

What is Overcoming; or Who are Overcomers?

The Bride of Christ

REV 21:9-27 the Bride, the Lamb's wife is New Jerusalem
REV 21:2 New Jerusalem, prepared as a bride adorned
ISA 49:18 people serve as clothing, bride's adornments
ISA 61:10 salvation, righteousness as a bride's jewels
ISA 62:5 sons marry her, God rejoices as a bridegroom
JOH 3:29 John stood and heard the Bridegroom, Jesus
REV 18:23 voices Bridegroom & Bride not heard in Babylon
REV 22:17 The Spirit and the Bride say, "COME"

Just and Righteous

The **FIRST CATEGORY: RIGHTEOUS or JUST** = the majority of believers who have not completely overcome, but are found RIGHTEOUS or JUST in the final judgment. They must finish overcoming in the new earth.
LUK 14:14
MAT 10:22
MAT 5:5

Those who finish overcoming in this life, are really not a separate category of judgment, because those saints who overcome, COMPLETE their judgment under the RIGHTEOUS or JUST category and become ONE WITH THE JUDGE.

They will be JUDGING in the throne with Jesus, because they were the FIRSTFRUITS, or the first of the Righteous/Just to mature into Christ:

EPH 4:15
PHP 3:9
REV 14:5
REV 20:4
1 CO 6:2
REV 3:21,22
REV 20:12

LIMITED NUMBER OF BRIDE MEMBERS?

REV 14:1-5: 144,000 first of firstfruits that follow

Some have wondered if the number is a spiritual number rather than a natural number. If it is spiritual, it could mean 144,000 individual churches under 144,000 pastors - all overcomers. This comes from understanding that "horses" in the scripture are often types of churches going to war:

REV 19:14-16 armies in heaven, white horses
But note that this scripture does not say WHICH heaven, nor HOW MANY white horses. We just assume it is 3rd heaven armies and 144,000 white horses.

This could be possible, but if these armies of heaven are the Bride of Christ, then what would the single white horse that Jesus is riding on represent?

REV 19:11

Note the TIMING of REV 19:14-16. Jesus is coming back to conquer the nations and rule over them with a rod of iron.

REV 19:15 sword out of mouth, rule with rod of iron

PSA 2:7-9 give thee the heathen, uttermost parts.

REV 2:26,27 overcomers share rule with rod.
PSA 74:2 thy congregation, purchased of old, rod

JER 10:16 Israel is the rod of his inheritance.

The "rod" is restored natural Israel, a NEW ARMY, but a 2nd heaven army. Their white horses may be 144,000 divinely authorized churches to exist during the millenium.
ZEC 10:3

REV 7:3,4

Finally, it is interesting that when David was king of Israel, he had twelve courses of governmental servants that each served for one month throughout the year. Each course numbered 24,000. $12 \times 24,000 = 288,000$ people, the same exact number as the combined forces of the 144,000 firstfruits in the Bride, and the 144,000 sealed Jews.

1 CH 27:1-15

LIMITED NUMBER OF OVERCOMERS?

JOH 16:33 Jesus overcame the world first

ROM 12:21 overcome evil with good

EPH 6:13 "having done all" = "overcome all"

1 JO 2:13,14 young men have overcome the wicked one

1 JO 4:4 little children overcame spirit of antichrist

MAT 25:1-5 five wise and five foolish virgins

These all are young virgins who went to meet the Bridegroom, not to marry him, but to participate in the wedding. Would the Bride, herself, be slumbering and asleep?

We overcome before we become mature or firstfruits. "If we fall asleep now, we might sleep for a thousand years!"

1 TH 5:6

It is the voice of the Bride that wakes her companions. Her voice is no longer heard in Babylon at this time.

MAT 25:6

REV 18:23

Would the Bride say "no" to those who ask for more oil, knowing the following scriptures and the power of God?

MAT 25:8,9

1 KI 17:12-14

2 KI 4:2-7

May all God's children strive to be overcomers and be willing to let God pick from among them those whom He wants in the Bride. They will all share the same life. It is not a race against one another, but WITH one another.

The Bride's companions should be able to follow her into the wedding.

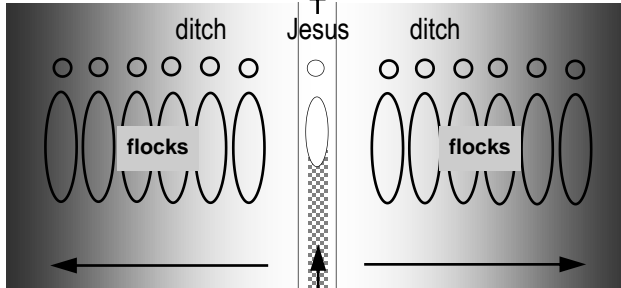
SON 8:8,9

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COMPANIONS OF CHRIST

SON 1:7 the Bride will not follow his companions.

Note that the companion's flocks are not one, but plural. Also, that she is aware that she would be "turning aside" to follow them. This means that they are walking BESIDE the Great Shepherd, and not BEHIND him. They are not following in his steps but are simply going in the same direction. This makes "the BROAD WAY.



SON 1:8 the footsteps of the flock

MAT 7:13,14 strait gate, narrow way, that leads to life

JOH 14:6 I am way, truth and life, no man cometh to Father

of God in the past who have been married but put away as was Vashti. They have ceased to be movements and become monuments.

Concubines are those groups of people who have a genuine relationship with Jesus, but do not take on His name or nature, and never become one with Him in His body.

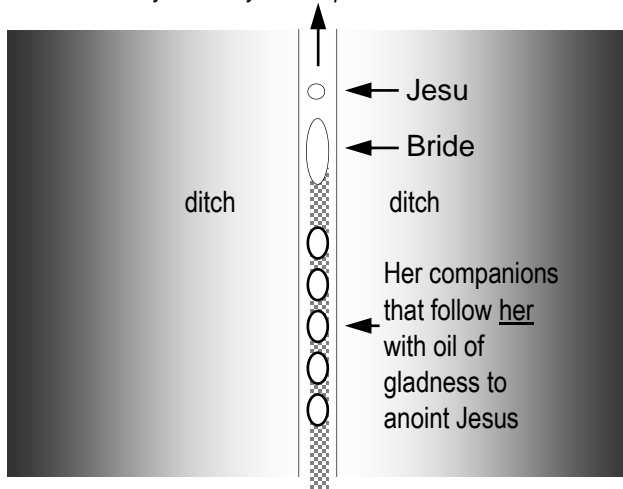
Virgins are those small groups of people who have enough of God's word and spirit to keep themselves unspotted from the world but are ruled by jealousy and fears.

The undefiled dove, also called the Shulamite, is a type of those who have only New Jerusalem for their mother. They will become the bride of Christ because they will follow the Lamb wherever He goes.

COMPANIONS OF THE BRIDE

PSA 45:14

The Bride of Christ also has companions, but they follow her as she follows the Lamb. These are those who are walking in the footsteps of the flock through the five-fold ministry until they catch up with the flock.



MORE THAN A CONQUEROR (OVERCOMER)

ROM 8:37

QUEENS, CONCUBINES, VIRGINS & BRIDE

SON 6:8:9

These queens are those large and genuine movements