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**The Book of Life  
And  
The Lake of Fire.  
(Revelation 20)  
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## The Book of Life and the Lake of Fire (Revelation 20).

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### Topics.

- The book of life and the lake of fire.
- Whoever's name is not in the book of life is thrown into the lake of fire.

**INTRODUCTION:** to get an idea of where the awesome and breathtaking events spoken of in Revelation chapter twenty fit in God's prophetic timetable we will firstly take a brief look at the events that have transpired prior to these prophetic and eternal events unfolding.

**Revelation Seventeen:** tells us Jesus will return as Lord of lords and King of kings and conquer a woman full of abominations and adorned with gold, jewels and pearls (symbolic of global false religion) sitting on a scarlet beast full of blasphemous names (symbolic of the global secular world system) because both the woman and the beast are of one mind to make war on Christ.

**Revelation Eighteen:** records the fall of Babylon the Great who the kings and the merchants of the earth grew rich from the power of her global banking and financial system of credit, interest, greed and excessive profits and thereby corrupted the earth with self-indulgent luxurious living and immorality.

**Revelation Nineteen:** records Jesus descending on a white horse as King of kings and Lord of lords with great power and God by His mighty power destroying the armies of the nations who attempted to destroy Jesus and those gathered to him and the birds of the air feasting on the dead bodies.

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### Whoever's Name is Not in the Book of Life is Thrown into the Lake of Fire.

Revelation 20:15 ----- <sup>15</sup>if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life he was thrown into the lake of fire.

In this chapter we see the serpent, the devil and satan being bound during Christ's glorious millennial reign on earth and those who died in faith in Christ coming to life in the first resurrection. We are told that the Second Death will have no power over this blessed group and that they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him during his glorious millennial Kingdom age. At the end of Christ's glorious millennial reign the nations attempt to attack Jerusalem, but fire comes down from heaven and consumes them. The sea, death and hades give up the dead and they stand before the Throne of God and are judged, according to what they had done those counted unworthy are cast into the Lake of Fire (a symbol of eternal death) (i.e., total extinction). In this chapter we see that the faithful in Christ have been resurrected in the first resurrection (v5) and are already with Christ prior to the great White Throne Judgment and told that they are blessed because the second death will have no power over them and that they will be priests of God and of Christ and reign with him for a thousand years (Rev. 20:5-6).

The book of Revelation states: -

- Jesus Christ, the faithful witness who loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood has made us kings and priests unto God and his Father is coming in glory and every eye shall see him, and they also who pierced him and all kindreds of the earth (Revelation 1:5-7).

And in Revelation chapter five we are told that: -

- Christ was slain, and by his blood he redeemed a people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation and made them a kingdom and priests to God and they shall reign on the earth (Revelation 5:9-10).

At the end of this glorious Kingdom age God descends to earth on a Great White Throne the sea, death and hades (the grave) give up the dead. They stand before God and are judged according to what is written in certain heavenly books according to what they have done. Death and those counted unworthy are cast into the Lake of Fire a symbol of eternal destruction (i.e., total extinction) (also called the, Second Death) (Rev. 20:11-15). Christ hands the Kingdom over to his heavenly Father and God is ALL in ALL and ETERNITY begins in all its fullness and majestic royal glory.

**For further information see titles: -**

- Kingdom of God (ON WEBSITE MENU).
- The Second Resurrection or Great White Throne Judgment.

In, Resurrection (ON WEBSITE MENU).

**NOTE:** the one thousand years maybe a literal one thousand years, but it is more likely that it is symbolising a long duration of time.

John tells us that the rest of the dead who did not attain to the first resurrection will not come to life until Christ's glorious millennial reign has ended (v5). This shows us that the great White Throne Judgment is not about the faithful in Christ being judged but, a universal judgment of everyone who was not raised in the first resurrection.

In this chapter we are also told that whoever's name is not found in the Book of Life will be cast into the Lake of Fire.

There is no-doubt that the Bible clearly teaches that the wicked will not inherit the Kingdom of God, but not everyone that does not know or has not heard the Good News of the Gospel of Christ is a wicked human, many manifest generous acts of caring and kindness to other humans less fortunate than themselves.

- Consider; all those who helped the Jews at great risk to themselves during the holocaust not because they themselves were saved, but because they hated the injustice and had compassion in their hearts.
- Consider; those of the secular world who have comforted Christians during times of persecution and suffering. I personally knew a secular woman who gave up her time to comfort a Christian woman suffering breast cancer this woman's care and compassion greatly comforted this Christian lady through an enormously fearful time in her life.
- Consider; the all the good men and woman who sacrifice the luxuries of this life to help the suffering and the poor in third world countries.
- Consider; the following words of Jesus "Whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward" (Matt 10:42).

**The Bible defines the wicked as those who: -**

- Murder (meaning they deliberately take the life of the innocent).
- Steal (robbing people of what they have honestly worked for).
- Commit adultery (a married person who has sex with someone who is not their husband or their wife).
- Lie, cheat, deceive and oppress others for their own selfish gain.
- Rape, commit incest or physically and verbally abuse others.
- Deceptively by charm and lies sexually use others to gratify their own selfish lust.

**NOTICE;** the spirit in all of these sins is self-gratification, it is using others to get what self wants, that is why these people are called wicked, they are totally selfish and have no regard for others.

**For further information concerning sin, see the titles: -**

- Sin and Self-gratification.
- The motivation of Sin.
- Both titles are in, Sin (ON WEBSITE MENU).

All humans have a sin nature, but it may not look exactly like the Christian fundamentalists say it does, because there are a multitudes of people around the world that do great and self-sacrificing things for others less fortunate than themselves, this is especially true in light of hundreds of millions of dollars caring citizens of the world give when there is a global disaster. The next most important thing to God other than believing He exists and surrendering to His eternal plan of salvation in Christ, is doing-good to other humans. Doing-good is not only fulfilling all God's six commandments concerning mankind, but also fulfilling Jesus command, "Love your neighbour as yourself" (Matt. 22:37-40) (Mark 12:29-31) which is called the royal law (James 2:8) in the New Testament.

There is no-doubt that many secular people around the world are fulfilling this royal law in very caring, compassionate and self-sacrificing ways to multitudes of humans who are suffering worldwide, especially in third world countries. My personal belief is that those who will be counted unworthy at the great White Throne Judgment and cast into the Lake of Fire a symbol of eternal death (i.e., total and utter extinction) are those who have no integrity, are totally selfish and who instead of having compassion toward other humans use them for their own selfish advantage, they are corrupt and deliberately inflict harm upon others for their own gain.

God at the moment is raising up a Bride for His Son and a people to rule and reign as kings and priests with Christ to be the final world government over God's Kingdom on earth. This eternally blessed group will be gathered together with Christ when he returns, but the second group to be raised will be judged according to what is written in the books that are opened at the great White Throne Judgment at the end of Christ's glorious millennial Kingdom age and then God is ALL in ALL and ETERNITY begins in all its majestic royal eternal fullness.

#### **SUMMERY: the Book of Life and the Lake of Fire (Revelation 20).**

All those in Christ are resurrected when the Lord returns in glory this is called the first resurrection, satan is bound while Christ and those gathered to him rule as the government of the world. God's Holy city Jerusalem becomes the city of power and at the end of Christ's glorious reign as King of kings and Lord of lords satan is released and those who are against Christ's authority and rule attempt to attack Jerusalem, God by His power destroys them and the devil, the beast and false prophet are all cast into the Lake of Fire.

God descends from heaven on a Great White Throne the sea, death and hades give up the dead, various heavenly books and the Book of Life are opened and the dead are judged by what is written in these books, according to what they have done. Death, hades and whoever's name is not in the Book of Life and those counted unworthy are thrown into the Lake of Fire this is called the second death. When all this is over Christ hand's the Kingdom over to his heavenly Father and God is ALL in ALL and ETERTINITY begins in all its majestic royal and eternal fullness.

Malachi wrote: -

- Then those who feared the LORD often spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a Book of Remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed and thought upon his name (Mal. 3:16)