

REVELATION



- Revelation 2:26, 27 compared to Psalm 2:8, 9
- Revelation 2, the reference is to Believers
- Psalm 2, the same reference is to King Messiah
- 2Timothy 2:11, 12
- Two powerful truths:
- 1) Believers, with Christ, will rule over the nations
- 2) If Believers disown Christ, He will disown them

...if we disown Him, He
will also disown us...

2Tim. 2:11- 12



- First truth is pleasant: we will rule with Christ
- Second truth is unpleasant: if we disown Christ, He will disown us
- Once-saved-always-saved a manmade doctrine
- Adherents say this is an impossible hypothetical
- A non-Believer can't disown Christ because he never "owned" Him in the first place!

RULING WITH NO TOLERANCE

A ROD OF
IRON



- Rev. 2:27b Who is “he”?
- Revelation refers to Believers
- Psalm 2 refers to King Messiah
- The standard of justice will be The Law
- Matt. 5: 17 – 19
- Will heaven and earth pass away?
- Rev. 21:1
- AFTER the Millennium the Law will end

A close-up photograph of a man in a dark suit, white shirt, and patterned tie, adjusting his tie with his hands. The background is a solid blue color.

HOW TO SPOT A FALSE PROPHET

- “That Jezebel woman” was a false prophet
- Prophets are rare, but the current Christian world seems to be full of “prophets”!
- A true prophet can NEVER be wrong
- Newest Church rebellion is encouraging sexual immorality by declaring the Bible way of sexual morality as obsolete
- Might there be a link between the sin of “eating anything we want” and sex sin?

NUMBER FIVE

SARDIS



- Letter opens with a description of the divine being and not a name
- In what sense does the divine being “have” the 7-fold spirit and the 7 stars (angels)?
- If this is Christ, does He have authority over the Holy Spirit (7-fold spirit)?
- John’s view is that the Father holds authority and is preeminent over the Son and the Holy Spirit

SARDIS WRECKED BY EARTHQUAKE



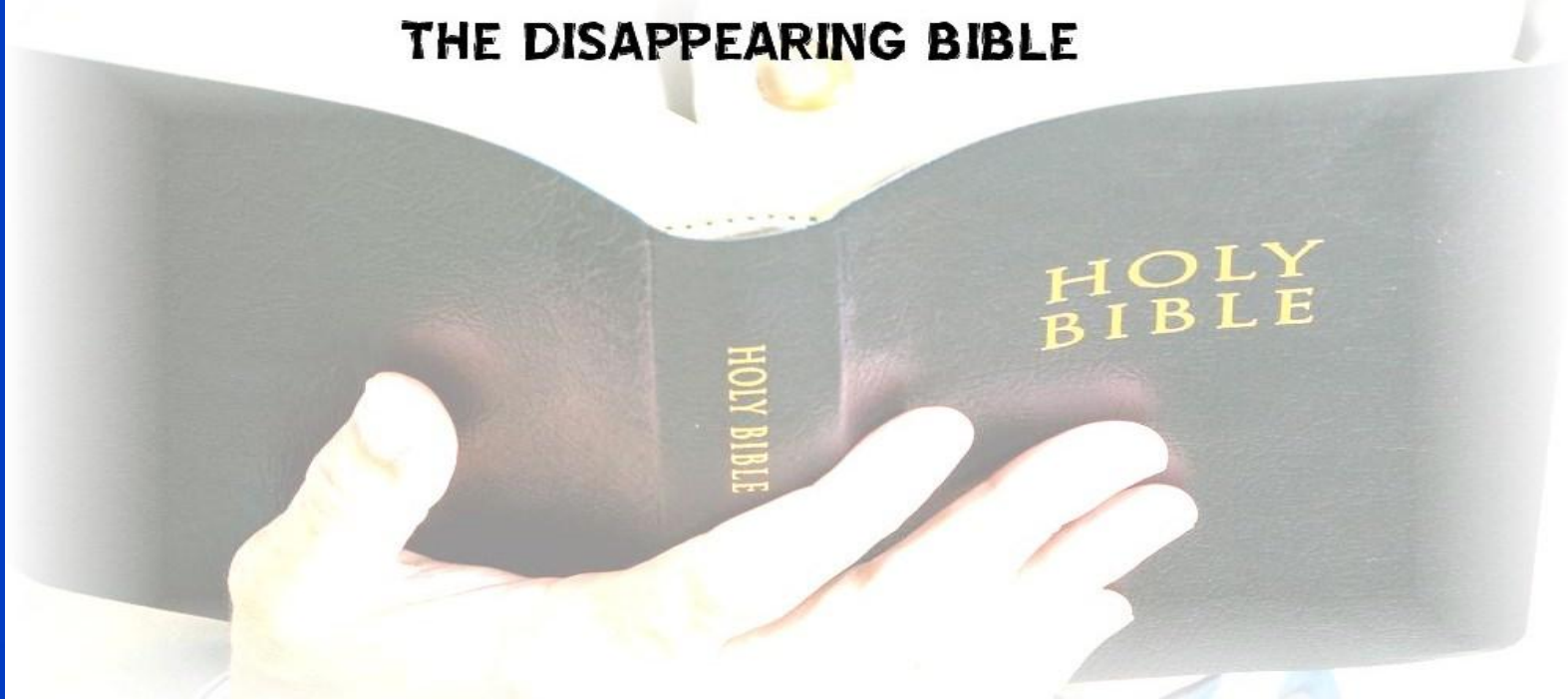
- Still not recovered, economy struggling
- God says this congregation are phonies !
- ***Onoma = shem = name, reputation***
- Sardis lost their inner passion for the Good News
- Outward activities disguised spiritual condition
- In a state of spiritual decay, but all is not lost

SARDIS IN A SPIRITUAL COMA

- On the surface, all looks good
- Believers' duty is to share the Gospel and to live it!
- Call is to the leadership to be responsible
- People were probably ethical and moral
- What was the remedy?
- Return to the Word of God and to obedience
- This Church had become a social group of nice people



THE DISAPPEARING BIBLE



- **Address to Church leadership:** Is the Bible little more than a prop to validate a 5 point social sermon?
- In Seminary was your focus on the Bible or on learning how to do Church, run a staff, defend doctrines?
- Are you the Pastor/Teacher or the Church CEO?
- Instead of the Word we have oratory, humor, drama, and elaborate music programs
- Congregation bears the responsibility to discern



HE WHO

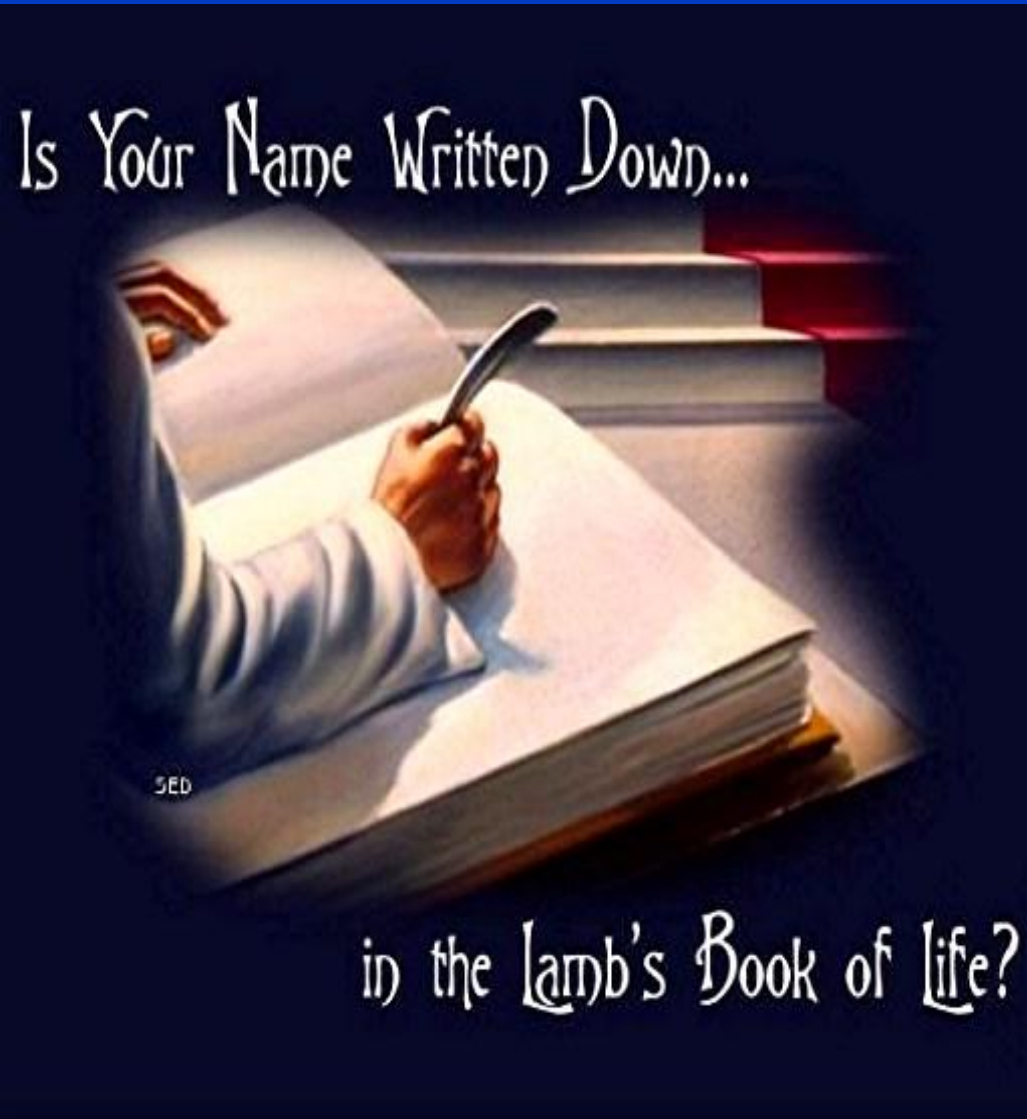
OVERCOMES
SHALL BE
CLOTHED
IN WHITE
GARMENTS

REVELATION 3:5

- A few members have not soiled their clothes
- Soiled clothes is symbolic of ritual defilement
- White, clean garments symbolize righteous deeds
- James 2:14 – 18
- Those who repent will NOT be blotted out of the Book of Life.....those who won't, will be blotted out

THE BOOK OF LIFE

Is Your Name Written Down...



in the Lamb's Book of Life?

- Sardis has Believers who have fallen or are about to fall
- God will give them a chance to repent and return to obedience to God's Word
- But...if they don't, they will be blotted out from the Book of Life
- Matt. 10:26 – 33
- Context is persecution
- There is no spiritual Switzerland!