

Lesson-15 Study Guide: Finishing Strong

Lesson Focus Passage: [Daniel 12](#)

Background: **Daniel** is told that his people (**Israel**) would be delivered in the end, “every one who is found written in the book” ([Daniel 12:1](#)).

The idea of God having a book in which the names and deeds of people are written occurs throughout Scripture. Names can be blotted out of the book ([Exodus 32:32-33](#); [Deuteronomy 29:20](#)), and the book records the tears of the people of God as well as their names ([Psalm 56:8](#)).

Having one’s name written in heaven is a cause for rejoicing ([Luke 10:20](#)). The New Testament calls it “**the Book of Life**” ([Philippians 4:3](#)), and it is not surprisingly mentioned in Revelation (seven times) more than any other place ([Revelation 3:5](#); [13:8](#); [17:8](#); [20:12, 15](#); [21:27](#); [22:19](#)).

Preparatory Questions

1. Read [Ezekiel 20:33-38](#) and answer the following:
 - a. Even though Israel is their ancestral home, where do many Jews still live today?
 - b. What did God promise He would do one day regarding all Jews?
 - c. Why is the Jews’ current home among the nations likened by God to being in a wilderness?
2. How do you reconcile [Jeremiah 31:35-37](#) with God’s present and future judgment of the nation of Israel?
3. Describe the characteristics of God you find in the following verses, and explain why each is a reason to trust Him with that which He has not revealed to us.
 - a. [Psalm 90:2](#)
 - b. [I Kings 8:27](#)
 - c. [I Timothy 1:17](#)

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- d. [Isaiah 40:6-8](#)