

# "LOOK FOR HIS COMING"

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### A. "THE TRAIL OF BLOOD"

"The Trail Of Blood" was written by J. M. Carroll after he was 70 years old. J. M. Carroll was born January 8, 1858. He became interested in the history of the church that Christ established when here on earth during his ministry. He wanted to make known the little known history of the Faithful Witnesses of the Lord Jesus. J. M. Carroll gave lectures on his findings at churches and some were so impressed that it was agreed if he would write his lectures down that they would be published. He died on Jan 10, 1931 before the book came off the press. By October 1982 1,500,000 copies had been made. Currently I am sure that now it far exceeds that number.

His research through the history of the church over centuries since Christ showed the Faithful Witnesses were hated by people in the Dark Ages. Many were put in prison and untold numbers were put to death. There was great suffering. Persecution was heaped upon these people. This is where the title of the book came from "The Trail of Blood". By following the trail of blood (martyrs) and the suffering and persecutions of these Faithful Witnesses he was able to trace them from the time of Christ up until the 20<sup>th</sup> century in 1931 when he died. There is a chart in the back of the book showing from 100 A. D. until 2000

A. D. There are red dots to show the consistency of the blood being shed over the centuries. The cover of the book is dark red, I feel sure, is to symbolize the blood shed.

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Christ was persecuted and put to death. Stephen was stoned to death and most of the disciples were persecuted and put to death. The New Testament records many of Paul's persecutions. If you trace these persecutions through the ages you will find the Faithful Witnesses.

I have no connection with the group that prints and distributes "The Trail Of Blood" other than trying to be a faithful witness of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a small booklet currently can be obtained at the following e-mail address [mail@bryanstation.com](mailto:mail@bryanstation.com) at a cost of \$1.50 per book for up to 5 copies, or \$1.25 per copy thereafter.

I encourage everyone to get a copy or check it out on-line showing our ancestors giving the ultimate sacrifice to remain faithful until the end.

The following is on the inside of the front cover.

Rev 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

This book and the two mentioned below show this to be true.

"...If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you;..."

John 15:20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

NOTE ABOVE: "...WILL ALSO PERSECUTE YOU..." NOT SHOULD, NOT COULD, NOT MIGHT BUT **WILL** PERSECUTE YOU.

#### B. "THE VALLEYS OF PIEDMONT"

Years ago I read an article in a religious state paper indicating they were trying to raise enough money for a reprinting of a book written in 1668 called "Valleys of Piedmont" about the bloody massacre of the ancient Christian sect called the Waldenses. The best I can remember the cost to publish was around \$20.00. I sent them enough for two books. You had to put the money up front because funds were not available to have them printed. Weeks and months later here they came.

The Waldenses are a Christian group started by Peter Waldo. He left his wife and gave his fortune away to the church and charity to start preaching in the streets in 1173 in Lyon, France. His followers were not allowed to preach in some areas and this may be the reason almost 500 years later many of them had left and were in the Valleys of Piedmont.

After the bloody massacre in 1665 the head of state in England, Ireland, and Scotland had commissioned Samuel Morland to investigate the incident that happened to the ancient people in France. He collected as many documents as possible to establish who these people were, what they believed, what happened to them and why. His work was completed in 1658, three years after the massacre.

I quote from page d3 "...I found it to be, even from one end thereof to the other, one of the saddest tragedies that even had been acted in the Christian world; a Story so lined and interwoven with horrible Attempts, such bloody Edicts, such profound stratagems, and barbarous Persecutions, against the poor harmless and innocent Flock of the great Sheperd of our souls,..."

The documents secured were preserved in their original language and translated side by side. A map of the Valleys of Piedmont drawn to scale was included showing the 3 valleys, mountains, villages, and churches. Often times when people were persecuted and killed the name of the person was given, often the village they came from and sometime even the name of the persecutor. Documentation was given in great detail. Often they were killed for simply not renouncing their belief.

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The author included 25 drawings that he selected showing how they were killed. I have selected 10 out of these and only giving a short synopsis. I have the drawings and a longer account for those desiring or needing further proof.

1. boiled heads and eat brains
2. sickle into lower belly and ripped open to navel (female)
3. ravished, breast and privits cut off and fried (female)
4. stabs in feet and ears - privates cut off frying it with a candle to stop bleeding to prolong suffering  
(male)
5. 80 yrs old man tied neck and heels together and thrown off a formidable Precipices (cliffs).
6. small children and infants thrown down precepts (cliffs)
7. 2 women - stakes thrust through privates to the upper back and one end of stake put in ground
8. small children snatched from mothers arms and torn or cut in pieces (one not above 6 weeks)
9. leg tied to a mule and drug through the streets
10. roasted a 10 year old girl alive over flames and sliced off a slice to eat but the flesh was not well done

**Remember they had committed no other crime than being a Faithful Witness.**

NOTE TO THE READER: Often spelling of such words and capital letters as bloody, privits, Precipies, precepts and Sheperd are used from the original documents and appear different from modern language.

### C. FOXE'S BOOK OF MARTYRS

Foxe's Book Of Martyrs vividly portrays death from the crucifixion of Christ through the centuries to come. Most of the disciples were killed. Stephen was stoned. They present stories of many martyrs . Over 3 centuries the Roman Empire persecutions and martyrdom were well known especially under Nero.

One might say over the centuries one of the signs of the spread of Christianity has been persecution and martyrdom. It has been said blood has been the seed to spread the Church through the years. The papal persecutions continued over years with many kings empowering them to persecute those of a different persuasion. Cases are mentioned in Italy, France, Germany and Bohemia where the flow of persecution and martyrdom continued.

I encourage the reader to read Foxe's Book of Martyrs to see the accounts of early Christians, through the Dark Ages, and the Protestant Reformation showing the great unwavering faith of these early brothers and sisters in Christ bringing the word of God to us through the centuries. Many had to pay the ultimate price of giving their life. The faithful few are always found.

We are told we are to follow Christ. He gave his life for us. We are told **we would be persecuted**, not might be, not could be, but that **we would be persecuted**.

**"...they will also persecute you..."**

**John 15:20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.**

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Now let us stop and look at our current generation. Do we have the faith to stand unwavering as the early Christians did? Could we stand the test? Most so called Christians today do not attend church on a regular basis, read the Bible little if any. Prayer is seldom heard, unless we are in big trouble. Are we dedicated, committed Christians desiring the presence of the Lord and seeking his face and hungering and thirsting for his Word? Most do little for the Lord without enticement, entertainment, feeding us, promising us fun and

games. Yes, many even rob God of tithes and offering to use for simple pleasures and would even argue that it was not God's to begin with.

GOD'S HOUSE IS A HOUSE OF PRAYER AND FOR SPIRITUAL ENLIGHTENMENT.

**Mat 13:21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.**

Mat 10:23 But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.

Mat 23:34 Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city:

“...deliver you up to be afflicted...”

“...shall kill you...”

“...ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.”

Mat 24:9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

Mat 24:10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

“...shall endure unto the end...”

Mat 24:13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

## THE GREAT TRIBULATION

“...great tribulation...”

“...was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.”

Mat 24:21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

“...shall be a time of trouble...”

“...such as never was since there was a nation...”

Dan 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

“...unto the end of the war desolations are determined.”

Dan 9:26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

**PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLICATION:** To make an awareness that we are living in the last days of the last days. The coming of Jesus Christ, the son of the living God is at the doors. This is a monthly publication distributed to a mailing list, churches, business, and handed out. A home computer is used to generate it. The main issues addressed are (1) End Times Scriptures and Prophecy (2) Condition of the times including our churches (3) Current and past fulfillment of Prophecy (4) Related current events. I am trying to be a good steward of the precious time we have left and do as I feel God is directing.

We welcome QUESTIONS. We may not have the answer or the bible may be silent on a particular subject. We are interested in questions that the bible has an answer.

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QUESTION: The book of life and the Lamb's book of life – one book or two?

#### BOOK OF LIFE

In reference to the question is the "book of life" and "the Lamb's book of life" one or two books? We must be careful not to add to or take away from God's word. I carefully submit an opinion as to what is felt to be the suggestiveness with the preponderance of the scriptures leading in that direction. It is felt by me that the spirit of the Lord is directing in this direction. After a search of the scriptures and asking the Lord about it my opinion now is a little different than it was before my search of the scriptures.

Book Of Life

(Phil 4:3)

"And I entreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in **the book of life.**"

(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 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."

(Rev 17:8)

"The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the **book of life** from the foundation of the world, when they beheld the beast that was, and is not, and yet is."

(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 20:15)

"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 any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's **book of life.**"

(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."

Lamb's book of life

"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.**"

Many

Dan 12:2 And **many** of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

Mat 27:52 And the graves were opened; and **many** bodies of the saints which slept arose,

Mat 27:53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

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Dan 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be **found written in the book**.

It is felt that the “book of life” listed in Phil 4:3, Rev 3:5,17:8, 20:12, 20:15, 22:19 in the New Testament is probably one and the same as referred to in the Old Testament as a memorial in a book, book, book of remembrance, written in the book, written among the living, book of the living, blot out , etc. in Ex 17:14, 32:32-33. Mal 3:16-18, Dan 12:1, Isa 4:3Psalms 69:28, Deu 29:20 and 9:14.

Exo 17:14 And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.

Exo 32:32 Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin--; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.

Exo 32:33 And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.

Mal 3:16 Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.

Dan 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

Deu 9:14 Let me alone, that I may destroy them, and blot out their name from under heaven: and I will make of thee a nation mightier and greater than they.

Deu 29:20 The LORD will not spare him, but then the anger of the LORD and his jealousy shall smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie upon him, and the LORD shall blot out his name from under heaven.

If we accept this above premise, and I do, we are left with two main scriptures to place. (1) Note “Lamb’s book of life” is mentioned only once (that I have found) in the entire bible. Rev 21:27

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**.

Please note that all the “book of life” scriptures mentioned before, save one, in the New Testament came from the book of Revelation.

A preacher brethren mentioned to me that God had a plan, like a blueprint from before the foundation of the earth. He knew what would happen, when, why, and how. With this in mind why was the “Lamb’s book of life mentioned only once and after:

1. Christ received all kingdoms
2. all rule, authority and power put down
3. sin was removed from this earth
4. the great white throne

5. death and hell were cast into the lake of fire
6. the new heaven and the new earth were made
7. the holy city new Jerusalem came down to the new earth

After Christ had removed all rule, power and authority and removed sin out he then in I Cor 15:24-28 "... he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God." God in turn sends the holy city new Jerusalem to the new earth from the new heaven where Christ and his bride will rule over the nations eternally.

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Now we have the verse of scripture referring to the "Lamb's book of life". Who is in the book should be the next question?

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.

Rev 21:24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour **into** it.

Rev 21:25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

Rev 21:26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations **into** it.

It appears that Christ's final kingdom, those that rule with him and those that are ruled over appear to be in the "Lamb's book of life".

CONCLUSION: It is felt that "the book of life" and the "Lamb's book of life" are two separate books, but all that are in the "Lamb's book of life" were or are in the book of life. You might say the "Lamb's book of life" is the final book of Christ's kingdom and including those he rules over. Always remember that Israel is the wife of God.

Scripture no. 2. 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.

Remember I previously stated that there was difficulty with one scripture fitting the precept. As I perceive it all scriptures must fit the bible precepts. Some things the scriptures are silent on. Others there is a little here and a little there to which we may be unaware.

Rev.13:8

"...names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

The above could mean two things, possibly more, 1. This could be referring to the "Lamb's book of life".

If so it could refer to foreknowledge or written before the foundation of the earth. 2. It does not say "Lamb's book of life" but the "book of life" of the Lamb which could mean that it was known that Christ would be slain from the foundation of the earth or that it was known that the "book of life" would be given to Christ for the great white throne of judgment and that Christ or the Lamb slain from the foundation of the earth.

Personally I prefer to believe the last.