

“Book of Revelation—Part 10”

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I continued with a 12-part series about the book of Revelation. Part 10 was about the “Book of Life.”

The bulk of the scriptures used for that Bible study (six) were from the book of Revelation. However, I began with a verse in Philippians and ended with verses in Exodus.

Philippians 4:3

- Philippians 4:1—The apostle Paul reminded the brethren in Philippi that he loved them and encouraged them to stand fast in the Lord.
- Philippians 4:2—He implored Euodia and Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.
- Philippians 4:3—Paul urged the brethren to continue supporting the brethren who labored with him in the gospel—calling them “fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life.”

Revelation 3:5

Before I read Revelation 3:5, I reminded the audience to value the information given to all of the seven congregations in Revelation 2 and 3.

(That was a reference and a warning to people who focus upon “church eras” and often view themselves as superior disciples—transposing themselves as the congregation in the town of Philadelphia.)

Disciples should be focusing upon the instruction and upon the reward directed to all seven of the congregations. Although the message to the congregation in the city of Sardis is corrective, the reward announced for the members in that city is spectacular.

Notice the blessing to the disciples mentioned in Revelation 3:5.

- He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments.
- When a disciples overcomes, “I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life, but will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.”

Do you accept that your name is in the Book of Life?

If so, are you mindful about avoiding your name being blotted out of the Book of Life?

Revelation 13:8

- Revelation 13:1-2—The dragon gives the beast his power, his throne and great authority.
- Revelation 13:7—It will be granted to the beast to make war with the saints and to overcome them—since authority will be given to him over every tribe, tongue and nation.
- Revelation 13:8—All on the earth who worship the beast are those whose names have not been written in the Book of Life (of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world).

Revelation 17:8

- Revelation 17:8—Those who dwell on the earth (whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world) will marvel at the beast.

Revelation 20:12, 15

- Revelation 20:12—During the white-throne judgment, the books will be opened (understanding of scriptures in the Bible) and the Book of Life will be opened (becoming available to those not listed in there).
- Revelation 20:15—“Anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”

Revelation 21:27

- Revelation 21:10—An angel showed John the great city (the holy Jerusalem) descending from God out of heaven.
- Revelation 21:22—John saw no temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.
- Revelation 21:27—Only those who are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life may enter the holy city.

Revelation 22:19

These verses should be a stern reminder to people who give their own private interpretations about prophecy.

- Revelation 22:18—“If anyone adds to these things [words in the book of Revelation], God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book.”

■ Revelation 22:19—“If anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life.”

Exodus 32:32-33

For the record, the term “Book of Life” is not technically mentioned in Exodus 32:32-33.

■ Exodus 32:32—Moses said: “Yet now, if You will forgive their sin—but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have which You have written.”

■ Exodus 32:33—The Lord said to Moses: “Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book.”