



Word Study on "Book of Life"

Book of Life – God keeps good records. He knows His own, and He has set the names of His children permanently in His book.

Scripture Word Study on the term *Book of Life* (Psalm 69)

Please read the following passages and answer the associated questions.

(1) Ps 69:1-4 | John 15:25 Why did they hate Jesus? _____

(2) Ps 69:5-9 | John 2:17 What consumed Jesus? _____

(3) Ps 69:8-12 | Romans 15:3 Their disapproval (reproach) of God fell on who? _____

(4) Ps 69:13-19 | 2 Cor 6:2 When is the right time for salvation? _____

(5) Ps 69:22-23 | Rom 11:9-10 Is this a curse or a blessing? _____

(6) Ps 69:24-25 | Luke 13:35 What is to be left desolate? _____

(7) Ps 69:26-27 | Romans 1:28-32 What happens to those who practice iniquity?

(8) Ps 69:28 | Luke 10:20 Why should we rejoice? _____

(9) Ps 69:28 | Philippians 4:3 Where can you find the names of Paul's fellow workers? _____

(10) Ps 69:28 | Hebrews 12:23 Who are enrolled in heaven? _____

(11) Ps 69:28 | Revelations 3:5 Who will not have their name erased? _____

(12) Ps 69:28 | Revelation 13:8 Who will worship Him? _____

(13) Ps 69:28 | Revelation 17:8 Who will wonder at the beast? _____

(14) Ps 69:28 | Revelations 20:12-15 What happens to people whose name is not in the book of life?

(15) Ps 69:28 | Revelations 21:25-27 Who will enter heaven's gate? _____

(16) Ps 69:29-30 | Luke 10:20 Being remembered in heaven is occasion or what? _____

(17) Ps 69:31-36 | Mark 12:32-33 What is better than sacrifice? _____

(18) Ps 69:28 Is your name written in the Lamb's book of life? Permanently? How do you know?

Think & Pray _____

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- (1) Ps 69:1-4 | John 15:25 Why did they hate Jesus? Because He is Lord
- (2) Ps 69:5-9 | John 2:17 What consumed Jesus? Zeal for God's house
- (3) Ps 69:8-12 | Romans 15:3 Their disapproval (reproach) of God fell on who? Jesus Christ
- (4) Ps 69:13-19 | 2 Cor 6:2 When is the right time for salvation? Now
- (5) Ps 69:22-23 | Rom 11:9-10 Is this a curse or a blessing? Curse
- (6) Ps 69:24-25 | Luke 13:35 What is to be left desolate? Their house (See also Acts 1:20)
- (7) Ps 69:26-27 | Romans 1:28-32 What happens to those who practice iniquity?
They practice it even more
- (8) Ps 69:28 | Luke 10:20 Why should we rejoice? Our names are recorded in heaven
- (9) Ps 69:28 | Philippians 4:3 Where can you find the names of Paul's fellow workers? Book of life
- (10) Ps 69:28 | Hebrews 12:23 Who are enrolled in heaven? The church of the firstborn
- (11) Ps 69:28 | Revelations 3:5 Who will not have their name erased? Those who overcome
- (12) Ps 69:28 | Revelation 13:8 Who will worship Him? Everyone whether they are in the book or not
- (13) Ps 69:28 | Revelation 17:8 Who will wonder at the beast? Those whose are not written in the book
- (14) Ps 69:28 | Revelations 20:12-15 What happens to people whose name is not in the book of life?
They are thrown into the lake of fire.
- (15) Ps 69:28 | Revelations 21:25-27 Who will enter heaven's gate? Those in the Lamb's book of life
- (16) Ps 69:29-30 | Luke 10:20 Being remembered in heaven is occasion or what? Rejoicing
- (17) Ps 69:31-36 | Mark 12:32-33 What is better than sacrifice? Obedience
- (18) Ps 69:28 Is your name written in the Lamb's book of life? Permanently? How do you know? Yes. Because "... I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day." 2 Timothy 1:12 (Also 2 Corinthians 1:22, Ephesians 1:13)

For further thought: Revelation 13:8 and Revelation 21:27 mention a "Lamb's book of life." What is the difference between this book and the "book of life" mentioned in Ps 69:28?

Answer from Gotquestions.org: There are eight references in New Testament to the "book of life," and two of them refer specifically to the book of life that belongs to the Lamb, Jesus Christ. Seven of the references appear in the book of Revelation. Those whose names are written in the book of life are those who belong to God, those who have attained eternal life.

Paul refers to those who have labored alongside him as those whose names are in the book of life (Philippians 4:3), again identifying the book of life as a record of the names of those who have eternal salvation. In the same way, Revelation 3:5 refers to the book of life in which the names of believers in the Lord are found. These are those who overcome the trials of earthly life, proving that their salvation is genuine. This verse also makes it clear that once a name is written in the book of life, Jesus promises that He will never blot it out, proving once more the doctrine of eternal security. The Lord Jesus, who is speaking to the churches in this part of Revelation, promises to acknowledge his own before His Father. Conversely, Revelation 20:15 reveals the fate of those whose names are not written in the book of life—eternity in the lake of fire.

Revelation 17:8 clarifies when the names of the redeemed are written in the book of life: "The inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the creation of the world will be astonished when they see the beast" (emphasis added). The names of those who approve of the Antichrist are not found in the book of life, and the names that are in the book of life were written there before the world was created. Thus, Revelation 17:8 teaches both eternal security and election.

In Revelation 13:8 and 21:27, we find the references to the "Lamb's book of life," in which also are the names of all those who have been washed by the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ. The Lamb who has been "slain from the creation of the world" has a book in which are written all those who have been redeemed by His sacrifice. They are the ones who will enter the Holy City, the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10) and who will live forever in heaven with God. Since the book of life is that which records all who have eternal life through the Lamb, it's clear that the book of life and the Lamb's book of life are one and the same.