

WHO ARE THEY?

The inhabitants of the earth whose names are NOT written in the book of life from the creation of the world (Revelation 17:8).

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Such pride and arrogance exude from the pores of mortals, like a weeping, puss-filled sore when they seek ultimate power, control and self-glory. These are the promises of the gods who have the same desires. There is no need for the Creator, if you can acquire the science of His power. How difficult could that be?

Foolish creatures, they are. Life is not about stomping on the masses to rise to the top and wield power like a maniac, or suppressing the people into honoring tyrants while promising eternal life through secret sciences. Life is about loving and serving one another in humility and genuine care. This is the way of God, our Creator as He loves us. Those who create a world of pain and fear for others will not live eternally; they will be thrown into the lake of fire. From the creation of the world, some names, “**the inhabitants**” on earth have not been written in the book of life. So, who are they?

- **They worship carved images, cast idols in their high places.**

“When you cross the Jordan into Canaan, drive out **all the inhabitants of the land** before you. **Destroy all their carved images and their cast idols, and demolish all their high places...** But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land, those you allow to remain will become barbs in your eyes and thorns in your sides. They will give you trouble in the land where you will live. And then **I will do to you what I plan to do to them**” (Numbers 33:52, 55-56).

- **They worship the beast.**

“All **inhabitants** of the earth will worship the beast—all **whose names have not been written in the book of life**” (Revelation 13:8)

- **They worship the image of the first beast.**

“Then I saw another beast, coming out of the earth.... He exercised all the authority of the first beast on his behalf, and made the earth and **its inhabitants** worship the first beast...He gives power to give breath of the image of the first beast, so that it could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed” (Revelation 13:11, 12, 15).

- **They are astonished when they witness a scientific wonder as the beast whose fatal wound is healed. Through their science, they achieve a resurrection to 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, because he once was, now is not, and yet will come” (Revelation 17:8).

- **They accept the name or number of the beast on their right hand or forehead.**

“He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, so that no one could buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name” (Revelation 13:16-17).

- **They are irredeemable and will die by being thrown alive in the lake of burning sulfur.**

“But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark and worshiped his image. The two of them were **thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur**. The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse...” (Revelation 19:20-21).

“There will be **no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and his image**, or for anyone who **receives the mark of his name**” (Revelation 14:11).

- **Their names were never written in the Book of Life from the creation of the world possibly because they are hybrids, a mixed seed that fights against God—an abomination. As in the days of Noah, so will be days at the return of Christ. There is nothing new under the sun, what has been will be again, what has been done will be done again.**

“The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—**and also afterward**—when the **sons of God went to the daughters of humans and had children by them**. They were the heroes of old, men of renown” (Genesis 6:4).

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between **your offspring and hers**; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel” (Genesis 3:15).

“At the time of your appearing, you will make them as a fiery oven in the time of your anger; the LORD will swallow them up in His wrath, and fire will devour them. **Their offspring You will destroy from the earth, and their descendants from among the sons of men**. Though they intended evil against You and devised a plot, they will not succeed” (Psalm 21:9-11).

“‘I will rise up against them,’ declares the Lord Almighty. ‘I will cut off from Babylon her name and survivors, **her offspring and descendants,**’ declares the Lord” (Isaiah 14:3-22).

“So they brought to the people of Israel a bad report of the land that they had spied out, saying, ‘The land, through which we have gone to spy it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people that we saw in it are of **great height**. And there we saw the **Nephilim** (the sons of Anak, who come from the Nephilim), and **we seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers**, and so we seemed to them” (Numbers 13:32–33).

“**Yet it was I who destroyed the Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars and who was as strong as the oaks; I destroyed his fruit above and his roots beneath.** Also it was I who brought you up out of the land of Egypt and led you forty years in the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite” (Amos 2:9–10).

“All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—**all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb**” (Revelation 13:8).

“The inhabitants of the earth whose **names have not been written in the book of life from the creation of the world...**” (Revelation 17:8).

- **Those who reject God and join the inhabitants of the earth, will have their names blotted out of the book of life.**

“Add iniquity to their iniquity, and may they not come into Your righteousness. May they be **blotted out of the book of life** and not be listed with the righteous” (Psalm 69:27-28).

“He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white. I will **never erase his name from the book of life...**” (Revelation 3:5).

“Books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books... **If anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire**” (Revelation 20:12, 15).

- **The leaders of the coup will all die like mere men.**

“God presides in the great assembly; **he gives judgment among the ‘gods’** (Psalm 82:1).

“I said, ‘You are gods’; you are all sons of the Most High. But **you will die like mere men**; you will fall like every other ruler” (Psalm 82:6-7).

- **In contrast, mankind was predestined for salvation before the foundation. The choice still remains with us, to accept grace or decline it—to accept life or choose death.**

“For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love **He predestined us for adoption as His sons through Jesus Christ**, according to the good pleasure of His will” (Ephesians 1:4-5).

“For **God saved us and called us to live a holy life**. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was **his plan from before the beginning of time**—to **show us his grace through Christ Jesus**. And now He has revealed this grace through the appearing of **our Savior, Christ Jesus**, who has **abolished death and illuminated the way to life and immortality** through the gospel” (II Timothy 1:9-10).

- **In contrast, God promised eternal life to repentant mankind before time began.**

“This truth gives them confidence that they have eternal life, which God—who does not lie—**promised them before the world began**” (Titus 1:2).

- **In contrast, the kingdom was prepared for the faithful from the foundation.**

“Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; **take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world**'” (Matthew 25:34).

- **In contrast, if mankind was promised eternal life before time began, then their names were written in the book of life from the creation. God, our Father in heaven wishes that none of us to die. Choose life.**

“For it is **My Father’s will that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life**, and I will raise him up at the last day” (John 6:40).

“This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you, life and death, blessings and curses. **Now choose life**, so that you and your children may live **by loving the LORD your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him**” (Deuteronomy 30:19-20).

There is no need to work endlessly searching for the science of eternal life. It is **God’s good pleasure to give** you the kingdom (Luke 12:32). There is only one choice you need to make. It is to love or not to love. How difficult could that be?

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