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There are many bad characters who are absolutely denied entrance: “And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie” (Rev. 21:27; compare 21:8). The redeemed ones who enter are properly registered, having their names in the Lamb’s book of life (Rev. 21:27). May we rejoice that our names are written in Heaven (Luke 10:20).

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