

## Lamb's Book of Life (LBOL)

**Foundational Scriptures:** He that overcometh: (Rev 3:5) the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, and (Rev 21:7) he shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

### Introduction

Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt confess (*one time event*) with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe (*one time event*) in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Rom 10:10 For with the heart man believeth (*ongoing event*) unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession (*ongoing event*) is made unto salvation.

Phi 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

#### A. The Book of Life is also the LBOL.

##### 1. The Book of Life (BOL).

It is commonly believed that the BOL contains the name of every person born on earth.

Well, to include babies, it would be better to say every baby conceived; but at what point? at conception, when the heart starts to beat, when the baby is viable for life, etc. Not easy decisions. Fortunately, there is no need to make this decision because this belief is incorrect.

Rev 17:8 states that they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, **whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world.**

*This makes it clear that there are persons whose names were not written in the BOL at the foundation of the world. This means that it is not a book which contains the name of every person who has lived. It is not just a book of life but it is the Lamb's Book of Life.*

##### 2. The Lamb's Book of Life.

Rev 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.**

*As might be expected, this Scripture makes it clear that there are persons whose names were not written in the LBOL at the start from the foundation of the world. We would expect this to be true because the names entered into the LBOL are only those who accept Jesus as Lord.*

3. Both refer to the same Book.

It is clear that in both books there are names which were not written from the foundation of the world. This means that the names are entered not at the start of physical life but at the start of spiritual life i.e., at the acceptance of Jesus as Lord or King.

Additionally, the ultimate destinations of either the lake of fire or New Jerusalem confirm that the two books are the same. It is one or the other, the New Jerusalem or the lake of fire.

Rev 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Rev 21:27 And there shall in no wise enter into it (*i.e., into New Jerusalem*) any thing that defileth, neither [whatsoever] worketh abomination, or [maketh] a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

B. When are names entered into the LBOL?

1. Predestination or Foreordination.

We have been predestinated by God in the sense that He knows what choices we will make and the effects of those choices.

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate [to be] conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

1Pe 1:20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you.

Isa 65:24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer (predestination, known and reacted upon before the originating action); and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

2. Free Will

Deu 30:19 ..., therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

Mat 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other;

Mat 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness;

3. Record Keeping in the LBOL.

a) Entering names in the LBOL.

Because God knows the end from the beginning, when we make the choice of accepting the Lordship of Jesus, at that point in time our actions authorize our names to be recorded in the LBOL at the foundation of the world.

The next three are among many verses which provide the evidence that incidents, which do finally occur, have long ago been recorded at the foundation of the world.

Mat 13:35 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

Luk 11:50 That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation;

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

b) Removing names from the LBOL.

Rev 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.

Rev 22:19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and [from] the things which are written in this book.

Rev 14:9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive [his] mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

Rev 14:10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

C. Whose names are entered into the LBOL?

1. Pre-Grace.

Enoch, Abraham, Elijah, Elisha and the prophets.

Those in the Hall of Faith in Heb 11; and all those in Abraham's Bosom.

John the Baptist, and Mary, mother of Jesus

2. Under Grace.

a) Born again.

Mar 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Phi 4:3 And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and [with] other my fellow labourers, whose names [are] in the book of life.

b) Redemption.

**The Dead in Christ.**

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy [is] he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

### **The Glorious Church.**

Eph 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

1Th 4:17 Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we **ever** be with the Lord.

### 3. After Grace.

Note: the original action may have been under grace but the effect is after grace.

- a) Martyrs; 144,000 Rev (12:5); and the two witnesses (Rev 11:11,12).

Rev 14:13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed [are] the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

Rev 20:4 the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God.

- b) Sheep are at the start of the Millennial Kingdom (MK).

Pro 19:17 He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.

Mat 25:31 **When the Son of man shall come in his glory**, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

Mat 25:32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate **them** one from another, as a shepherd divideth [his] sheep from the goats:

Mat 25:33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

Mat 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, **Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:**

Mat 25:35 For I was an hungred, and **ye gave me meat**: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

Mat 25:36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

Mat 25:37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed [thee]? or thirsty, and gave [thee] drink?

Mat 25:38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took [thee] in? or naked, and clothed [thee]?

Mat 25:39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

Mat 25:40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done [it] unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done [it] unto me.

Mat 25:46 And these shall go away into **everlasting punishment**: but the righteous into life eternal.

*It seems clear that because they have acted as sheep, they now have the opportunity to accept the Lordship (i.e., the Kingship) of Jesus and their names are entered into the LBOL.*

c) Wheat are at the end of the MK. ( Mt 13:24-30 & 36-43.)

The sheep entering into the 1000 Years Age are the good seed (i.e., wheat) planted into the Millennial Kingdom of God. Their descendants at some point must accept the Kingship of Jesus; perhaps at the age of reason, they elect to obey the Law and not transgress it. At that point their names are written in the LBOL. It seems clear to me that if they violate the law, their names will be removed from the LBOL. These are the tares as described below

Mat 13:37 He answered and said unto them, **He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;**

Mat 13:38 The field is the world; **the good seed are the children of the kingdom**; but the tares are the children of the wicked [one];

Mat 13:39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; **the harvest is the end of the world**; and the reapers are the angels.

Mat 13:40 As therefore the **tares are gathered and burned in the fire**; so shall it be in the end of this world.

Mat 13:41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

Mat 13:42 And **shall cast them into a furnace of fire**: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

d) Eternal Salvation after the Great White Throne Judgment in Rev 20:11.

Those going on into the Second Millennial Kingdom are: Wheat, babies, those not subject to the second death (i.e., Overcomers and martyrs); and also the dead whose names are in the LBOL.

Those **dead** in the LBOL should include the dead remaining from pre-rapture, the dead during pre-millennial kingdom who are not martyrs, and the dead during first millennial kingdom.

Rev 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Rev 3:12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out:

#### D. Purpose of the Books.

##### 1. Books of Judgment.

Rev 20:12 And **I saw the dead**, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and **another book was opened, which is [the book] of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.**

Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

*It appears that these works are the actions which now result in the reaction of the names being written in the LBOL.*

##### 2. Entry into the Second Millennial Kingdom.

Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Rev 20:15 **And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.** *This means that those dead in the LBOL go on into the new thousand years.*

##### 3. Entry into New Jerusalem.

Rev 21:27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither [whatsoever] worketh abomination, or [maketh] a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.