust

Jesus the omega: we can trust that what he has promised will come to pass, he is coming back. We can be certain to spend the eternity with him if we do not give up.

#### 3- Missional implication:

Jesus is coming back. Are we preparing for it? Those who don't know that they are created to worship him, will not know except we tell them.

Responsibility to warn those who don't think the end will come and He will be the judge.