

## Genesis Rabbah 24:3

Commentary to Genesis 5:1

Bar Kappara commenced: *Let them be blotted out of the book of the living* (Ps. 69:29): this means, from the book of the generations below [in this world]; *And not be written with the righteous (ib.)*: from the book of the generations above [in the next world].

Bar Kappara taught: Wherever the word “lived” occurs, it refers to a righteous person; e.g., *Shelah lived* (Gen. 11:14), *Arpachshad lived* (ib. 12).

Another interpretation of *Let them be blotted out of the book of the living*: *Of the book of the living* means of the book of the generations of Adam, as it is written, *This is the book of the generations of Adam* (Gen. 5:1).