

A close-up, dimly lit photograph of a hand holding a quill pen, poised to write on an open book. The book's pages are filled with dense, handwritten text in Hebrew script. The lighting is dramatic, with the quill and the text on the page being the primary points of focus, while the background is dark and out of focus.

Is My Name Written There?

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“Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. 14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”

# What Is The Book Of Life?

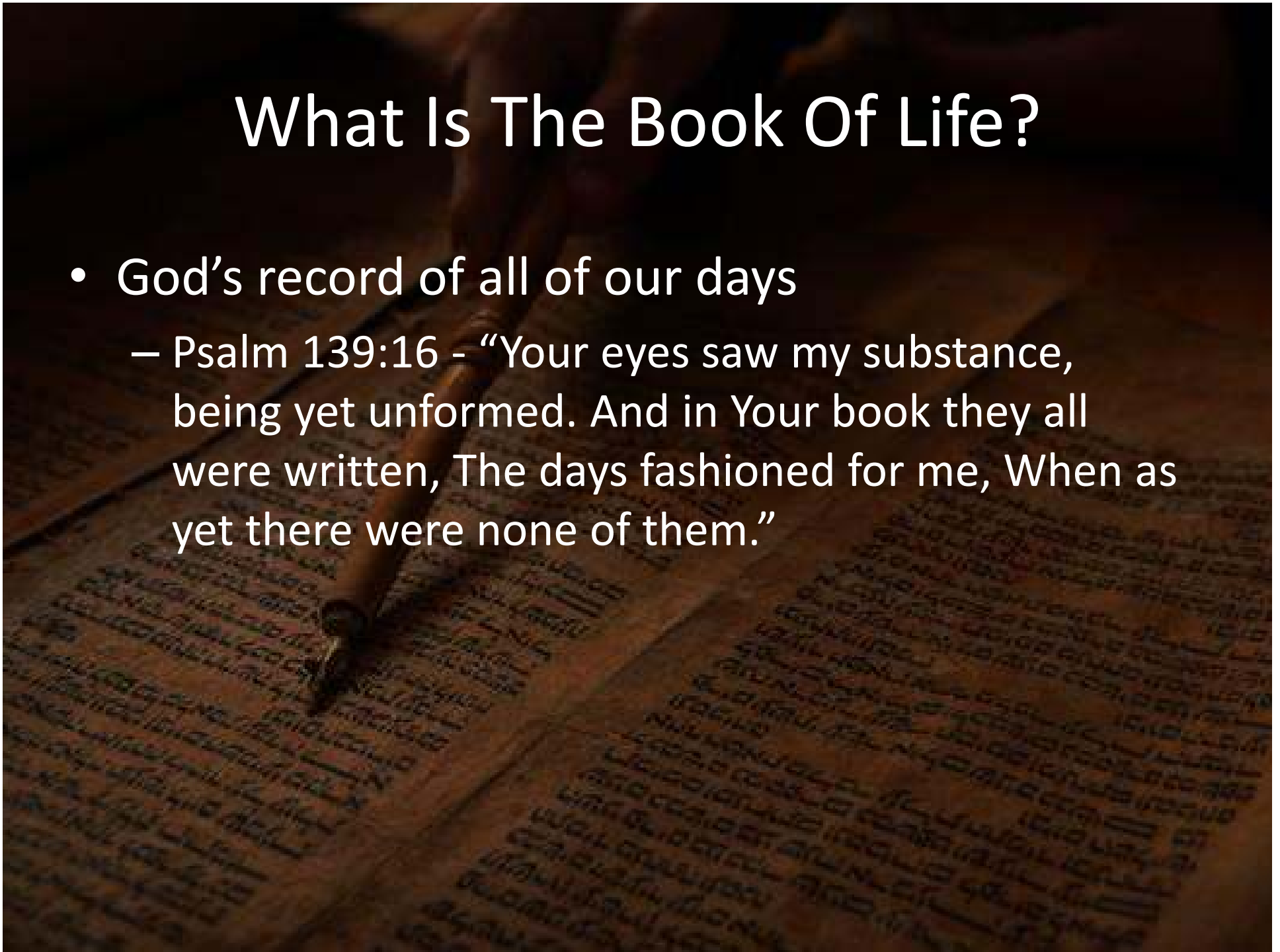
- *In the Law of Moses*
- Ex. 32:32-33 - “Yet now, if You will forgive their sin-but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written. 33 And the LORD said to Moses, Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book.”
- God’s record of the righteous began long before the New Testament was written

# What Is The Book Of Life?

- God's record of all of our sorrows
  - Psalm 56:8 - "You number my wanderings; Put my tears into Your bottle; Are they not in Your book?"
- A book that contains a record of the righteous
  - Psalm 69:28 - "Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, And not be written with the righteous"

# What Is The Book Of Life?

- God's record of all of our days
  - Psalm 139:16 - “Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.”



# What Is The Book Of Life?

- A guide and list for angels who will help in the Judgment
  - Daniel 12:1-2 - “At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, Every one who is found written in the book. 2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt”

# What Is The Book Of Life?

- A heavenly being, writing in the presence of God, a list of those who fear God and keep His word
  - Mal. 3:16 - “Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, And the LORD listened and heard them; So a book of remembrance was written before Him For those who fear the LORD And who meditate on His name.”

# What Is The Book Of Life?

- *In the words of Jesus*
- It is a book open enough for the righteous to know whether their names are written in it
  - Luke 10:20 - “Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven”

# What Is The Book Of Life?

- 1John 5:13, 20 - “These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God... 20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.”

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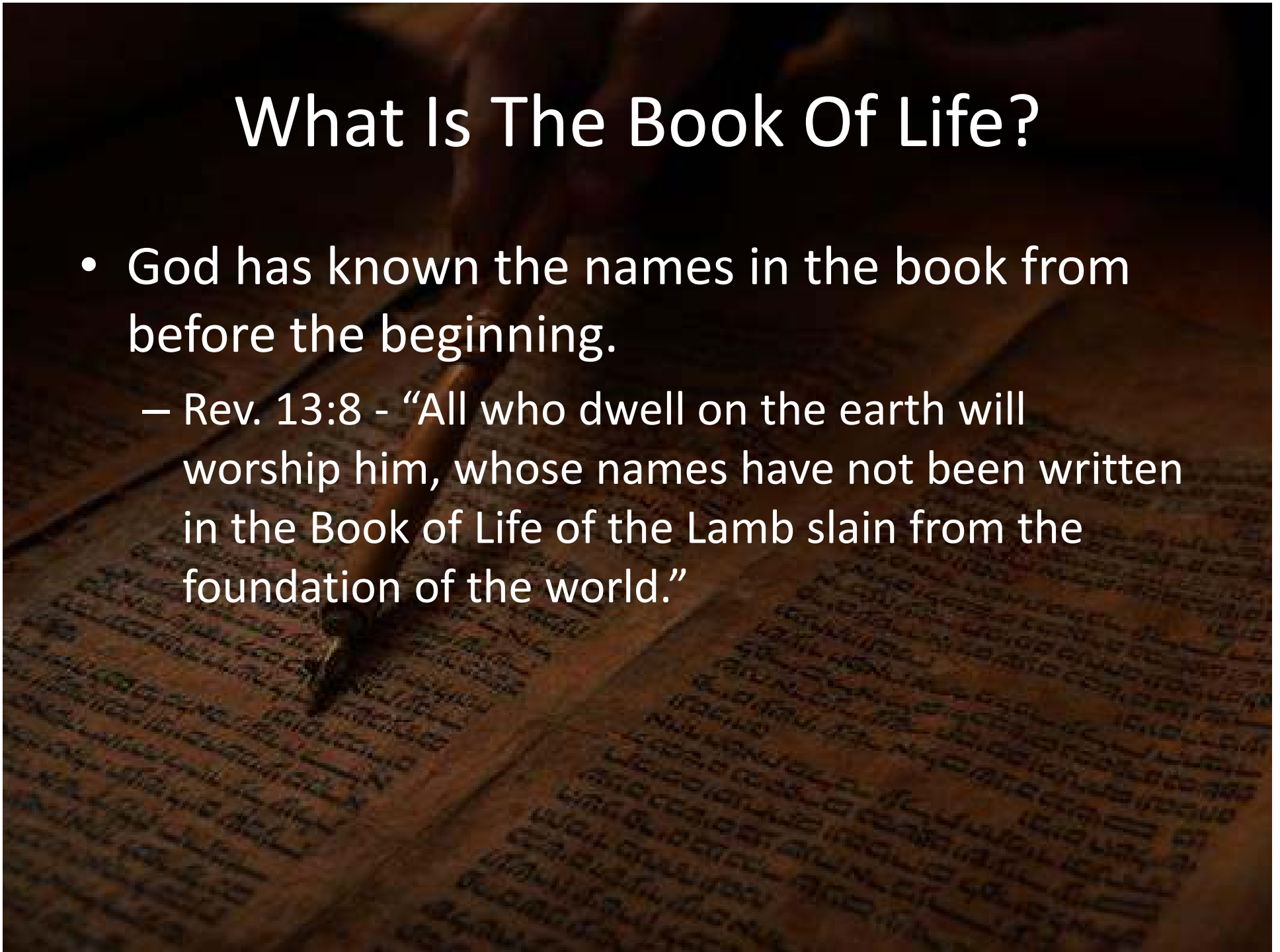
- *In the epistles of the apostles*
- Other righteous persons can have confidence that the names of their faithful fellow Christians are written there as well
  - Phil. 4:3 - “And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life.”

# What Is The Book Of Life?

- It is a list of the saved in the church
  - Heb. 12:22-23 - “But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect”

# What Is The Book Of Life?

- God has known the names in the book from before the beginning.
  - Rev. 13:8 - “All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”



# What Is The Book Of Life?

- Those who are not in the Book will believe and marvel, but not enough to obey and enter the Book
  - Rev. 17:8 - “The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.”

# How Does A Name Enter The Book?

- ***Things that do not enter one's name into the Book***
- Morality alone
  - Acts 10:2 - “A devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always”
  - Acts 11:14 - “Who will tell you words by which you and all your household will be saved.”

# How Does A Name Enter The Book?

- ***Things that do not enter one's name in the Book***
- Morality alone
  - Matt. 7:21-23 - “Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name? 23 And then I will declare to them, I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!”

# How Does A Name Enter The Book?

- Keeping the doctrines of men
  - Matt. 15:9 - “And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”
- Being conscientious
  - Acts 23:1 - “Then Paul, looking earnestly at the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.”
  - Acts 26:9 - “Indeed, I myself thought I must do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.”

# How Does A Name Enter The Book?

- Believing that my name is there
  - Acts 19:1-5 - “And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples 2 he said to them, Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed? So they said to him, We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit. 3 And he said to them, Into what then were you baptized? So they said, Into John's baptism. 4 Then Paul said, John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.”

# How Does A Name Enter The Book?

- ***A name is entered when one obeys the Gospel***
- Lord adds the saved to the church
  - Acts 2:47 - “And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.”
  - Heb. 12:23 - “To the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect”

# How Does A Name Enter The Book?

- Those in the New Jerusalem have their names written there
  - Rev. 21:27 - “But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life”
  - Rev. 22:14 - “Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.”

# How Is A Name Blotted Out Of The Book?

- Ex. 32:33 - “And the LORD said to Moses, Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book.”
  - “Hebrew machah: to erase; abolish, blot out, destroy, put out, utterly wipe away” (Strong's)

# How Is A Name Blotted Out Of The Book?

- Rev. 3:5 - “He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.”
  - “Greek exaleipho: to smear out, obliterate, blot out, wipe away” (Strong's)

# How Is A Name Blotted Out Of The Book?

- ***Things that will blot out a name from the Book***
- Failing to overcome
  - Rev. 3:5 - “He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life”
- The love of money
  - 1Tim. 6:10 - “For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness”

# How Is A Name Blotted Out Of The Book?

- The love of the world
  - 1John 2:15 - “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”
- Leaving the first love of God
  - Rev. 2:4 - “Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.”
  - Heb. 3:14 - “For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end”

# How Is A Name Blotted Out Of The Book?

- Luke-warmness
  - Rev. 3:16 - “So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.”
- Works of the flesh
  - Gal. 5:19, 21 - “Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are ... and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

# Is My Name Written There?

- Rev. 20:15 - “And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”
- If your name has been registered and written but has been wiped out or erased, you must repent and ask to God to forgive you.
- John 3:21 - “But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”

# How Can I Have My Name Re-Written There?

1John 1:5-10 - "This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us."