

The Book of Life

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Enrollment in God's book is both individual and conditional (Exod. 32:30-35). One is lost if their names are blotted out or unrecorded in the book of life (Ps. 69:22-28). The holy remnant of Zion is recorded for life in Jerusalem (Isa. 4:2-6). False prophets are excluded from the register of the righteous (Ezek. 13:8-16). The names of those who fear God and serve Him are recorded in God's book of remembrance (Mal. 3:13-18). Having one's name recorded in heaven is greater than all other power or privilege (Luke 10:17-20). The names of faithful Christians and fellow workers are recorded in the book of life (Phil. 4:1-3). He who overcomes will not have his name erased from the book of life (Rev. 3:1-6). Wicked men, whose names are not written in the book of life, worship and wonder at the beast (Rev. 13:7-10; 17:8). The final judgment will involve a comparison of "the books" (i.e., the Bible) to the book of life (Rev. 20:11-15). Heaven is reserved for those whose names are written in the book of life (Rev. 21:22-27).