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**Rev. 1:8** *“I AM the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending, says the LORD, Who is, and Who was, and Who is to come, the Almighty.”*

The Greek word for *Almighty* is **pantokrator** which means *unrestricted power exercising absolute dominion*. As humans, we tend to think only in the arena of time. It’s all we’ve ever known. Our brains function on the process of time; there is a beginning and an end. These are parameters that the LORD Almighty created. **Ps. 118:24**, *“This is the day that the LORD has made; I will rejoice and be glad in it.”*

We must be thankful for the time that God has given us. The Hebrew term **bara** is the ability to bring forth. This scripture tells us that it is **bara ex nihilo** - created out of nothing. This is only possible because the LORD is Almighty. He created the day when there was no day before. He created the day and the night to give us order and time. **Isa. 14:24**, *“The LORD Almighty has sworn, “Surely, as I have planned, so it will be, and as I have purposed, so it will stand.”*

We must be careful with the time He has given us. This is the day the Lord has made. This is in the present tense. I like the quote that reminds us of this: *“yesterday is **history**, tomorrow is a **mystery**, today is a **gift**, that why it’s called the **present**.”* Time is God’s gift to us; how we use it is our gift back to Him.

Lastly, we must be joyful in the time He has given us. No matter what happens, we can still praise the Almighty One. Praise Him in the good times and the hard times. Praise Him when you rise up and when you go to bed. He is worthy of all praise.

**Dear LORD, we praise You for this day that You have made. Help us to rejoice and be glad for this day because You have a plan for us and a purpose for us. In Jesus Name, Amen**