

#### **1.4.4 Author and Finisher/Alpha and Omega/Beginning and End Statements**

The final section of Jesus' statements that testifies of the eschatological nature of His Gospel are His references to being the "Author and Finisher," "Alpha and Omega" and "Beginning and End." Author and Finisher (Perfecter) is not a name used by Jesus Himself, but is a name assigned to Jesus by the writer of Hebrews in 12:2. It is also addressed by Paul in Philippians 1:6: "***He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ***" [emphasis added]. This name connects Jesus not only to the beginning and completion of salvation (*Eschatological Gospel encapsulated*), but also to the beginning and the consummation of the Church Age. This concept is further confirmed by the words of Jesus about Himself in Revelation 21:6 and 22:13, "I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end," and as part of the Triune Godhead in Revelation 1:8, "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." These statements, contained in the last book of the Bible, connect not only the God of the Old Testament (as addressed in Isa 41:4; 44:6; and 48:12 as the "First and the Last"), with the God of the New Testament, but the salvation of God from the Old Testament to the New Testament by the vision of the Eschatological Gospel in the person of *Yeshua Ha Mashiach*—Jesus Christ.