

**Jesus shares titles with God. Among these are “King of kings, and Lord of lords,” and “Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last.” The Bible calls Jesus our Savior and says that besides God there is no Savior. (Acts 5:31; Isaiah 43:11) Also, there are passages of Scripture which are applied to God in the Hebrew Scriptures, yet applied to Jesus in the Christian Testament.**

Response: Daniel, a prophet of God, called Nebuchadnezzar “*king of kings.*” (Daniel 2:37) Does this make Nebuchadnezzar one person of a triune God? In ancient empires it was common that the emperor had vassal kings under him. Herod the Great was one of the vassal kings under Caesar. So Caesar was a king of kings. Revelation 20:4 speaks of those who reign with Christ. So wouldn't he be a King of kings? King David of Israel called God his King. So isn't God also a King of kings? Indeed, God was the King over all the kings of Israel and Judah, including that descendant of David, King Jesus Christ. -- Psalm 5:2

What about “*Lord of lords*”? In American English *lord* has come to have an almost exclusively religious connotation which other languages do not have.<sup>13</sup> Sarah referred to Abraham, her husband, as “*lord*” and the apostle John called one of the elders in Revelation “*my lord.*”<sup>14</sup> Jesus is the one God has made Lord<sup>15</sup> over all others, yet God is Lord above him. -- 1 Peter 3:6; Revelation 7:14; Acts 2:36; 1 Corinthians 11:3; 15:27

Concerning the use of the title “*Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,*” God compared Himself to the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, thereby emphasizing that before Him *there was no God formed, neither shall there be after Him* a God who is able to declare *the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done.* He has the first and last word --words being composed of letters-- on what is going to happen. Consequently, the Father *is* God and *was* --that is, always has been-- God and *is coming* to execute judgment against all false gods and their followers. -- Isaiah 43:10; 46:10; Revelation 1:8

It is fitting that Jesus refers to himself by the Greek letters Alpha and Omega because he is the ‘*Word made flesh,*’ the embodiment of the prophetic Word and God’s chief spokesman, representing Him fully before the world. -- Revelation 22:13; John 1:14,18; Revelation 19:13

Jesus was the *first* to be resurrected from the dead to immortal life and the *last* to be so resurrected by God Himself; all others are resurrected through him. Jesus was the *beginning* of God’s promises to the world, the Seed destined to bruise that old serpent in the head. And he is the *end* of all God’s promises for it is through him that all of them are fulfilled. -- John 11:25; Genesis 1:15; 2 Corinthians 1:19, 20

As for the title *Savior* notice Nehemiah 9:27, “*Therefore You [God] gave them [Israel] into the hand of their enemies, who made them suffer; and in the time of their suffering they cried to You and You heard them from heaven; and according to Your great mercies*

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<sup>13</sup> For example, both *lord* and *mister* are translated into Spanish as *Señor*. [Prop # 15]

<sup>14</sup> Literal Greek; the KJV translates this phrase as *sir*. Most people fail to appreciate that *kyrios* (the Greek word translated *Lord*) was also a title of respect in the first century. [Prop # 15]

<sup>15</sup> If Jesus were literally God, it would not be necessary for God *to make* him Lord since he already would be. [Prop # 15]

*You gave them saviors who saved them from the hand of their enemies.*” Should we conclude that these saviors are persons in a multiple Godhead? Or should we understand that God provided freedom through these people? Likewise, Jude 25 (RSV) speaks of *“the only God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

Trinitarians cross-reference such passages as 1 Peter 2:4, 7, 8 with Isaiah 8:13, 14. Isaiah speaks of God as *“a stone to strike and a rock to stumble over”* and Peter speaks of Christ as *“a living stone, rejected by men”* and *“a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense.”* The Jews stumbled over the things Christ taught and the things he did. But notice Jesus’ words at John 12:49, *“For I have not spoken on my own authority; the Father who sent me has Himself given me commandment what to say and what to speak”* and at John 5:19, *“Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever He does, that the Son does likewise.”* So were the Jews stumbling over the words and works of Christ, or were they in reality stumbling over the words and works of the Father? (Yet, trinitarians do not construe from this that the Son is the Father.)

There are, in fact, a number of passages in the Hebrew Scriptures which speak of Yahweh God, yet the passage is recognized to be Messianic. The trinitarian conclusion that Jesus is Yahweh is reached because they have failed to comprehend the Hebraic way of thinking, particularly the concept of agency mentioned earlier.