

# Book of Life 2: Names Blotted from the Book

## Revelation 3:5-6

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

<sup>6</sup>He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

This scripture illustrates the importance of overcoming, and how we overcome.

**The one who overcomes will not have his name blotted from the Book of Life. What does that portend for the one who does not overcome?**

And then the message to Sardis ends with the ever-important exhortation to each church: ***Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.***

## Review: names recorded in the Book of Life

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We will actually show by Scripture that multitudes who were not even born again will go into eternal life. As strange as this may sound, it is certainly true. We will also show that there is a group of people whose names having been placed on that record before the foundation of the world, CANNOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE THOSE NAMES REMOVED; but will also show that another group WHOSE NAMES WERE ON THAT RECORD BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD WILL HAVE THEIR NAMES REMOVED.

- 1) Names in the Lamb's section of the Book of Life, who have the righteousness of the Lamb Himself imputed to them
- 2) Names in the Book of Life who go into Eternal Life at the second resurrection (foolish virgin, the righteous of Matthew 25, and souls under the altar)
- 3) Names removed from the Book of Life
- 4) Names that have never been and never will be in the Book of Life

## Idolatry and the Book of Life don't go together.

### Joshua 24:15

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

### I Kings 18:21

And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

### Matthew 6:21-24

<sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

<sup>22</sup>The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

<sup>23</sup>But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

<sup>24</sup>No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

**The Old Testament speaks of names being blotted from the book after involvement in idolatry.**  
**If a tribe were to turn to idolatry**

### Deuteronomy 29:16-20

(For ye know how we have dwelt in the land of Egypt; and how we came through the nations which ye passed by; And ye have seen their abominations, and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which were among them;) Lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turneth away this day from the LORD our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations; lest there should be among you a root that beareth gall and wormwood; And it come to pass, when he heareth the words of this curse, that he bless himself in his heart, saying, I shall have peace, though I walk in the imagination of mine heart, to add drunkenness to thirst: The LORD will not spare him, but then the anger of the LORD and his jealousy shall smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie upon him, **and the LORD shall blot out his name from under heaven.**

Exposition of the 7 Church Ages, p.301

Here [in Deut. 29] is pronounced the curse against idolatry, or spiritual fornication. **The tribe that turned to idolatry was to have its name blotted out.** And the history of the two tribes whose names were blotted out because of idolatry is found in I Kings 12:25-30.

### Fulfilled with Ephraim & Dan

### I Kings 12:25-30

<sup>25</sup>Then Jeroboam built Shechem in mount Ephraim, and dwelt therein; and went out from thence, and built Penuel.

<sup>26</sup>And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David:

<sup>27</sup>If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, even unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah.

<sup>28</sup>**Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.**

<sup>29</sup>**And he set the one in Bethel, and the other put he in Dan.**

<sup>30</sup>And this thing became a sin: for the people went to worship before the one, even unto Dan.

*\*\*\*The idolatry that Jeroboam made official actually began in both Dan and Ephraim in the days of the Judges (see ch. 17-18).*

### After children of Israel worshipped golden calf at Mt. Sinai

#### Exodus 32:30-34

And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the LORD; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin.

And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold.

Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin--; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.

**And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.**

Therefore now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee: behold, mine Angel shall go before thee: nevertheless in the day when I visit I will visit their sin upon them.

And the LORD plagued the people, because they made the calf, which Aaron made.

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**When Israel rejected the leadership of God in the pillar of fire, and turned to worship the golden calves their names were removed from the Book of Life.** Exodus 32:33. (Whosoever has sinned against Me, him will I blot out of My book.) If such turning to idols demands the penalty of the removal of names from the Book of Life, then most assuredly Israel's rejection of Jesus Christ as Messiah would demand as severe a penalty. This is exactly so.

## Refusal to receive the Messiah led to names being blotted from the Book

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Now I am sure that you have noticed that those whose names were in the Book of Life were a part of the religious order of that day that centered around the true God and worship of Him, though they did not worship according to Truth (Word). Like Judas they didn't go all the way. See how Judas was chosen of God. He was instructed in truth. He shared knowledge of the mysteries. He had a ministry of power granted unto him and he healed the sick and cast out devils in Jesus' Name. But when the show-down came, he sold out for gold and political power. He did not go up to Pentecost to receive the Spirit of God. He was devoid of the Spirit. Make no

mistake about it, a person that is truly baptized by the Holy Ghost into the body of Christ receiving the fullness of the Spirit will be in the WORD ALL THE WAY. That is the evidence of being baptized with the Holy Ghost. Judas failed. Multitudes fail right there. And when they fail to go on in that Word, their names are taken off the Book of Life.

### Judas

#### **Acts 1:16-17, 24-25**

Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled [Ps. 69], which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.

For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry.

And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen, That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.

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No one but Jesus knew exactly what kind of a person Judas was. So the day came that Judas did exactly what Israel did at Baal-Peor. He decided that he wanted to join with the false vine forces--enter into the financial, political organization of anti-Word, anti-Christ religion and he did so. He was fooled! The other eleven were not. They could not be, for they were of the very elect. So when Judas left and betrayed the Lord, his name was removed from the Book of Life.

### When the Jews rejected the ministry of Jesus

In Psalm 69, David makes multiple messianic statements that Jesus later quoted when speaking of Himself. When David begins to speak of those who sent Jesus to the cross, he prays severe judgment upon them.

#### **Psalm 69, esp. vv.21-28**

<sup>8</sup>I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children.

<sup>9</sup>For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.

<sup>21</sup>They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

<sup>22</sup>**Let their table become a snare before them: and that which should have been for their welfare, let it become a trap.**

<sup>23</sup>Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not; and make their loins continually to shake.

<sup>24</sup>Pour out thine indignation upon them, and let thy wrathful anger take hold of them.

<sup>25</sup>Let their habitation be desolate; and let none dwell in their tents.

<sup>26</sup>For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten; and they talk to the grief of those whom thou hast wounded.

<sup>27</sup>Add iniquity unto their iniquity: and let them not come into thy righteousness.

<sup>28</sup>**Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous.**

This seems to be a pretty blanket condemnation of the Jewish religious leaders who were party to Jesus' death. Yet in the Book of Acts, we see that even in a dastardly system, God still finds His own!

#### **Acts 6:7**

And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; **and a great company of the priests[!] were obedient to the faith.**

To me, this is a testimony of the truth that it is an individual walk that counts with God, not the group walk. Perhaps to many of the early church believers, these orthodox priests should have been condemned because of their association with the system that crucified Christ. Yet salvation is an individual affair that no organization can stop.

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484 His Presence, in the individual, with a personal vindication of Himself expressing Himself, the living Word that's promised for the day, expressing Itself through you, a vindication of the great revelation of God. **Look, only in an individual, never in a group!** An individual; not in a group! His identification is with an individual. You get that? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] **Not with the Methodist, not with the Baptist, not the Presbyterian, not the Lutheran, not the Pentecostals, but as an individual!**

485 "I'll take one, and leave one; I'll separate them." That's right. "There'll be two in the field; I'll take one and leave one. There'll be two in bed, and I'll take one and leave one."

486 **It's not a group. It is a personal vindication** of a preganated child of God, filled with the Holy Ghost, so surrendered to God that he don't care about anything else. And the Holy Spirit living Its Life, pulsating through him, showing the personal--personal vindication of the Word, Itself, expressing Itself to the people and to the world.

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490 Not say, "My church..." Now, "my church" has nothing to do with it.

491 **It's an individual, one person! All hell is against this Teaching. All hell is against this Truth, but it is the Truth.**

492 Jesus never said, "Now, Peter, you and John, and all the rest the people, you've got the revelation, now the whole church is saved." No.

493 It was to him, personally. "I say unto thee, thee," not to them, "to thee, thou art Peter; upon this rock I'll build My Church." And the word Peter, means "a stone." Stone means "the confessed one," or, "the separated one."

494 Upon a certain stone, upon a certain thing; see, a called-out, the Church called out; upon this stone, upon this "revelation." "Flesh and blood never revealed it to you. But upon this revelation, called-out group, I'll build My Church in them. And all the gates of hell will never be able to withstand it."

495 "Not one hair of your head shall perish. You are Mine! I'll raise you up in the last day, give unto him Eternal Life, and raise him up at the last days." **There it is, the revelation. Not them; but "him," an individual! Not a group; an individual! All hell is against it.**

*As believers of the end-time Message, we rejoice when any individual leaves a group-walk behind and enters into a personal relationship with Christ!*

### Rejectors of Paul & Barnabas

#### **Acts 13:45-46**

But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.

Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.

#### **II Timothy 4:10**

For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

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215 Or, with Paul, when the popular, world-loving Demas forsaken him, for his Christian, so-called, brethren of the popular opinion. When Paul stood on the Word, "Demas left him, love... loving this present world." Left him, because that he was true to the Word. It was too straight for him. Who would you go with, Demas, or would you go with Paul? Check the Word. What side would you take in your present state at that time? Yet, them was professed Christians.

Paul said, "All men has forsaken me." Poor little guy!

216 I always was alarmed at Dr. Ern Baxter. He said, "You know, when I get up to Heaven, first thing I'm going to do?"

I said, "What is it, Brother Ern?"

217 He said, "I'm going to walk right up to Demas and slap him in the face as hard as I can."

I said, "Now, Ern."

218 He said, "I'm going to say, 'Why did you leave Paul down there like that?'"

219 I said, "You really think he'll be There, Ern?" I said, "Be careful of your desire to slap him in the face." I said, "I wouldn't want to be where he was at, maybe, see, have to do that."

William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, on the twentieth century (he died in 1912)

***"The chief danger that confronts the coming century will be religion without the Holy Ghost, Christianity without Christ, forgiveness without repentance, salvation without regeneration, politics without God, heaven without hell."***

I think this quotation from William Booth will help us to see more clearly the necessary difference in the categories of people in the Book of Life.

## Worshipping the Beast or the Beast's image is idolatry and brings condemnation.

#### **Revelation 3:5**

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

**Revelation 13:8**

And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

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As Israel (chosen people of God) in majority forfeited their rights in the Book of Life by rejecting Jesus, so the majority of the Gentile church will also come into condemnation with the resultant removal of their names from the Book of Life by rejecting the Word and thereby entering into the world ecumenical movement which is the image erected unto the beast.

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But whose names did not remain? Those of the world system churches who fought the bride will be those whose names are removed. That is who will lose out. They will be cast into the lake of fire.

In 2010, evangelical pastor David Platt published *Radical: Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream*. In his book, Platt critiques the church for becoming like a corporation, offering all kinds of benefits (social centers, daycare, entertainment and a consumer-version of Christianity) to increase their market share. And many Christians are simply pursuing a spiritualized version of worldly goals. Platt's solution is to surrender our materialistic dreams. Spend less, give more. Do missions projects in the Third World. These are great goals and there is nothing to be said against them. We would do a lot better if we all lived on less and gave our surplus to good causes. But this does not restore a church who has held the doctrines of Baalam or Jezebel. However, his critique echoes some things Bro. Branham said decades earlier. For example, Platt says,

*From Radical*, by David Platt, pp. 13-14

"Because we are starting to redefine Christianity. We are giving in to the dangerous temptation to take the Jesus of the Bible and twist him into a version of Jesus we are more comfortable with. A nice, middle-class, American Jesus. A Jesus who doesn't mind materialism and who would never call us to give away everything we have. A Jesus who would not expect us to forsake our closest relationships so that he receives all our affection. A Jesus who is fine with nominal devotion that does not infringe on our comforts, because, after all, he loves us just the way we are. A Jesus who wants us to be balanced, who wants us to avoid dangerous extremes, and who, for that matter, wants us to avoid danger altogether. A Jesus who brings us comfort and prosperity as we live out our Christian spin on the American dream.

**But do you and I realize what we are doing at this point? We are molding Jesus into our image. He is beginning to look a lot like us because, after all, that is whom we are most comfortable with. And the danger now is that when we gather in our church buildings to sing and lift up our hands in worship, we may not actually be worshiping the Jesus of the Bible. Instead we may be worshiping ourselves.**

Note the warning here: *we are molding Jesus into our image*. This brings to mind the warning in the Ten Commandments, *thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image* because graven images lead to idolatry. And as we have noted earlier this evening, idolatry and the Book of Life *don't go together!*

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22 **The god of this world today, the worshiped person of this world today, is Satan.** And the people are ignorant of worshiping Satan, but it's Satan impersonating himself as the church, see, as the church. They worship Satan, thinking that they are worshiping God through the church, but it's the way Satan has done it.

"Oh," you say, "but wait a minute; we preach the Word."

23 Look back here at my text, tonight. Satan was the one that preached the Word to Eve, first, "God hath said," see.

24 It's that misconstruing that part of the Scripture that applies to the day. He'll let you know all Jesus did was perfectly well. He'll let you know all that Moses did was perfectly well. But when you take the promises that They gave for this day, then That was applied to another age. That's just all he has to do, see, is to get the people to believe It that way, and that--that's all. For, "You cannot take one Word away from It, or add one word to It." But that's what he does.

25 People, ignorantly worshiping Satan, thinking they are worshiping God; as we are warned by prophecy, in Second Thessalonians. That, let's just read that, Second Thessalonians, the 2nd chapter. Let's just get it a moment, if I can, right away. I'd like to read that. Just, I believe, Second Thessalonians. I got the Scripture here. In Second...

**II Thessalonians 2:1-4**

we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and **that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;**

**Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.**

**Revelation 13:11-17 speaks of another beast that comes up out of the earth, who would succeed in making an image to *the* Beast that everyone in the world would worship. Pope Francis has been exceptionally effective in expanding the ecumenical movement, especially among American charismatics. In February 2010, he spoke to Kenneth Copeland's Word of Faith Ministries, "Let's give each other a spiritual hug and let God complete the work He has begun."**

"The Catholic and Charismatic Renewal is the hope of the Church," exclaims Anglican Episcopal Bishop Tony Palmer, before a group of cheering followers at the Kenneth Copeland Ministries. (Palmer was killed in an accident shortly after this story was published) Palmer said those words are from the Vatican. Before playing the video message from Pope Francis to Kenneth Copeland, Palmer told the crowd, "When my wife saw that she could be Catholic, and Charismatic, and Evangelical, and Pentecostal, and it was absolutely accepted in the Catholic Church, she said that she would like to reconnect her roots with the Catholic culture. So she did."

The crowd cheered, as he continued, "Brothers and sisters, Luther's protest is over. Is yours?"

Even Kenneth Copeland finds this development incredible: Said Copeland, "Heaven is thrilled over this...You know what is so thrilling to me? When we went into the ministry 47 years ago, this was impossible."

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550 Now listen close, "fallen angels." What kind of angels? Luther, Wesley, Catholic, Pentecostals, who kept not their first estate like the Angels did, and has fell into organization, like Lucifer's main hold at Nicaea. And what have they done? **Organized a great ecumenical association of ministers, to make "an image unto the beast," as the Bible said. And building a Christian economy that'll close the doors of this church and others like it. See Lucifer at his work?**

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60 **And, today, the Protestants are throwing themselves together in the Ecumenical Council, doing the same thing, grafting in tradition of man, and instead of taking the Word of God which is thoroughly identified by the Holy Ghost, that He's the same yesterday, today, and forever.** The church stands in the balance, today, and is found wanting. You're back in Pilate's judgment hall. Yes, sir.

61 **What does it do? It's making an image unto the beast. It's a satellite unto Rome. When the Ecumenical Council is forcing, and will force every Protestant denomination into it;** and it practically all is there now, Full Gospel and all. The hour is going to come when they'll have to come or stay out, and, at that time, when that force come, you've already identified yourself with the mark of the beast. Now, that's exactly.

62 What is it? **A Protestant harlots with the old mother, Rome, the whore! Revelation 17 said she was, "THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS," exactly, Protestant denominations;** holding out in her hand the cup of the wrath of the--of God, for her toast, her testimony, "this is what we believe," and each one, "this is what we believe."

63 Here is what the Church is to believe, the Word of God, "and let every man's word be a lie." That's what it's supposed to be.

**The message to Sardis ends with a promise: the overcomer's name cannot be blotted from the Book of Life!**

**Revelation 3:1-6**

<sup>5</sup>He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

<sup>6</sup>He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

When we discuss the subject of the Book of Life, it feels rather heavy, especially when we focus on those who do not enter eternity with the Lord. The Book of Life emphasizes God's attribute of justice, but God's *justice* does not do away with the attribute of *mercy*. Next time, we will see how the mercy of God does endure forever, as multitudes who never came to the same revelation as the Bride of Christ still enter into eternity with the Lord.

**Psalm 136:26**

O give thanks unto the God of heaven: *for his mercy endureth forever.*