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**The Book of the Lamb
The Book of Life
Heavenly Books
and
A Book of Remembrance**

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The Book of the Lamb, the Book of Life, Heavenly Books, and a Book of Remembrance.

Topics.

- The Lamb's book of life, and the book of life.
 - Whoever sins against God, he will blot out of his book.
 - Books opened at the end of a 1000 years.
 - A book of remembrance.
 - The dead great and small stand before God.
 - Hell, and torment, or eternal death and extinction.
 - Adding and taking away from this book.
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NOTE: when the Bible speaks of books, it could refer to a book or a scroll.

THE LAMBS BOOK OF LIFE

- **Revelation 13:8:** All who dwell on earth will worship it (a beast with ten horns and seven heads), everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain. (Rev. 13:8).
- **Revelation 21:27:** But nothing unclean will ever enter it (the holy city, new Jerusalem) (Rev. 21:2), nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. (Rev. 21:27).

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From these verses we learn:

- All who dwell on earth will worship (the beast with ten horns and seven heads).
- Whoever's name is not written in the book of life of the Lamb will be slain. (Rev. 13:8).
- Only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life will enter the holy city, new Jerusalem.

Besides the general book recording the works of all, there is a special book called the Lamb's book of Life, in which the names of believers are written, not for their works, but because God has called them out from the population of the world, to be the Bride of Christ, and during the glorious millennium age rule and reign with him as kings and priests as he rules and reigns and King of kings and Lord of lords to establish God's Kingdom on earth.

Jesus said:

- The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. (Rev. 3:5).

This promise of Jesus, should encourage all the faithful, for he promises never to blot out the name of those who faithfully endure to the day he returns in glory.

The inheritance: for those who have remained faithful from the beginning of time to the resurrection is the Kingdom of God, that Jesus will establish when he returns as King of kings and Lord of lords, and ultimately the Holy City New Jerusalem. The rest of the dead do not come to life until Christ's glorious millennial Kingdom reign has ended. (Revelation 20:5).

THE BOOK OF LIFE

It seems when a person is born, their name is written in the Book of Life (i.e., kept in the mind of God), during their life their name can remain in the book or be blotted out. It appears if they accept the Lord Jesus Christ their name is transferred into the Lambs Book of Life. If a person has an evil heart toward God, is totally selfish and use other people for their own gain, through murder, stealing, violence, rape, etc., and deliberately inflict harm on others, it is most likely their name is blotted out of the Book of life. In contrast to this, those who show compassion and kindness remain in the record of names recorded in the Book of life.

The Book of Life is found in the following verses:

- **Philippians 4:3:** Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life. (Phil. 4:3).
- **Revelation 3:5:** The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels.
- **Revelation 17:8:** The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to rise from the bottomless pit and go to destruction. And the dwellers on earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world will marvel to see the beast, because it was and is not and is to come.
- **Revelation 20:15:** And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

From these verses we learn:

- The names of those who have labored in the Gospel are written in the book of life.
- The names of those who endure to the end will never be blotted out of the book of life.
- All whose names have not been written in the book of life will marvel to see the final latter day beast empire.
- Whoever's name is not written in the book of life, will be thrown into the lake of fire, signifying eternal death (i.e., total extinction).

The book of life represents God's knowledge of all people, their thoughts, motives, behaviour and actions and their principles and practices.

WHOEVER SINS AGAINST GOD, HE WILL BLOT OUT OF HIS BOOK

While Moses was on the mountain receiving the tablets of law, the people made a golden calf and worshiped and sacrificed to it saying, "These are our gods who brought us up out of the land of Egypt!" Moses pleads for the people saying:

- **Exodus 32:32-33:** If you will forgive their sin—but if not, please blot me out of your book that you have written.”³³ But the LORD said to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against me, I will blot out of my book.³⁴ But now go, lead the people to the place about which I have spoken to you; behold, my angel shall go before you. Nevertheless, in the day when I visit, I will visit their sin upon them.”³⁵ Then the LORD sent a plague on the people, because they made the calf, the one that Aaron made.

From these verses we learn:

- The LORD has a book in which all names are written, this book is the same as the Book of Life.
- Whoever sins against the LORD, will be blotted out of the LORD’S book.

Worshipping the golden calf was a direct sin against the LORD, because it was the LORD’S people worshipping it, whereas stealing and such like crimes is a sin, but they are not direct sins against the LORD, but against man.

BOOKS OPENED AT THE END OF A 1000 YEARS

In Revelation chapter twenty we read:

- **Revelation 20:5-6:** The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.
- **Revelation 20:12-13:** 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. ¹³ And 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.

From these verses we learn:

- The second death has no power over those who attain to the first resurrection.
- Those who attain to the first resurrection will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.
- The second death takes place at the end of Jesus thousand-year millennial reign.
- All who did not attain to the first resurrection, will be raised to face the second death. The fact there is a second death implies there is a first death, this first death of course refers to mortal death, while the second death is eternal death (i.e., total extinction).
- All the dead rise to stand before the throne of God, and the Book of Life and other books are opened.
- The dead standing before the throne are judged by what is written in the other books, and judged according to what they had done.

With these books of God’s omniscience (the state of knowing everything) the conscience and motive of all will be made known to each person standing before the Most-High Judge, so that they will know immediately perceive themselves with the utmost exactness. Hidden things will be brought to light when these books are opened, and many will have quite a different view of themselves to what they previously had, for God’s holy light will expose every from of darkness.

- The Book of Life contains the names of all who did not attain to the first resurrection. These will be raised to face a second death. It appears the following two things will take place at this judgement:
- The Book of Life will be opened, and whoever's name is not found in it will be immediately cast into the lake of fire.
- If a name is found in the Book of Life, other books are opened, which has a record of their life recorded in them.
- They will be judged, which implies some will be counted worthy, while others will be counted unworthy, depending on what is written in these other books.
- It appears those who accepted Christ's rule and obeyed his laws during his millennial reign as King of kings and Lord of lords, and whoever name is found in the Book of Life, and lived by the law of love (i.e., love your neighbour as yourself), showing kindness to others, will be judge worthy and have some place in Eternity.

Following are three great privileges, and the honour bestowed upon those who attain to the first resurrection:

1. They become the bride of Christ, no one else has this honour, for the Lord can have only one wife.
2. They form Christ's government, and reign with him as kings and priest over the nations.
3. Throughout eternity they dwell with Christ, and with God in the heavenly Holy City New Jerusalem.

No one else has these glorious privileges and honour.

- In contrast to those who are counted worthy, those who are judged ungodly, violent, full of malice, and have shown hostility toward others, murdered, raped, and turned away from Christ after hearing the Gospel, will be judged unworthy and cast into the lake of fire.

Daniel had the following vision of this judgement:

- **Daniel 7:10:** As I (Daniel) looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰ A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. (Daniel 7:9–10)

Consider the following: there are multitudes worldwide who have never had the privilege of hearing the Gospel of grace or of the Lord Jesus Christ himself, these and the wicked will have their eternal destiny determined at the Great White Throne Judgement according to whether their name is written in the Book of Life, or has been blotted out, and according to their lifestyle in regards to the law of love, and Jesus' command, "love your neighbour as yourself," (i.e., do good to all people).

The fact the name of anyone is found in the Book of Life determines the certainty of their acceptance at some level into God's eternal Kingdom, and that the amount of reward will be in direct proportion to how they have lived according to the law of love and Jesus' command.

- **Daniel 12:1:** At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book.

The following verses show us three glorious truths:

1. A believer's tears are written in a book.
 2. The names of those who fear the LORD are written in a book.
 3. The birth of a child is written in a book.
- **Psalm 56:8:** You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your book?

Those who fear the LORD and esteem His name are written in a book.

- **Malachi 3:16:** Then those who feared the LORD 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 his name (thought upon His name in KJV).

The birth of a child is written in a book.

- **Psalm 139:16:** Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

God's memory and computers: though it is possible that there are real books in heaven, it is more likely that they are a symbol of God's eternal memory, especially since David states, even before a word is on his tongue, the LORD knows it. (Psalm 139:4), and Jesus said: "God has the hairs of our head all numbered." (Luke 12:7) (Matt. 10:30).

Added to these, God is omniscient (i.e., all-knowing, and all-seeing) and omnipresent (i.e., forever-present). Some may still find it somewhat difficult to comprehend God keeping our lives in His eternal mind, but consider the following, today we have:

- Computers that hold within their memories, all mankind's history, and trillions of different bits of information from the beginning of time to now and at the touch of a key, bring any selected piece into the light in a fraction of a second. If mankind (a creation of God) can create such amazing computers, how easy is it for God to keep a record of us in His eternal mind and eternal memory.
- Men and woman in the world who have photographic memories, that remember every detail of every day of their life from birth, and everything they see and read, and can recall it in exact detail anytime they are asked.

When it is considered that it was God who created mankind, it is easy to understand that His far superior mind is easily able to keep us recorded in his eternal memory.

THE DEAD GREAT AND SMALL STAND BEFORE GOD

In the book of Revelation, we read:

- **Revelation 20:12:** And I (John) 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.

The words, "the dead, were standing before the throne," does not mean there will be millions of people standing in mile long queues before God's throne waiting to be judged. This is poetical symbolical language to simplify eternal truths to our limited mortal minds. God is eternal and has eternal foreknowledge, which not only means He knows the beginning and the end, but also means that we are judged and counted worthy or unworthy the day we die. The Scriptures teach that it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment. (Heb. 9:27), this means that once we are dead there is no more, we can do to make ourselves more-worthy or less unworthy. It could be said, at this present time we are living as apprentices before God, if we qualify, we will be awarded the eternal crown of life.

The apostle Paul wrote:

- **Romans 2:15-16:** The Gentiles show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts will accuse or excuse them on that day when God judges their secrets according to the Gospel of Christ Jesus.

Jesus said:

- **Revelation 12:48:** The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.

These verses show that our conscience acts as a judge against us, or for us. When living according to Jesus' command, "love your neighbour as yourself," meaning do good to others and not harm, our conscience counts us worthy, but when acting contrary to this law of love our conscience condemns us. With these facts in mind, it is most likely, when the sea, death and hades give up the dead, and they are brought before the holy omniscient and omnipresent of God the consciences of all will be immediately awakened and act as a thousand voices accusing or excusing them.

HELL, AND TORMENT OR ETERNAL DEATH AND EXTINCTION

Much of traditional Christianity claim that those who are not found written in the Book of Life, because they did not turn to Christ in repentance and faith will be cast into a place called hell, where they will be punished throughout all eternity, with different levels of cruel and painful torture, according to the lifestyle they lived. This means that those who have lived a good, kind, and compassionate life helping others, will suffer a lesser level of fiery flaming pain throughout eternity than murderers, rapists, child abusers, the violent and those filled with malice etc. This erroneous and unbiblical doctrine raises the following two problems:

1. Pain is pain, it matters not if one arm is being burnt, or two arms, or if a foot is forced into burning coals or a finger, all whether good or bad will suffer extreme pain.
2. It means that those who had a heart toward the God of creation, but never had the privilege of hearing Christ's Gospel of grace or even hearing of Jesus Himself, and had they done so would have gladly embraced it, suffer the same cruel brutal torture as those whose heart was evil toward God, and as murderers, rapists, child abusers, the violent and those filled with malice etc.

The Bible teaching is not eternal torment, but eternal death (i.e., total extinction), this is the goodness and mercy of God, we are all given the choice to choose, eternal life or eternal death.

ADDING AND TAKING AWAY FROM THIS BOOK

- **Revelation 22:18-19:** I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, ¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

If anyone changes the word of John's prophecy their name will be taken out of the Book of Life and they will not have any part in the Tree of Life or enter the Holy City New Jerusalem. 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 phrase: if anyone adds to the book or takes away from it, is the same as saying, if anyone changes its message

SCRIPTURES

The Book of Life: (Philip 4:3) (Rev 3:5) (Rev 17:8) (Rev 20:12, 15) (Rev 22:19)

The Lamb's Book of Life: (Rev 13:8) (Rev 21:27)

The other books: (Rev 20:12)

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For further information see the title:

- Resurrection (Second or Great White Throne Judgment)

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FOOTNOTE

What I have presented in this document should not be taken to be dogmatic, inflexible or the final word on the matter, since I am fully aware greater understanding of God's revelation, and the Great White Throne Judgment will become clearer before our eyes as we move closer to the time of Christ's glorious return to gather the redeemed and establish God's Kingdom on earth.

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