

THE OTHER BOOKS OF THE BIBLE **(Revelation 20:12)**

Within the pages of the O.T. and the N.T. are inferences regarding very important books that are being kept in heaven. Some of these books are familiar to believers while others are not.

THE BOOK OF LIFE

Believe it or not there is much controversy regarding “the book of life” in the scriptures. Who is in “the book of life?” What is the purpose of the book? If not in the book where is their name written? Is the “book of life” the same as “the Lambs book of life? When are names put into “the book of life?”

Luke 10:20 After returning from their mission to prepare the way for Jesus, the seventy were excited and somewhat amazed at the power they had received from Jesus. Jesus refers to a record that is being kept in heaven with the names of those that belong to Him.

Philippians 4:3 Paul refers to fellow believers whose names are in the book of life.

Hebrews 12:23 The writer of this book refers to believers whose names are written in heaven.

Revelation 3:5 The phrase “book of life” is referred to more in Revelation than any other book. It is within this book we can learn, or at least speculate about this book and others of eternal importance.

Revelation 20:12 Up to this point in the bible no one had seen “the book of life.” Here we see that John sees the book and recognizes it as a book of importance at this Great White Throne Judgment.

Revelation 20:15 This is the defining verse that infatigably tells us that without our name in this book we are doomed forever in the lake of fire.

Revelation 13:8 In this verse we have mention of “the book of life of the Lamb” instead of just “the book of life.” Some writers believe that these are two separate books and are not the same.

Revelation 21:27 Once again we see “the Lambs book of life” but the context of this verse is the same as is found in **22:19** where the name “book of life” is mentioned tying them together as the same.

Revelation 17:8 Here is the most controversial verse pertaining to “the book of life.” Notice the verse says that these names were not written in “the book of life.” Some believe that only saved people are written in this book while others believe every person is written in and later blotted out if lost.

O.T. BOOK OF LIFE

Exodus 32:30-33 Moses obviously was aware of a “book of God in heaven” that had his name in it. He requested his name be blotted out. God answered Moses and said that sinners would be blotted out indicating that the righteous would stay in the book while others would not.

Daniel 12:1 Daniel wrote of “the book” that had all the names of his people that God would deliver.

Malachi 3:16-18 This prophet wrote of a “book of remembrance” that had names of the righteous.

Psalms 69:28 David called on God to blot the names of his enemies out of “the book of the living.”

BOOKS OF THE DEAD

Revelation 20:12 Notice this verse has a “book of life”, a “book of the dead”, and “book of works.”

Romans 2:5, 6, 16 Paul warned those that rejected the Gospel that they would be judged some day out of their own book of works that contain their every sinful thought, word, and deed.

Luke 8:17; 12:2-5 Jesus warned people that records were being kept and would be made known.

Galatians 3:10-12 Many have chosen to be justified by the works of the Law (good works). They will be judged according to the Book of the Law.