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The Book of Life And The Book of the Lamb.

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The Book of Life and the Book of the Lamb.

The Bible talks about a Book of Life and a Book of the Lamb, some believe they are the same book, while others believe they are two different books. This article seeks to find out what these two books are about, what is their purpose and whether or not they are the one and the same book or two very different books serving two different purposes. Following is all the verses that use the titles:

- The Book of Life and the Book of the Lamb.

THE BOOK OF LIFE

- **Philippians 4:3.** (KJV) And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellow labourers, whose names are in the *book of life*.

So, we see that Christian's names are recorded in the Book of Life.

- **Revelation 3:5.** (KJV) He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the *book of life*, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

Whoever overcomes will not be blotted out of the Book of Life, but what is it we are to overcome? Is it sin or something else, the following verse shows that remaining in the faith does not mean Christians will never sin, but rather that to remain in the faith they will always return to the Lord in repentance.

- **1 John 1:8-10.** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

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Whoever overcomes also embraces the idea that the pleasures and enticements of the riches of the world and materialism have not drawn a believer away from their faith or that tribulation, persecution or a crisis has not caused one to forsake God. Remaining in the faith, means constantly abiding in Christ and trusting in him for salvation.

NAMES NOT WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE

- **Revelation 17:8.** (KJV) The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose *names were not written in the book of life* from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

Those who dwell on earth and whose names are not written in the Book of Life will wonder at the beast (Rev. 17:8). For further understanding of the Beast see:

- Daniel chapter 2 in Commentary NT (ON WEBSITE MENU).
- Revelation chapter 13 in, Various Topics (ON WEBSITE MENU).

The following verse shows that the Book of Life is opened at the Great White Throne Judgment.

Revelation 20:11. (KJV) Then I saw a *great white throne* and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. ¹²And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book of life*: and the dead were *judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works*.

The Book of Life is opened and the dead are judged according to their works by the things written in some other books that were opened at the same time.

THE DEAD ARE JUDGED ACCORDING TO WHAT IS WRITTEN IN THE BOOKS

- **Revelation 20:12-15.** (KJV) And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. ¹³And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. ¹⁴Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. ¹⁵And if *anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.* (Rev. 20:12-15).

At the Great White Throne judgment, the dead are judged and whoever name is not in the Book of Life will be cast into the Lake of Fire (Rev. 20:15). The Lake of Fire is symbolic of the final death it is total extinction and called the Second Death. Fire is used as the symbol because fire destroys everything forever.

SUMMARY: Christian's and whoever does not forsake God have their name written in the Book of Life. At the Great White Throne Judgment Death, the Sea and Hades give up the dead and multitudes are found standing before God, being judged according to what they had done and whoever name is not in the Book of Life is destroyed forever.

THE LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE

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- **Revelation 13:8.** (KJV) And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him (the beast) whose names are not written in the *book of life of the Lamb* slain from the foundation of the world.

Whoever name is not in the Book of Life of the Lamb will worship the beast.

- **Revelation 21:27.** (KJV) And there shall in no wise enter into it (the New Jerusalem) anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: *but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.*

Only those with their name written in the Lamb's book of Life will enter the New Jerusalem (the Holy City) (Rev 21:27).

- **Revelation 22:19.** (KJV) And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall *take away his part out of the book of life*, and out of the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.

If anyone changes the word of God their name will be taken out of the Book of Life and they will not enter the New Jerusalem and if anyone adds to what John has written God will add to them the plagues written in the prophecy (Rev. 22:19). This does not mean that modern translations do not contain the inspired word of God, if that was the case Christians in non-English speaking nations, Mexico, China and the multitudes of Asian Christians etc. would never be able to read the inspired word of God. It is not the words themselves that are inspired, but the messages that the words proclaim, it is these messages that are the inspired word of God. The meaning of the statement, if anyone adds to the book or takes away from it, is the same as saying, if anyone changes its message.

SUMMARY OF THE LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE AND THE BOOK OF LIFE

It appears when a baby is born their name is recorded in the Book of Life and their life is recorded in some other books, if they accept Christ their name is transferred from the Book of Life into the Lamb's book of Life, but if not their name remains in the Book of Life unless they are totally selfish and use other people for their own gain, through murder, stealing, adultery, rape, etc. If a person deliberately harms other humans their name is likely to be blotted out of the Book of Life, but those who show compassion and kindness to others remain in the record of names recorded in the Book of Life.

In the First Resurrection (Rev. 20:4-5) when the Lord Jesus Christ returns those whose names are recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life are granted eternal life because of their faith, they will live and fellowship with God and Jesus in the Holy City New Jerusalem.

In the Second Resurrection at the Great White Throne (Rev 20:11-15) those whose names are found in the Book of Life are judged according to what is written in the other books that are opened at the same time, some are cast into the Lake of Fire, this implies that not all will be cast into the Lake (this is called the Second Death, it is total extinction). It appears that those not cast into the Lake of Fire are granted some place in God's eternal plan. Those whose names had been previously blotted out of the Book of Life are immediately cast into the Lake of Fire.

NOTE: there may be a literal Book of the Lamb and a Book of Life or it may be a simple way for the writer to explain to our minds that the eyes and mind of God sees all things and remembers all things. He knows when a baby is born, He sees their life, good or bad unfold before Him and he remembers their deeds and will judge accordingly.

For further information on the two resurrections see:

- The Second or Great White Throne Judgment).
- In, Resurrection (ON WEBSITE MENU).

FOOTNOTE

The Book of Life and the Book of the Lamb.

The title: "The Book of Life and the Book of the Lamb" is linked to the following four titles:

1. Alphabetical Directory under **B**.
2. Various Topics.
3. Articles.
4. Resurrection.

The title: The Book of Life and the Book of the Lamb in Alphabetical Directory is linked to the one in Resurrection under B

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