

In our last podcast, we focused on all that **Yahweh** made new, from the new covenant in His blood to the new mercies that He creates every morning. He then emphasized it all by declaring that all His words are faithful and true. These are words of **HOPE**, words to be trusted and words upon which we are to bet our lives. Let's now pick back up with what has been done.

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They Have Been Done

Revelation 21:6

Then He said to me, "They have been done. I **now** am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

What a powerful and definitive statement: "*They have been done.*" In most Bible translations, this is rendered as "It is done," or "It is finished." But that is misleading. Jesus, the one who is speaking, is not talking about an "it" nor is He speaking about the events that just transpired. Besides, this is something He said in the past (this is another use of the Greek word "*epo*" which is only rendered in the definitive *past* tense).

This phrase is in the third person plural and is rendered in the *perfect active indicative*. This means it should have been translated "They (*3rd person*), have (*plural*) been done (*perfect active indicative*). Being in the *perfect* tense, we know they have been completed sometime in the past, but the act of completion has a continuing effect going forward such that it seems to be as if it is being completed at the time it is spoken.

So, what was Jesus talking about?

In short, everything is playing out exactly as He has decreed. The story has been written, and it is recorded in His books.

This is possibly the meaning behind the **7th day** when God had completed His work and rested from all the work He had done—all the work He had created and made.¹ After all, "*They have been done*" fits perfectly with what we know about the timing of all His creative works:

Hebrews 4:3

... His works were finished from the foundation of the world.

Ephesians 1:3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who was blessing us with every spiritual

¹ See **Genesis 2:2-3**

blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose to choose us in Him **before the foundation of the world**, that we would **now** be holy and blameless before Him in love. Having predestinated us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the one caused to being Beloved.

He chose to choose having predestined us (being rendered as a *participle*, we know it was a process of predestination), and then He created the foundations of the world and subsequently rested from all His works. *“They have been done.”* Remember, He is **Yahweh Adonai**, the **I AM** who is God, the absolute sovereign who is in control of all things all the time. With Him there is nothing random, arbitrary, or incidental, and there are no rogue agents or independent actors. With Him nothing is ever out of control, despite what it seems. *“They have been done.”*

He is the **Alpha** and the **Omega**, the **First** and the **Last**, the **Beginning** and the **End**.² As such, He has ordered all things, and all things have been set into motion and are completed by His hands, *“for from Him and through Him and to Him are **ALL** things,”* without exception. For everything comes from Him and exists by His power.³ Hence, *“to Him be glory forever. Amen.”* If anyone or anything else had the power to act independent of His desire, then we would have to praise and honor them as well. But He alone is worthy. *“They have been done.”*

The Spirit, in the book of **Romans**, provides us with another angle to look at this dynamic. Sitting outside of time, before creating the foundations of the earth, **Yahweh** saw every choice that every being would make in the exercise of their *personal sovereignty* (including Satan and all the angelic beings), given every circumstance He, as the **Adonai**, placed them in or established for them, and with that foreknowledge He chose to choose to have been predestining the affairs of humanity and the unseen worlds accordingly.⁴ Thus, He is accurate when He declares, *“They have been done.”*

It seems that our physical life is about our playing through the choices He knows we will make and were always going to make, given the set of circumstances **Yahweh Adonai** established for us. Hence, this is why the Spirit through King David could say,

Psalms 139:16

Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

Please do not be confused, Jesus is not talking about fate, where our days have been prescribed by another, and we have had no control in the matter. We are not puppets. Rather, we made our choices, and now we make our choices, exercising our personal sovereignty, they are our choices, and He holds us accountable for our choices. But since He is God who sits outside of time, He has always seen the beginning from the end; therefore, He knew every one of them, our choices that is, before He created the

² ***Revelation 1:8, 1:17, 2:8, 21:6, 22:13***

³ ***See Romans 11:36; 1 Corinthians 8:6, 11:12; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 2:10***

⁴ ***See Romans 8:28-30***

foundations of the Earth. Accordingly, He could scribe them in His book. And now the drama of our life unfolds before Him and before all creation in the exact manner as it has been written or has been scribed in the book by the choices we have made and will make.

“THEY HAVE BEEN DONE.”

The Alpha & Omega

“I **now** am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.” To underscore this amazing reality that “He **now** makes all things new” and “they (all His created works) *have been done*,” works which involve and include all the choices that every being would make, He declares that He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. These are the terms Jesus used to introduce Himself at the beginning of the *Revelation*.⁵

By way of reminder, *alpha* and *omega* are the first and last letter, respectively, in the Greek alphabet. In that regard, this is a riff off a long-standing Jewish practice. Among the Jewish Rabbis, it was common to use the first and the last of the Hebrew alphabet to denote the whole of anything: from beginning to end. For example, Adam transgressed the whole law from aleph to taw whereas Abraham kept the whole law from aleph to taw. So, this is a mimic in Greek on the Hebrew tradition.

Alpha: He is the beginning of all things; He is the initiator of all things. Nothing happens absent His consent and approval. Nothing can begin, be set into motion, or be initiated, without His say so. And this is because He is the **Adonai**, the absolute sovereign.

Omega: He is the end of all things; He is the One who completes all things; and nothing can finish outside of His plan and purpose. You don’t get to declare any outcomes for your life other than that which has been determined. The same goes for the devil and his demons. They do not get to declare any outcomes for your life, they are just necessary players in your story. Only Jesus gets to have the final say on all things pertaining to you. Without question He may choose to honor the choices you have made for your life, but He is the one who has the final say so. And this is because He is the **Adonai**, the absolute sovereign. And keep in mind, our Choices, His Choices, “*they have been done*”! Now they are just playing out within the construct of time.

From the Jewish perspective, being the **Alpha** and the **Omega** means that Jesus is also the whole of all things. All things in this life start, continue, play out, and are accomplished according to His will and for His glory. Hence, “*they have been done*.”

Romans 9:5

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are their ancestors, and Christ himself was an Israelite as far as his human nature is concerned, **the one who is now ruling over everything**, God blessed forever! Amen.

⁵ *Revelation 1:8*

Romans 11:33-36

Oh, how great are God's riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his ways! For who can know the Lord's thoughts? Who knows enough to choose to give him advice? And who has given him so much that he needs to in the **future** be caused to pay it back? **For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things**, to whom be the glory forever. Amen.

The Beginning and the End

"I **now** am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end." With this declaration, Jesus is telling all creation that He not only sees the beginning from the end (knowing all things all at the same time), but He is also the **Beginning** and the **End**.⁶ Thus, we can be confident that nothing occurs which He did not initiate, nothing comes to closure that He does not close, and even the journey through is a result of His sovereign hand. And this is because He is the **Adonai**, the absolute sovereign.

This should bring us great comfort to know that everything, absolutely everything that has occurred in our lives has been from Him, through Him, and to Him, for its purpose is found in Him. And since we learned that He loves us with His *agape* love, everything that we have experienced, both evil and good, has been an expression of His great love for us, despite what it feels like or how we assess and judge our situations and associated outcomes.⁷

His **Plan-A** for our lives has been, is, and always will be good, pleasing, and perfect.⁸ It is so hard for us to wrap our mind and emotions around this truth. We tend to think that if we are going through difficulty, tragedy, torment even, that it is somehow different than when we go through times of blessing having our hopes fulfilled. Practically, it is experienced differently, for sure, be existentially, it is all an expression of God's *agape* love for our lives. Remember, light and darkness are the same to Him.

Psalms 139:12

Even the darkness is not dark to You, and the night is as bright as the day. Darkness and light are alike to You.

It is unfathomable, but nothing in our lives has been an accident, there has been no randomness; it has all been purposeful and a part of His **Plan-A** for our lives, the plan that was already written in His book. As He said, "*For I know the plans that I have for you, declares Yahweh.*"⁹ In His sovereignty, He has directed peoples, family, nations, individuals, and the hosts of heaven to accomplish His eternal and beautiful purposes in our individual and collective lives. Therefore, we can enter His rest sure that He is in every

⁶ **Revelation 22:13**. Note, the Father also uses this title in **Revelation 21:6**.

⁷ **Revelation 1:5**

⁸ See **Romans 12:2; Genesis 50:20; Jeremiah 29:11**

⁹ **Jeremiah 29:11**

part of all our beginnings because He is the beginning

Similarly, everything comes to fruition through Him and according to His plans, and no one can thwart His will.¹⁰ *"For the Lord of hosts (Yahweh Sabaoth) has planned, and who can frustrate it? And as for His stretched-out hand, who can turn it back?"*¹¹ *"But Yahweh's plans stand firm forever; His intentions can never be shaken."*¹²

2 Chronicles 20:5-7

Then Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of **Yahweh** before the new court, and he said, "O **Yahweh**, the God of our fathers, are You not God in the heavens? And are You not ruler over all the kingdoms of the nations? Power and might are in Your hand so that no one can stand against You.

Or as stated in His own words:

Isaiah 43:13; Job 9:12

Even from eternity I am He, and there is none who can deliver out of My hand; I act and who can reverse it?" ... Were He to snatch away, who could restrain Him? Who could say to Him, 'What are You doing?'

He is in every ending because He is the end. Another way to express this is that He is the purpose of all things because all things are to Him.

Summary: Alpha & Omega, the Beginning & End

The **Alpha** and **Omega**: Jesus is the totality of all things as all things are summed up in Christ.¹³

The **Beginning** and the **End**: Jesus initiates all things as all that exists in our lives comes from His plan. He completes and brings all His plans to fruition, and no one or nothing can stand in His way or thwart His will.

Therefore, in terms of all that He has said, nothing will be left wanting, nothing will be incomplete, nothing will be a surprise, and the plan simply will not change. After all, it is **Plan-A** and there is no Plan-B, or C, or D. The living God, **Adonai**, the one who holds time in His hands, the One who delights in the details of our lives has declared it to be so and therefore it is. And He has marked this truth with a huge exclamation point: *"I **now** am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end."*

¹⁰ **Job 42:2; Proverbs 21:30**

¹¹ **Isaiah 14:27**

¹² **Psalm 33:11**. See also **Proverbs 19:21**

¹³ **Ephesians 1:10**

The Inheritance

Revelation 21:6-7

I will, in the **future**, give to the one who is **now** thirsting from the spring of the water of life without cost. He who is **now** overcoming will in the **future** inherit these things, and in the **future**, I will choose to be his God, and he will in the **future** choose to be My son.¹⁴

The promise is beautiful, and the **Code** is consistent with how these phrases are used throughout **Revelation**, specifically in the letters to the churches. The promises of God are made to those who are “*now thirsting*” and “*now overcoming*.” Being rendered as a *present active participle*, both “*thirsting*” and “*overcoming*” are to be understood as a way of life, every moment of our now, and not as a singular occurrence or something we do in a brief span of time. God gives to those who are now abiding in “*in Him*” and betting their lives on all that He says He is.

According to the **Codex**, “*the spring of the water of life*” is **Code** for the Holy Spirit.¹⁵

In other words, He promises access to the spring of living water, or this never-ending gushing flow of the Holy Spirit, to those who are even now overcoming their wrong belief and unbelief and are overcoming their attachment to the Harlot and the calls of the Beast and the False Prophet. “*Who is the one who is now overcoming the world, but he who is now believing that Jesus is the Son of God?*”¹⁶

“*I will in the future choose to be his God, and he will in the future choose to be My son.*” These phrases are rendered in the *middle voice* which highlights the **reciprocal** nature of our relationship with **Yahweh**. He chooses us and we choose Him. He loves us first and we love Him in return.¹⁷ He chooses to be our God and we choose to live like a son in **unrestrained freedom** no longer bound by the law, whether it is the law, my law, your law, or anyone’s law that tries to tell us what we must do to be right with God or to gain His blessing or approval.

Make no mistake, even though He gives us the ability and the desire to reciprocate His love, it is still a choice that each person, in their personal sovereignty, must make.¹⁸ However, if we are **willing** to believe, He will cause us to believe.¹⁹ That is the essence and the very nature of **GRACE**.

A Future Reality: A Present Reality

Why are these promises rendered in the *future* tense and not something that is active in our now? And

¹⁴ “*thirsting*” and “*overcoming*” are both rendered in the *present active participle*; “*will give,*” “*will inherit,*” and “*will choose to be*” are rendered in the *future middle indicative*.

¹⁵ Water cleanses and renews the heart (**Ezekiel 36:25-27; Titus 3:5**). The life-giving water is the Spirit (**John 7:37-39**). This water wells up to eternal life (**John 4:14**). This life-giving water which cleanses and brings life to the hard dry heart of man which is imaged as water that falls on barren and parched land (**Isaiah 41:18**).

¹⁶ **1 John 5:5**. Note: “believers” is rendered in the *present active participle*

¹⁷ **1 John 4:19**

¹⁸ **Philippians 2:13; 2 Corinthians 3:5-6; Isaiah 26:12; Psalm 16:2**

¹⁹ See **Isaiah 7:9**

what future are we talking about? Life in the new heaven and earth or is He talking about something that is attainable in our present reality?

- I will, in the **future**, give to the one who is **now** thirsting springs of the water of life without cost.
- He who is **now** overcoming will in the **future** inherit these things.
- in the **future**, I will choose to be his God.
- he will in the **future** choose to be My son.

Yet, the activation is in the now, and they are expressed as participles.

- ... who is **now** thirsting.
- ... who is **now** overcoming.

The questions that naturally flow from reading this passage (personalizing these questions for the sake of ease), are:

1. Is He not now our God?
2. Are we not now His son?
3. Are the Springs of Water of Life not now available to us?
4. If the Springs of Water of Life are a metaphor for the Spirit of God, do we not now have the Spirit?
5. So, if we are not now thirsting, does access to the spring cost us something?

These are hard questions and reading this passage as it was written, according to the **Code**, makes this passage of promises very uncomfortable.

To better understand this, let's flip this over and around inside out and upside down. Perhaps this passage can only be understood through the lens of transformation, through the lens of choice, through the lens of digging down deep in our soul and choosing to be **willing** to become a little child. As such, this passage is speaking about a sort of jealous possession of the entirety of our being, not just part of our being. It points forward to an endgame, a landing place, so to speak, where God, who is *agape* love, so fills and possesses our being that He expresses it all back to the Godhead.

Mark 12:30-31

... and you shall in the **future** love {*agape*} the Lord God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.

The reason our passage, rendered in the *future* tense, is difficult to understand is because for the most part in Western Christianity, and more specifically in evangelical Christianity, people have been taught that when they said their prayer to accept Jesus into their life and became "born again," that this step was the endgame. They became a child of God, they had their name permanently inscribed in the Lamb's book of life, they have their golden ticket to heaven, and that ticket can never be taken from them. Modern Christianity has offered a one-and-done type promise of eternity.

Yet, when reading the **Codex**, and more specifically the book of **Revelation** according to the **Code**, that

simply cannot be supported. It is a blatant and egregious **fiction**.

WE HAVE BEEN LIED TO!

The promises of God are given to those who are now overcoming, now thirsting, and now believing. These are all rendered in the *present* tense, and they are *participles*, speaking of that which now is and continues to be every moment of our now. Overcoming, thirsting, and believing.

Practically, what does all that mean? Well, when we first become born again, God is not yet our God and we are not yet His son. The relationship has just started, for it has not been brought to fruition. When this relationship begins, we typically have many gods that we honor, including the god of the ME. When we become born again, Jesus becomes one of our gods, but not our God. And it is here that the journey of transformation begins, a journey that is intended to systematically, over time, remove all other gods from our dependence such that we come to trust only Him as our God, as our source for all things all the time. This is what it means to now be **overcoming** and to now be **believing** that He is our **I AM**.

With that said, we must understand that this this process of transformation is never forced upon us, it is a cooperative process that occurs when we are now **thirsting** for His righteousness to be our righteousness, such that we become **willing** to let God cause us to die to everything in our being that does not want Jesus to be our **I AM**. This is a step-by-step process by which we learn to trust **Yahweh** as our God and slowly, over time, choice by choice, He becomes our God and we become His son, if we continue believing and overcoming the lies, deception, and the seductions of the Harlot and the whisperings of the False Prophet and the image of the Beast.

However, until we come to that place where He is our **I AM** and there are no competitors who sit on the throne of our life, He is only one of many gods, and we are not yet a son, for we are still identified with and enslaved to many other gods, masters, and rulers who claim possession of us, and with whom we are far too comfortable.

Practically, when we accept Jesus into our lives to lives, we are adopted into God's household, and we are given the opportunity to choose to become a son and live as a son in unrestrained freedom, or to choose to live as a servant in the household of God, always busy doing good things for God attempting to earn His favor.

Over time, we may choose to shed our garments of servitude to the law which enslaves us and become His son; it is a right we have been given, but it is not a guarantee. According to **John 1:12**, receiving Jesus (being born again) does not yet make it our reality. Rather, becoming a son is an authority given to those who have received Him and are now believing, but they must choose to exercise that authority.²⁰

This truth is confirmed in the ever so famous **John 3:16**, which when translated according to the **Code** says: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever is **now** believing in Him may (yes the *subjunctive* is used and not the *indicative*) choose to not **now** perish but **now** may choose

²⁰ In **John 1:12**, "the right to become" a child is rendered in the *aorist middle infinitive*, indicating we must dig down in our soul and choose to be a son; whereas "believe in His name" is rendered as a *present active participle*; hence, "believing."

to have life everlasting.” Again, the *subjunctive* is used and not the *indicative*. This indicates an uncertainty in realization.

Activating this choice to become His son begins when we decide that it is safe to be a little child, that He, **Yahweh**, is safe, and we choose to become **willing** to let Him cause us to become dependent upon Him for all things all the time. The great news, the best news, is that He will do the work to cause us to be His son if we are **willing** to let Him.

Over time, He will help us mentally, emotionally, and quite practically, to choose to let Him be our **I AM**, the one who has been and is responsible for every aspect and dynamic of our life, including our past, present, and future, nothing excepted. This would include all our joys, pleasures, blessings, bounty, pains, tragedies, torments, tears and suffering. As we have learned, it has been, and is all, from Him, through Him, and to Him, or for His glorious and loving purposes.²¹

Springs of Water of Life

*“I will, in the **future**, give to the one who is **now** thirsting from the spring of the water of life without cost.”*

This is a promise with so many implications, but let’s stop here for now and pick back up in our next podcast to examine these springs of water of the water of life that will, in the future, be given without cost.

I am glad you “tuned in” and have been “ready to listen.”

²¹ **Romans 11:36**