

The Father [Jehovah (“the LORD”)] is the Alpha and Omega,  
the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

Isaiah 44

6. Thus says **Jehovah**, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of Hosts: **I am first, and I am last**, and besides me, there is no God.

Revelation 1

4. John. To the seven Assemblies that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from **the One who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits that are before His throne**,
5. **and** from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the **firstborn** from the dead, and ruler over the kings of the earth. To him who loves us, and washed us from our sins in his blood,
6. and has made of us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father. To Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen!
7. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of him. Yes, Amen!
- ¶8. “I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the **LORD** God, the One who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”
- ¶9. I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation, and kingdom, and perseverance in Christ Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and because of the witness of Jesus Christ.

Throughout Revelation, “the One sitting on the throne” is the Father:

Revelation 4

9. And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to **Him who was sitting on the throne**, to Him who lives forever and ever,
10. the twenty-four elders fall down before **Him who sits on the throne**, and they worship Him who lives forever and ever, and they throw their crowns before the throne, saying,
11. “You are worthy, our Lord and God – O Holy One! – to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will did they come into being and were created.”

Revelation 5

6. And then I saw, standing in the midst of the throne and of the four living things, and in the midst of the elders, something like a slaughtered lamb, with seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the world.
7. And it came, and it took the scroll **from the right hand of Him who sat on the throne**.
13. And then I heard every created thing that is in heaven, and on earth, and beneath the earth, and upon the sea, and everything that is in them, all saying, “**To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb** be blessing, and honor, and glory, and might forever and ever! Amen!”

Therefore, in Revelation 21,

## Revelation 21

1. And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea no longer existed.
2. And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.
3. And I heard a loud voice from heaven, saying, "Behold! The dwelling-place of God with men!<sup>1</sup> And He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them.
4. And He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more. Neither will there be sorrow, nor crying, nor pain anymore because the former things will have passed away."
5. And **the One sitting on the throne** said, "Behold! I am making everything new!" And He said to me, "Write! For these words are true and faithful."
6. And He said to me, "**I have become the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.** I, myself, will give freely of the fountain of the water of life to him who is thirsty.
7. He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God, and he will be my son.

We translated this as "I have become" because of (1) the verb tense, (2) the One on the throne said it, and (3) Paul said (below) that in the end, the Son, before whose feet the Father will have subdued all things, will bow to the Father [the One on the throne] and turn everything over to him.

## 1Corinthians 15

24. Then *comes* the end, when he [Jesus] will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, when he [Jesus] has done away with all government, and all authority, and power.
25. For he [Jesus] must reign until He [the Father] puts all his enemies under his [Jesus'] feet.
26. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.
27. For "He [the Father] has subdued all things under his [Jesus'] feet." But when it says, "all things are subdued", it is obvious that He [the Father] who subdued all things under him [Jesus] is an exception.
28. And when all things are subdued under him [Jesus], then will the Son himself submit to Him who subdued all things under him, that God might be all things to all people.

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## Revelation 22

12. Behold! **I am coming quickly.** And my reward is with me, to give to each one according to his work.
13. I am **the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.**

## Colossians 1

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<sup>1</sup> Or, "the dwelling-place of God *is* with men!"

13. God has delivered us from the domain of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of His beloved Son,
15. who is the image of the invisible God, **the firstborn** of every creature,
16. for **by him were all things created**, things in the heavens and things on earth, things visible and things invisible; whether thrones, or dominions, or rulers, or authorities, **all things were created through him and for him**,
17. and **he is before all things**, and all things are held together by him.
18. He is also the head of the body, the Assembly *of God*; **he is the beginning**, *the firstborn* from the dead, so that in everything, he might be preeminent,
19. because *God* was pleased for all *His* fullness to dwell in him,

#### Revelation 1

1. A revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his slaves what must soon happen, and he made it known by sending his angel to his slave, John.

#### Revelation 2

8. To the messenger of the Assembly in Smyrna, write: **The first and the last**, who was dead and is alive, says these things:

#### Revelation 3

14. To the messenger of the Assembly in Laodicea, write: The Amen, the faithful and true witness, **the beginning of the creation of God**, says these things:

#### Hebrews 1

1. After God spoke in many and various ways to the fathers in olden times by the prophets, He spoke to us in these last days by a Son,
2. whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds,
3. who, **being the reflection of His glory and the exact representation of His being**, and sustaining all things by the word of his power, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in the highest after he, by himself, had provided purification for our sins.
4. He was created as much superior to the angels as the title he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.
5. For to which of the angels did He ever say, “You are my Son; today, I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be his Father, and he will be my Son”?
6. And again, when He brought **the firstborn** into the world, it says, “Now, let all God’s angels worship him!”<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> The Septuagint, which the author of Hebrews most often quotes, has, “Worship him, all you, His angels!” The Massoretic text has, “Worship Him, all you gods!”