

APOCALYPSE NOW LIII

July 5, 2026

READ: Revelation 22:13,16

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

These two verses focus primarily on the Lord's self-identifications or descriptions in the language of metaphor (word pictures).

1. Who is in the spotlight as the Book of Revelation, the New Testament and the Bible itself near their end (v. 16a)? Why is this significant or appropriate?

Who is the Book of Revelation intended for? Why is this significant (for you)?

2. Verse 13 expresses three nuances, in related language, of who Jesus is. What comes to mind when you hear Jesus say, "'I am the Alpha and the Omega'"? What is emphasized?

3. What comes to mind when you hear Jesus say, "'I am . . . the first and the last'"? How does this differ from the previous declaration? What does it add or emphasize?

4. What comes to mind when you hear Jesus say, "'I am . . . the beginning and the end'"? How does this differ from the previous declarations? What does it add or emphasize?

5. Ruminates on Jesus' statement, "I am the root . . . of David" (v. 16b; cf. Isaiah 11:1). What does it mean that He is the root of David?

What role does a root fill or need that a root meets? How does Jesus fulfill this role for you (cf. Colossians 2:7)?

6. What is the significance of Jesus being "the descendant of David"? How does this differ (and it does) from being the root of David?

7. Compare Jesus' declaration that He is "the bright morning star" with Numbers 24:7 (and Genesis 49:10). What does He highlight? What is the significance for you?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will exalt Jesus as the center & heart of my life this week by . . .

I will give Jesus first place in my life this week by . . .

I will entrust every problem or challenge to Jesus this week by . . .