

# The Alpha and Omega

by Erlo Stegen

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*God is the Alpha and Omega, and He determines our life, but we must confess and forsake our sin to obtain mercy.*

**Scripture:** Proverbs 28:13, Ecclesiastes 11:9, Isaiah 44:6, Hebrews 9:27, Revelation 1:8

**Topics:** "God's Sovereignty", "Accountability for Sin"

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## Description

Erlo Stegen emphasizes that God is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end of all things, asserting that our lives are under His sovereign control. He illustrates that regardless of human circumstances, God's purpose prevails, and we must recognize that our time on earth is appointed by Him. The sermon recounts a powerful testimony of a witch doctor who, confronted by his hidden sins, realized that nothing is concealed from the Almighty. Stegen warns that while we may enjoy our youth, we will ultimately be accountable for our actions before God. He encourages listeners to confess and forsake their sins to receive mercy, reminding them of the urgency to respond to God's call before it's too late.

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## Transcript

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Rev 1

8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Our life is in God's hands. It doesn't matter what the doctors say, God's purpose will stand.

God is the Alpha and Omega. What does it mean? Alpha is the first letter of the Greek alphabet and Omega the last. So our text says God is the first and the last.

You can do what we like, He is your Creator. He was there at the beginning of your life and He will be there at the end. There is no one who will come after Him. In your life as well. He determines your life. He determines when you were born and He will determine your end as well. You might even try to die, but death will flee from you, until it meets His appointed time. God begins things and He ends it. It won't go according to your choice but His. God ordained for you to be born at this time, and you will go at His time.

We read in Hebrews 9.27, " it's appointed for man to die once and then face Judgement" .

We also read in Ecclesiastes 11:9, enjoy your youth but keep in mind that you will have to give account for it all.

Also in Isaiah 44.6, "I am the first and last, apart from me there is no God". The sooner we realise this the better. Death seem so far away but in fact it is close.

God is the head of man, the first, the beginning of all things. He is over all, supreme.

In the Bible we read of people who became very old, some even more than 900 years. But He is above all still. He is greater than all and we will have to face Him one day.

A certain witch doctor came for help during the early years of the revival. He was quite advanced in years and sick. I asked him why he came. He said God sent him and spoke to him in a dream to make his life right and to part from his sin. I called a co-worker to speak with him and be prayed for. When they were finished he still came to me to pray for him and so did his wife. When I asked her if she had made her life right, she quickly said yes. Two weeks later I got a call from the hospital that there was someone who wanted to come for help. The person was busy dying. I explained to the superintendent that we cannot give hospital care to a person, we only pray for them. But three days later an ambulance arrived and when I opened the door it was this witch doctor. He told me when he got back home he got sick again, because of the evil spirits there. I told him that if the devil got a foothold in his life it must be sin. But he told me there was nothing. So we gave him a bed for the night. During the night there was a big commotion. I went to look and there were people everywhere. There he lay and cried out his sins which he never confessed. He cried out about people he murdered, and said that their blood cried out and blocked heaven for him. He said, "I thought no one knew, but the Alpha and Omega knew".

There is nothing hidden that won't be revealed. You may try to hide your sins but one day it will be revealed and shouted from the rooftops.

After that he cried out the names of different women, and that he slept with them. Also of boys and girls that he had molested. He continued shouting out his sins for a long time.

Great is the matter of the Alpha and Omega, He who will reveal all you have done. The Bible says rejoice young man in your youth but knew that you will give account for it all.

However the Bible says if you confess and forsake your sin you will obtain mercy (Prov 28:13).

There's a newspaper article that claim that most university students sleep around, naming the universities in South Africa one by one and the percentage of students who sleep around, from a low of about 60% at some universities to a high of almost 90% at others!

Parents, troubled are you if you have children at university! If things are like that in our country, what future do we have? We are living in evil times.

When God speaks to you do not harden your heart.

This witch doctor said he confessed his sins but the day came when the Alpha and Omega revealed his sins.

God gives you opportunity to straighten out that which is crooked in your life today.

You might deny your sin, but God knows the truth. When God gives you an opportunity, use it.

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