

The doctor has just told you that you have an incurable disease. The x-rays and blood tests confirm it. Your worst fears have come true, and you feel like your future has been sealed. No, the doctor's report is not final. Jesus declares to you, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End." (Revelation 1:8) He has the first word as well as the final word in your situation.

*Alpha* and *omega* are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, but Jesus did not speak Greek. He spoke Aramaic or Hebrew. So He would have said, "I am the *Aleph* and the *Tav*." *Aleph* and *tav* are the first and last letters of the Hebrew alphabet. So what Jesus is declaring to us is this: "I have the first word in your situation, and I have the final word in your situation." Each Hebrew letter has a corresponding picture. Interestingly, *aleph* is associated with an ox and *tav*, a cross. Together, they make up a beautiful picture of what Jesus did for us - He is the sacrificial 'animal' on the Cross. It was for us that He suffered, bled and died. When Jesus hung on the Cross, He took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses. (Matthew 8:17) That is why your sickness does not have the final word in your life. Jesus does, because He took your sickness upon His body and paid for your healing with His blood. When Jesus hung on the Cross, He took our curse. (Galatians 3:13) We were supposed to be cursed because of our sins, but He took our place and the curse fell on Him.

Today, we take His place and His blessings fall on us! So why settle for the curse of sickness or poverty when the price for your healing and provision has been paid by Jesus? Sickness and poverty do not have the final word in your life. Jesus does, because He redeemed you from every curse. When Man says that it is impossible, Jesus says that it is possible. The Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, has the final word in your situation!

Revelation 1:8 ""I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End", says the Lord..."