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The phrase, "I am Alpha and Omega," is mentioned in three chapters of the Bible.

- Revelation 1
- · Revelation 21
- · Revelation 22

These three chapters are at the beginning and the end of the one of the most studied books in the Bible.

Revelation 1:8

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

Jesus is, Jesus was, and Jesus is to come. When we pray are praying, we are praying to the ever present spirit of Jesus Christ. We are not praying to a being of the past. There are many who pray to an image of Jesus past and have no hope of the prayer being answered. On the other hand, the born again prays to a living present Jesus Christ.

The Jesus who was can be the Jesus who was the creator of the earth. The one who created you and me.

Genesis 5:1

1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;

When we were created in the image of God, we were made to be like him in holiness. We were not created to be murderers, liars, sinners, but were created to be like the Lord himself. With man's rebellion against the Lord we have turned ourselves into beings who have perfected murder and killing. We have spent our resources inventing weapons that can wipe out entire cities. Our governments war against each other over the slightest provocation.

Man has decided that he does not want to live in peace with his fellow creation, but desires to rule over his fellow creation.

Also, many modern translations use the word who, whereas I think the word which denotes more accurately that Jesus Christ is not a person as we think as persons, but an eternal being who loves his creation.

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