

Left Behind

Rev 3:5; 2:11 — Is this “works salvation”? There’s no way you can get around it being works salvation if you take it that this “Book of Life” is the same book as in Rev 20:12,15. But there is a book of life for us and a book of life for the nations, just as there is a second death for us and a second death for the nations. We’ve already passed out of the second death (for the nations) and into life (Jn 5:24). Our eternal destiny is sealed by the blood of our Master Yahshua. But if we don’t overcome we’re not going to “walk with Him in white” in the next age.

What happens to us then? Well, we’re separated. Does Rev 20:6 apply to us? (The Bible is written in order to be misunderstood by anyone who does not have the Holy Spirit.)

Kharash — We’ve talked a lot about the war. Is everyone going to be part of the war? Or is our Master going to collect the ones who are not the overcomers for the 45-day judgment?

I’d like to do a play on that someday. All the virgins will go into the wilderness, but not all are wise. The overcomers, those who are normal believers, they’ll be taken up to be with Him in the air and go to the 30 day war (1 Ths 4:17; Lk 17:24-37). And after that there is the 45-day judgment in Jerusalem. So when the overcomers are taken up, what is going to happen to the rest? It’s just going to be terrible for those who are left behind. They will wake up in the morning and their wife or husband is gone. They will be working at the mill and one will be taken. As those who are left behind realize what happened this horrible feeling will come upon them and great fear will fill their hearts. They will come out of the bushes and find each other, hundreds or thousands of them. There will be great weeping and loud wailing and regret. They did not purify themselves. They did not overcome their iniquities by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit didn’t remain upon them. They quenched Him. There is nothing they can do except to wait in fear for the next thirty days until they’re translated over to Jerusalem where they will be judged and assigned a place with the unbelievers — a thousand years in death. They will be waiting in the terrifying expectation of judgment. It will be so horrible.

Remember, there are five wise and five foolish. If they have been going on in sin, not anticipating our Master’s return, not longing for His return (Heb 9:28; 10:39; 1 Jn 2:28; 2 Pet 3:12; 1 Ths 3:13; 5:23), then they will shrink back at His coming. Likewise, the people who died not having overcome, but having a stained garment, will not be among “the dead in Messiah” who rise first in 1Ths 4:16, but will remain in their graves until the 45-day judgment (Rom 14:10; 2 Cor 5:10). Then they are judged according to their works.

Now if I am working and I’ve got sin, I’m not forgiven, I don’t have communion, then the works that I do are bad. It’s not necessarily that I’m stealing, although it might well be, because I’m robbing you. But I’m doing works in the flesh, so they’re bad works. The good works are the ones I’ve done in communion. So the ones who are going to be taken up are those who don’t have any stains on their garments.

So after the judgment those with stained garments go to the second death for believers. The Bible doesn’t say “the second death *for believers*” because they understood it back then. It’s a terrible thing to be “hurt” by the second death (Rev 2:11), to suffer the loss (2 Cor 3:15) of ruling with Messiah during the millennial kingdom. If the parable of the five foolish and five wise virgins is literal, as Mt 24:40-41 implies, then half will go to age-lasting life and half to age-lasting contempt (Dan 12:2). It seems like there’s going to be 50% wise and 50% foolish, even in the last day. Dan 12:10 — The wicked (foolish, lawless) will act wickedly, and none of the wicked will understand.

One thing we know for sure is that if you’re in the wilderness, your name is in the Lamb’s Book of Life. And the only way that your name can be taken out of the Lamb’s Book of Life according to what the Word says is by adding to or taking away from the prophecy in Revelation (Rev 22:18-19). I don’t know what it means. My name might be taken out if I don’t understand it right and I’m your teacher and I lead you astray. Or maybe it’s speaking of those who rewrite the book, leaving things out. The NU leaves things out of the Bible, like “the nations of those who are saved” in Rev 21:24, and adds things to it, like “thus declaring all foods clean”

in Mk 7:19. Our Master never said that; that's what those monks said who took out and added to the Scriptures. Our Master didn't declare rats and spiders and snails and buzzards clean. Like the dream that Peter had, when he heard, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat!" and "What God has cleansed you must not call common" — if Peter was supposed to be learning about foods, then when those Gentiles came to the door, he should have killed and eaten them. But what he was supposed to learn was to call no *man* unclean just because he wasn't a Jew.

I'm so thankful that the Bible was meant to be misunderstood except by those who have the Holy Spirit. And we have to be filled with the Holy Spirit in order to understand it. The Spirit has to be *upon* us to understand the word of God. Otherwise we're going to misunderstand it and destroy others.