

THE BOOK OF LIFE

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.

Rev. 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.

Rev. 13:8 -- and all who dwell on earth will worship it, 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. 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.

Rev. 20:12 -- 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.

Rev. 20:15 -- And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Rev.21:27 -- But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Rev. 22:19 -- 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.

OBSERVATIONS

1. Christians have their name written in the Book of Life – Phil 4:3; Rev. 3:5; 21:27
2. The lost do not have their names written in this Book – Rev. 13:8; 20:15
3. We never read of anyone having their name added to this book. With reference to Christians the Greek tense shows their name was already there or is there presently. Phil. 4:3; Rev. 3:5; 17:8; 21:27
4. The Book of Life is only one of the books that is used to judge the lost (20:12), but it is the one that makes the difference between salvation and damnation (20:15).
5. There are two passages that seem to speak about the possibility of names being removed from this book – Rev. 3:5; 22:19
6. A careful study will show that Rev. 3:5 is a promise that names will not be blotted out. Rev. 22:19 is a warning to those who think they are Christians but change God's Word to suit their own desires.