

Revelation Now

“Book of Life”



Read Revelation 20:1-15, 3:1-6

20And I saw an angel come down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain was in his hand. ²He laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. ³He threw him into the abyss, shut it and sealed it over him...

⁴And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony of Jesus and the Word of God; those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, nor received his mark on their forehead or hand. They came to life and reigned with Christ...⁶They will be priests of God and of Christ for a thousand years...

⁷When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, ⁸and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog. He will gather them together for war. Their number is like the sand of the seashore. ⁹They will come up on the broad plain of the earth, and surround the camp of the saints, and the beloved city. Then, fire came down from out of heaven and devoured them. ¹⁰And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the Lake of Fire...where the beast and the false prophet are; and they will be tormented day and night, forever.

¹¹Then I saw a great white throne, and Him who sat upon it. And from His presence, earth and heaven fled away. And no place was found for them.

¹²And I saw the dead, the great and small, standing before the throne. And books were opened; and another book was opened which is the Book of Life; and the dead were judged from the things written in the books, according to their deeds...

¹⁴And Death and Hades were thrown into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death...¹⁵And if anyone's name was not found written in the Book of Life he was thrown into the Lake of Fire.

3“To the angel of the church in Sardis write:

He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars, says this: ‘I know your deeds; you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. ²Wake up. Strengthen the things that remain...³Remember what you have received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come. ⁴Nevertheless, you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments. They will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. ⁵He who overcomes will be clothed in white garments; and, I will not erase his name from out of the Book of Life...⁶He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

Study Questions

- 1) What are “Brownie Points”? Do we consider them a positive thing to earn? Is it possible to earn them with God? Discuss.
- 2) Read Rev. 20:1-21:6. What is the name commonly used to refer to the 1,000 year period on earth, following the Rapture and 7 year Tribulation period?
- 3) 1,000 years is a long time. What will we who come back with Christ be doing during that time? Who will we be ruling, and reigning over, with Christ?
- 4) At the close of this 1,000 years, who will be let loose on the earth, and what will happen? Why is this needed? What will happen at the final White Throne Judgement?
- 5) The white robes of the Saints are soiled when ‘what’ from God is rejected, in favor of believing one can ‘earn’ one’s way into the Kingdom? What’s the message being communicated to God about the cross of Christ, by those who believe people can earn Brownie Points with God?
- 6) How can we respond when people reject God, because He is “not fair”?