

The Book of Life

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Exodus 32:32-33, "Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin--; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written. And **the LORD said** unto Moses, **Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.**"

Whose name gets blotted OUT of the book of life? "...**Whosoever hath sinned against me...**" (God), "...**him will I blot out of my book...**"!

What is the book of life and are you in it or not? When did you get in it? How do you get in it? Are you in it from birth? Or, are you NOT in it at birth?

Fires we need some background to understand this:

Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" That being the case your sins caused your name to be blotted out of the book of life during the course of your live. But when?

Romans 5:12, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:" We understand this that death passed upon all men, does that make us DEAD? 2 Corinthians 1:9, "But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:" What we had was the sentence of death. We were from birth sitting in the hot seat ready for the switch to be thrown. We were born in the guillotine waiting for the axe to drop! We are all waiting for that physically. But when does that happen to us spiritually?

Romans 7:7-13, "What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead. For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death. For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me. Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good. Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful."

What this is talking about is the age of accountability when we are first convicted of the law that we have sinned. Prior to this we were NOT accountable for sin, and without responsibility there can be no reparation. In other words without the law sin is not imputed: Romans 4:15, "Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression." And Romans 5:13, "For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law." And the thing about this is that the law requires punishment for breaking it. However, if you have no law, or

cannot understand the law, how are you breaking it? 1 John 3:4, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."

That means you are born alive and in innocence even though you are born in sin, that sin is NOT imputed to you without the law. When the law comes however, sin revives and it **KILLS** your spirit. Therefore at the age of accountability (which is different for each individual) your name is blotted out of the book of life. Because you are dead in trespasses and sin. Ephesians 2:1-3, "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others."

Now that we have laid the groundwork and foundation for this study let's look at the book of life.

Names are in the book of life and could be blotted out:

Revelation 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." And what if you don't overcome? During the Tribulation this looks like you can lose your salvation if you are not careful.

During the Old Testament, David was terrified of being blotted out of the book of life because of his sins:

Psalms 69:28, "Let them be **blotted out of the book of the living**, and not be written with the righteous."

People have their names in the Book of Life in the New Testament in the church:

Philippians 4:3, "And I intreat 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**." That would mean that when you are born again you get your name rewritten back into the book of life.

The LIE of the Antichrist (the antichrist, the beast, the man of sin and the son of perdition are all the same person)

Revelation 13:7-10, "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. 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. If any man have an ear, let him hear. He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints." While they are worshipping the BEAST, they will be lied to about this "...whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world..." Notice this phrase: "...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." The clauses here show that this is a LIE.

Notice the first clause: "...all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him..." who are they worshipping? Revelation 13:4, "And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?" The next clause: "...whose names are not written in the book of life..." Is not connected with the next clause, because these names were in the book of life and were blotted out according to Exodus 32:32-33, "Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin--; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written. And the LORD said unto Moses, **Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.**" You can't be blotted out unless you were THERE to begin with. The next clause: "...of the Lamb slain..." a reference to the Lord Jesus Christ and Calvary; and the last clause: "from the foundation of the world." Which seems to mean Calvary happened prior to the creation of the earth, which it did NOT. This is a private interpretation of the passage, and places this event where it does not belong. The Lord Jesus Christ was not slain prior to the creation of the earth! So, what does this mean? The word "from" does not mean "before" and even the word "before" though it can mean "prior to" also means "in front of" but "from" is a "motion away towards an opposing side" NOT a time word without a time designated word in its context. From a certain TIME to a certain TIME... etc. The "from" has no time element and therefore would not constitute a time. The word "foundation" is NOT a time word, like "creation" which could mean the time of creation, but could also be used for something else that was created after that original creation. The word "foundation" in line with the word "world" does not mean "creation" and "earth". Even though it can be taken that way, that is NOT what that means at all. The foundation of your house is not the beginning TIME when your house was built even though it was the first part of the house built. If I were to say "Stand in front of the foundation of your house." Would you think that I was saying to stand in front of it back when the house was being built? NO. So, "foundation of the world" is NOT the same as "the creation TIME of the earth" so where is the foundation of the earth if it is NOT a when? You are standing on the top of the world or on the outside of it. So the center would be the foundation. Or at least towards the center would be where the foundation is. When the Lord was crucified He was lifted up from or away from the foundation of the world. Another view is that the world in fact is NOT the earth even though it could be. The Lord was lifted up off the ground and away from this world in the idea of world system. But either way you look at it: that is NOT saying what Calvary happened prior to the creation of the earth! These people are worshipping the BEAST when they think this because of the next verse which interprets this one.

Revelation 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." Look at that closely! They are being deceived by that beast to think that way. That is NOT a doctrine to be believed! It is a Satanic LIE.

The fact is, no one had their names NOT in the book of life prior to the creation of the earth! That is what is going to be taught as a LIE. That is a strong proof text for Calvinism that John Calvin used!

Notice that "...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...**" Why is it "...when they behold the beast..."? Isn't it obvious? This is a great deception that is going on even NOW and has been since the days of Augustine, and again in the days of John Calvin who promoted these passages as "Christian" doctrine! Which it is NOT!

This is the time of Jacob's Trouble and as such Moses and Elijah will be there as they are the two Olive Trees. Compare: Zechariah 4:3, "And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof." And Zechariah 4:11, "Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof?" read Zechariah 4:1-14 for the rest of the story. Then line this up with Revelation 11:4, "These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth." And notice that the last book of the Bible and the last few verses tell you who will be there before the Lord's second coming: Malachi 4:4-6, "Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."

Moses will remind the people:

Deuteronomy 13:1-3, "If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul."

The signs of Moses will be there during that time and like Elijah the rain will not fall: 1 Kings 17:1, "And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word."

So during the Tribulation the great deception will force people to think the wrong thing. But, if they listen to Moses and Elijah and the 144,000 and believe their testimony they will remain saved. But they cannot take that mark or else. It is going to be a very difficult time. And during this time their names CAN be blotted out of the book of life.

Next we see what happens to those whose names are NOT in the book of life:

Revelation 20:11-15, "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. 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. 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. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

Will anyone pass through this judgment? Notice that if your name is NOT in the book of life you are cast into the fire. BUT what IF your name IS in the book of life?

Who will pass through this judgment? "...whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." the antithesis would apply: "...whosoever WAS found written in the book of life was NOT cast into the lake of fire." This would include Old Testament Saints, all children who passed away during innocence, all children born during the tribulation, all the humans in the thousand year reign that do not physically die during or after that time when Satan is loosed again. The Church will not be judged in this judgment; but we will be there and because all our names are IN the book of life, we will make it past this having already been judged at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

So who can enter into New Jerusalem? Revelation 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.**"

So the book of life, the book of the living and the Lamb's book of life are the same book. And only saved people can enter this city; only "...they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."

Also in that book of life is written what you will inherit: Your PART is there which you CAN lose:

Revelation 22:18-19, "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 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." So, don't mess with the Book the Bible!

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