

Is My Name Written There?

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Introduction:

- A. Rev. 20:12-15
- B. What the Bible reveals about the Lamb's book of life
 - 1. What is this book?
 - 2. Who makes the entries in it?
 - 3. Whose names are recorded in it?
 - 4. Who will not have an entry in it?
 - 5. Can entries in the book of life be changed?
- C. Background
 - 1. The Book of Life (Hebrew: ספר החיים, transliterated Sefer HaChaim; Greek: βιβλίον τῆς ζωῆς Biblíon tēs Zōēs) is the book in which God records the names of every person who may enter Heaven
 - 2. According to Jewish tradition in the Talmud, Talmud it is open on Rosh Hashanah, as is its analog for the wicked, the Book of the Dead.
 - 3. Ez. 9:3-4 - Those in the books were also given marks on their heads
 - 4. Rev. 20:12 - "The books were opened.' What books? The books of God's omniscience, Who is greater than our consciences, and knows all things. It is His book of remembrance within Him both of good and bad deeds of men" (M. Henry).
- D. What saith the scriptures?
 - 1. It was spoken of by Moses, David, Daniel and Malachi at the beginning, in the middle, and near the end of the Law of Moses
 - a. Ex. 32:31-33; Psalms 69:28; Dan. 12:1; Mal. 3:16
 - 2. It was spoken of by Jesus Christ and the apostle Paul
 - a. Luke 10:20; Phil. 4:3; Heb. 12:23
 - 3. John is the most prolific revealer of this book and its contents
 - a. Rev. 3:5, 13:8, 17:8, 20:12, 15, 21:27

I. WHAT IS THIS BOOK?

- A. It is called "the book of life." It is of spiritual, eternal life.
 - 1. It brings joy to those written in it - Luke 10:20
- B. Called "the book of life of the Lamb" - Rev. 13:8
 - 1. Contains the names the saved - Rev. 20:12-15
 - 2. Does not contain the names of the lost - Rev. 20:12-15
 - 3. Once contained names later blotted out - Ex. 32:32-33; Rev. 3:5

II. WHO MAKES THE ENTRIES?

- A. God - Ex. 32:32-33
- B. Jesus - Rev. 3:5, 13:8

III. WHOSE NAMES ARE RECORDED IN IT?

- A. The saved - Rev. 20:12-15
- B. Those who keep their lives from sin - Rev. 21:27

- C. Those who are holy - Isa. 4:3
- D. Those who have been delivered - Dan. 12:1-3
- E. Those who labor in the kingdom - Phil. 4:3
- F. The church - Heb. 12:23

IV. WHO WILL NOT HAVE AN ENTRY IN IT?

- A. Those who sin - Ex. 32:32-33
- B. Those who oppose the righteous - Psalm 69:26-28
- C. Those who do not overcome - Rev. 3:5
- D. Those who worship the beast - Rev. 13:8, 17:8
- E. Those who take away from God's words - Rev. 22:19
- F. Those whose names were blotted out - Rev. 3:5
 - 1. Imagine how it will feel to hear on Judgment Day, "Well, your name was written there at one time, but it is no longer in this book."

Conclusion:

- A. Is your name written there?
- B. You know the answer to that question.