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The Names of Love - Part 31 - The Alpha and Omega

Rev. 22:13 "I AM the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

Jesus is the sum total of Who God is. He encompasses all of God because He is God. Isa. 48:12, "Listen to Me, O Jacob, Israel, whom I have called: I AM He; I AM the first and I AM the last."

Rev. 1:7-8, "Look, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of Him. So shall it be! Amen. "I AM the Alpha and Omega," says the Lord God, "Who is, and Who was, and Who is to come, the Almighty."

A. B. Simpson puts it this way: Jesus, in the story of creation, already planning the new creation; Jesus supreme above the ruins of the fall; Jesus in the ark, the rainbow and the dove; Jesus in the sacrifice on Mount Moriah, the ladder of Jacob, and the story of Joseph; Jesus in the Paschal lamb, the desert manna.... The face of Jesus can be traced like water lines in fine paper back of every page, for He is the Alpha and the Omega: the first and the last of this Holy Book.

Jesus is the first and the last, A through Z. Everything that God has spoken, His Word, is found in Jesus. He is everything God has spoken from the beginning to everything He will ever speak. He is God's revelation of Himself to us. Col. 1:15-20, "The Son is the visible image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross."

Bottom line is this: if you want to know anything about God, look at Jesus. He is everything we need to know - First and Last, A through Z, the sum total of God.

Dear Heavenly Father, Thank You for showing us Who You are. Thank You for helping us understand all that we need to know about You. Jesus has given us the complete picture of Your Love, Your character, and Your provision for us. Thank Your Jesus, my Alpha and Omega! In Jesus Name, Amen