

## Revelation 21:27 - The LAMBS BOOK OF LIFE

Intro - There are many tremendous, terrifying and reassuring things in the Book of Revelation. Some things we've not touched on, or only briefly mentioned. The Book of life is one of those items. Every time it has come up I have debated whether to spend a whole message on it...wait until next time. 21:27 is the 6<sup>th</sup> (& last-22:19?) time this book is mentioned so today is the day to tackle the Lambs Book of Life.

It is a tremendous, terrifying and most reassuring subject. In short it tells us that admission into heavens bliss rests on an inscription into heaven book. The rest of the Bible is not silent about this Book but Revelation tells us the most about this book. It tells us when this book was filled out and written. It informs us that you cannot be erased from this book. Only those who are in the Book will gain entrance into New Jerusalem (21:27), and those not in this book will be thrown into the Lake of Fire (20:15). Admission into heavens bliss rests on an inscription into heaven book. You need a reservation

### The Lambs Book is a Different Book

There are other special books for events, actions and life spans. (need to differentiate)

1. Events - Rev. 5 - book in Gods hand that only the Lamb is worthy to open
  - a. Events of history. Recorded judgment. As book unfolds, history unfolds. Script
2. Actions - Rev. 20:12 books at the final judgment (Daniel 7:10)
  - a. Records of the thoughts, words and deeds of the wicked
3. Life spans - Book of the Living (Ps. 69:28 NKJV) to be blotted out/rubbed out = physical death
  - a. Ps. 139:16 our days are numbered (like hairs) "numbers up"
  - b. By worrying you cannot add one hour to your life Matt. 6:27
4. Lambs Book of Life - lists individuals who are graciously given eternal life

### The Lamb's Book of Life is a Reservation Book

- If you are in the Book then you go to heaven Rev. 21:27 (GRACE)
- If you are not in the Book then you go to hell Rev. 20:15
- Our eternal destination hinges on a reservation blessed if name is there- Luke 10:20
  - o Not on a church roll but on heavens roll "when the roll is called up yonder..."

### The Lamb's Book is a Personal Possession Book

1. The Book is Jesus' Book it is His possession Rev. 13:8; 21:27
2. The names in the book belong to Him.
  - a. They were given to Him by the Father - John 6:37-39 John 10:27-29 John 17:2,9
  - b. Bought with a price. 1 Cor. 6:19b-20 His Book. His people. His possession

3. The Book belongs to the Lamb and it lists those that belong to Him – (church- Heb. 12:22-23)
  - a. The church is His bride, she belongs to Him and she is on His list. Bride Book

### The Lamb's Book is an Eternal Book

- The origin of this book is before creation Rev. 17:8b written from creation of world
  - o Copyright date publishing date 2 Tim. 1:9
- Lamb's Book is an Eternal Book but not a universal book. Not everyone is in it
  - o Rev. 17:8b Rev. 13:8
  - o Idea of a wishful universalism is not really a biblical idea
    - Everybody's name in it from eternity by rubbed out of it with unbelief
- Its origin is before creation and it only contains the names that receive redemption

### The Lambs Book is a Promise Book

1. Being in the Book guarantees deliverance
  - a. Daniel 12:1c what a great promise!
2. If you are in the book you won't be rubbed out of the book
  - a. Rev. 3:5 (this is a promise not a threat)
3. The Lamb's Book of life is a promise book of salvation to all who are in it
  - a. The Father promised the Son, and the saved! John 6:39; 10:28-29 (not 1 sheep lost)

### Are you in the Book?

- This is the question for personal application.
  - o Can be a bit unsettling and terrifying "Twas grace that taught my heart to fear...."
- You can know if you are in the Book
  - o Phil. 4:3 Clemet and Paul's co-workers knew that they were in it
- As Baptist we believe in eternal security because the scripture teaches it
  - o Our security is based on Gods: work, grace, will, decrees and book
- Acts 13:48 "...as many as were ordained (appointed/inscribed) to eternal life believed"
  - o Gr - *tatto* (interesting crossover to English - permanently marked)
  - o Those in the book are signed, sealed and will certainly be delivered
- How do you know if you are in the book? Acts 13:48b
  - o Titus 1:1 "the faith of God's elect"
  - o The "elect", those in "the book" – have faith the "*tattooed*" believe
- You need a reservation but there is an invitation
  - o Whoever believeth Acts 16:31 John 3:36 if you believe you are in book
  - o Faith doesn't put you in the book, faith is the evidence that you were already there
- As if on the outside of the gate of heaven it says "whoever believes"..... but on the inside it says "chosen from foundation of world" "name written in Lamb's Book before time began"
  - o Tremendous terrifying assuring