

## 14 SCRIPTURES ON THE BOOK OF LIFE

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God has a book in heaven which he is keeping called the Book of Life. It is a very important book, one which you should know about even if you do not like to read, because if your name is not listed in it, you will not be in the Kingdom of God. The following are all the scriptures in the Bible concerning the Book of Life with footnotes elaborating on this subject.

1.

Ex 32:30 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the Lord; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin.

Ex 32:31 And Moses returned unto the Lord, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold.

Ex 32:32 Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin--; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of THY BOOK WHICH THOU HAST WRITTEN.

Ex 32:33 And the Lord said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of MY BOOK.

Ex 32:34 Therefore now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee: behold, mine angel shall go before thee: nevertheless in the day when I visit I will visit their sin upon them.

Ex 32:35 And the Lord plagued the people because they made the calf which Aaron made.

*Note: These verses tell us that those people who came out of Egypt under the Old Covenant were listed in God's Book of Life. Moses saw that they were in danger of being blotted out of God's book because of their sin and tried to make an atonement for them. God accepted his plea and did not blot them out of the book, but he plagued the people. This brings up an interesting question as to whether or not those under the Old Covenant were offered eternal life. Some say that they were not; however, their names were in God's book. We have been led out of spiritual Egypt under the New Covenant. When we have repented and been baptized, we are then listed in God's Book of Life. This verse applies today as it did back then. "Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book."*

*The Israelites made an idol of a golden calf, thus endangering their status in the Book of Life. In the New Testament an 'ox' or 'calf' is symbolic of a minister. (See 1Cor 9:9-10) We can endanger our name being in the book of life today if we make a golden calf and 'idolize' a minister.*

2.

Isa 4:3 And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is WRITTEN AMONG THE LIVING in Jerusalem:

Isa 4:4 When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.

*Note: Notice here that those who are written among the living. They will be people who are 'left' after the Lord washes away all the filth of his people by a just judgment. This fits*

*together with the New Testament parable of the wheat and the tares in which both are allowed to grow together until the harvest when the tares will be gathered in bundles to burn, but the true wheat will be gathered into the Lord's barn.*

3.

Ps 56:6 They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they mark my steps, when they wait for my soul.

Ps 56:7 Shall they escape by iniquity? in thine anger cast down the people, O God.

Ps 56:8 Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in **THY BOOK?**

*Note: Here, the sufferings and tears of the righteous are written in the Lord's book. We do not know if this is the same book as the 'Book of Life', but it is comforting to know that the Lord is remembering our sufferings as well as judging our works.*

4.

Ps 69:4 They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored that which I took not away...

Ps 69:24 Pour out thine indignation upon them, and let thy wrathful anger take hold of them.

Ps 69:25 Let their habitation be desolate; and let none dwell in their tents...

Ps 69:28 Let them be blotted out of the **BOOK OF THE LIVING**, and not be **WRITTEN WITH THE RIGHTEOUS**.

*Note: Here, we find that in the final analysis, those who have hated Jesus Christ without a cause and have never repented shall be blotted out of the Book of Life.*

5.

Ps 139:15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

Ps 139:16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in **THY BOOK** all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

*Note: Here, a human being is written in the Lord's book even before he is born. This does away with notions that the unborn are only 'fetal tissue' and therefore not worthy of the right to life. Comparing this scripture with the above # 1, we see that if the book spoken of here is the Book of Life, all human beings must have been originally listed in it from the time of conception but then blotted out because, "Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book. (Ex 32:33)" and "ALL have sinned (Ro 3:23)". Therefore, all human beings, having been blotted out of the Book of Life, are subject to the first death. At whatever time a person is converted, repents, and is baptized, (whether under the Old or New Covenant - and whether in this life or in the second resurrection), he is then listed again in the Book of Life. If he then chooses to reject God and live in sin, he will be blotted out of the book permanently and be subject to the second death from which there is no resurrection.*

6.

Dan 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a

nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found WRITTEN IN THE BOOK.

*Note: Here, at the time of the Great Tribulation, God provides a special deliverance for those who are written in his Book of Life at that time.*

7.

Luk 10:20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because YOUR NAMES ARE WRITTEN IN HEAVEN.

*Note: Here, Jesus was speaking to his disciples, letting them know that the fact that their names were written in Heaven was much greater in value than the fact that they had authority over evil spirits.*

8.

Ph 4:3 And I entreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, WHOSE NAMES ARE IN THE BOOK OF LIFE.

*Note: Here we find Paul saying that the saints who are laboring with him in the work of the gospel are listed in the Book of Life.*

9.

Heb 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

Heb 12:23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN HEAVEN, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

*Note: Here, we are assured that those who are part of God's true church, called the firstborn because they will be in the first resurrection, whose names are now written in the Book of Life.*

10.

Rev 3:5 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.

Rev 3:6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

*Note: The Book of Life is written of here in context of the messages to the seven churches and particularly to the Church of Sardis. This church has a name that it lives, but is spiritually dead. Spiritual death is to lose the holy spirit of God and become carnal, going back into the world. They have a few things (doctrines, attitudes, works) which are clinging to life, but the Lord admonishes them to WATCH and STRENGTHEN those lest they die out completely. They need to REMEMBER how they have received and heard and REPENT. Many in Sardis have DEFILED THEIR GARMENTS. We all need to examine ourselves and see if we need these admonitions. We must overcome the tendency toward spiritual death as this condition will blot our name out of the Book of Life.*

*The following are some scriptures on overcoming:*

1. Overcome the world 1Jo 5:4

*How? By our faith and believing 1Jo 5:5*

*Through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ 2Pe 2:18-21*

*Also study: 1Jo 2:16, Jo 16:33, comp Rev 2:26 "overcome (the world) and keepeth my works (not the world's works) unto the end"...*

*2. Overcome evil*

*How? with good*

*Also study: Luk 11:21-23, Rev 13:7, Rev 2:26*

*3. Overcome (Satan) the wicked one who is the accuser*

*How? By the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony Rev 12:11*

*4. Overcome False Prophets and other spirits 1Jo 4:4*

*How? Because greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world.*

*Notice the wonderful promises given to the overcomers in these messages to the seven churches.*

*But to those who, instead of overcoming, are overcome by - the world, evil, Satan, and false prophets, they shall end up having their name blotted out of the Book of Life.*

11.

Rev 13:7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

Rev 13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are NOT WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Rev 13:9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.

*Note: There is coming a point not far away that a 'beast' shall rise up who shall make war with and conquer the true saints of God. Everyone on the earth shall worship him. They will think he is absolutely wonderful. The only people whom God will allow to recognize him for the true beast he is are those who are listed in God's Book of Life, not those who think they are so intelligent and gifted in Bible knowledge that they cannot fail to recognize him. What an astounding verse this is. It shows that NOTHING on earth can save anyone from the deceptive power of the beast and Satan except God himself. And the deciding factor as to whether we will worship the beast is whether or not we are in the Book of Life. How important it is that we seek God's mercy to have our name written in that book!*

12.

Rev 17:8 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.

*Note: Here we find another reference to the Beast that shall arise. The word 'wonder' here is from Strongs #2296 which means to marvel or hold in admiration. Everyone who is not written in the Book of Life shall admire this great deceiver.*

13.

Rev 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

Rev 20:12 And 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.

Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Rev 20:15 And whosoever was not found WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE was cast into the lake of fire. *Note: Here we see the final analysis of Judgment Day, that the Book of Life is the deciding factor as to whether we will be in the Kingdom of God or burned up in the lake of fire.*

14.

Rev 21:27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are WRITTEN IN THE LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE.

*Note: This is speaking of New Jerusalem which the Lord shall bring from Heaven as our new home. Only those who have been entered in the Book of Life shall be there to live with him forever.*