

The Harvest
Revelation 7:9-17

1 Thessalonians clearly states that when the Lord returns to _____ His church every single one of us who have placed our faith in Christ will be caught up in the air. When the trumpet of the Lord sounds, we will all be surrounding Christ in the clouds. We will be raised _____ the tribulation begins.

1. The Sealing of 144,000

Then the Holy Spirit will again _____ on the earth. He will be poured upon the earth like we have never seen.

Matthew 24:14 says that "*the Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached unto all the world and then the end will come.*" While there will be tremendous persecution, pain and destruction on the earth for _____ years, another story will also be unfolding.

God will have more people come to Himself in believing faith in the 7 years of tribulation than any other previous time in our history. God is going to pour out His Spirit on 144,000 Jewish _____ . They will be _____ against harm during the tribulation so that they can go throughout the world freely, proclaiming the Good News.

These 144,000 people are called _____ of God. They are called the _____ of the Lamb. Whenever you see that God has an offering called the first fruits of the harvest, there will always be a blessing from Him of _____ fruit. (Exodus 23:19)

The 144,000 are Jews from every tribe of Israel except _____ and _____. Why not these two tribes?

Judges 18:30; 1 Kings 12:28-29 ; Hosea 4:17 Ephraim and Dan are accused in the Bible of _____.

In their place, _____ and _____ are mentioned.

2. The Great Multitude in White Robes - vs. 9

After the 144,000 evangelists are sealed, will come the great multitude to faith.

A. Their size: No one can number this _____

B. Their situation: They are before the throne of God clothed in _____ washed in the blood of the Lamb. Palm branches are in their hands. God's _____ kingdom has arrived.

C. Their praise: vs. 11-14 - Why did God create us? To _____ Him forever.

D. The promises: vs. 15-17

1. A special place for all those who come to know Him - a place of _____
2. Complete _____ of God.
3. Eternal _____

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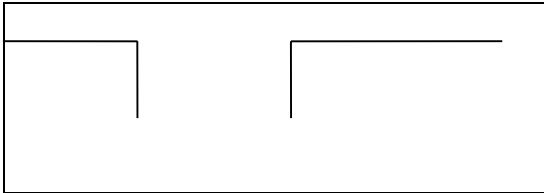


The Bridge Outline

God wants to have a relationship with you.

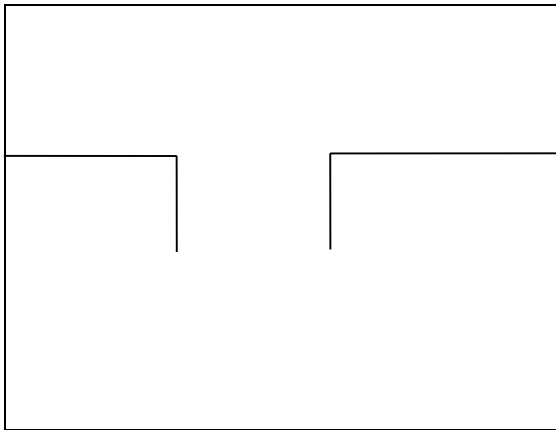
Verses

- *God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God and God in Him (1 John 4:16b)*
- *For God so loved the world. . . (John 3:16)*



Sin separates us from having that relationship with God. There are no good deeds you can do to jump that gap. Our sin lead to death.

- *Be holy, because I am holy (1 Peter 1:16)*
- *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23)*
- *For the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23)*



But God did for us what we could not do. He built a bridge to Himself. Christ died for our sins, paying the penalty when He died on the cross. It is not enough just to know this. We must act on this knowledge by admitting we have sinned and that we want forgiveness and a relationship with God. Questions to ask: Does this make sense to you? Which side of the chasm do you think you are? Is there any reason why you would not want to cross over to the other side?

- *He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. (1 Peter 2:24)*
- *For it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith. And this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)*
- *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9)*