

## The Alpha and The Omega: The Alpha

### Revelation 22:13

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

**Goal:** Increase your appetite for good food - quality food - the good food in scripture that has been right in front of our eyes but we have missed it due to abuse of context.

**Goal:** Forget what you think you know, in order to learn what you didn't even know you did not know.

### What to expect?

Yoda - "You must unlearn what you have learned"

Expect to unlearn

Expect your systems to be shattered

Expect to think a lot

Expect to have a ton of unanswered questions that may or not be answered quickly

Expect to disagree with me - from time to time

Expect us not to avoid controversy

Expect to learn from viewpoints that we disagree with

Don't expect to talk about any timing possibilities until way in the future

Expect to build an understanding of these beginning and end texts that does not have all the answers

Expect to learn more about God

Expect this to take a long time

### Scripture Refs

Matthew 22:37

Acts 17:11

Matthew 24:3

Acts 1:6

### Methodology

We will examine the texts in thinly sliced layers

Beware of false dichotomies

Allow the use of both/and

Metaphors still point to something real

### Patterns and Pictures

- Near/ Far fulfillments

- Already/ Not yet

- Numbers

- Typology