

**REVELATION: Lesson 87**  
**Chapter 7:9-10 Palms of Victory**

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**A LOOK AT WHO GOD SAVES (vs 9):**

1. **“A great multitude, which no man could number”**

God knows the number because He sees the end from the beginning (Isa 46:10). But it is not possible for any man to number the millions of people whom God has saved and is still saving every day.

2. **“Of all nations”**

God is able to save a person of any nationality. His salvation is offered in every country.

3. **“And kindred”** (family)

Your family’s religion won’t prevent God from saving you if you repent and receive Jesus Christ as your Savior. Just because your family is lost, having no hope, and without God in the world (Eph 2:12) doesn’t mean that you can’t turn to the Lord and be saved.

4. **“And people”** (Peer groups, like-minded friends and acquaintances, factions, companies, bands)

Whatever group you count yourself to be a part of, whatever fellowship you are influenced by, God’s grace can still reach down and save your soul.

5. **“And tongues”** (languages)

There are thousands upon thousands of different languages in this world. God’s saving Gospel is not hindered by any language barrier. It is so simple that it can be explained through pictures and gestures.

We should never exclude anyone from our Christian witness. We are to preach to every creature (Mk 16:15)

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**THE SIGNIFICANCE OF STANDING BEFORE THE THRONE (vs 9)**

**1 Samuel 16:19-22** King Saul asked Jesse to allow David to stand before him. The reason: **“for he hath found favour in my sight.”**

The multitude of Tribulation saints standing before God’s throne are a special object of God’s favor because they withstood the temptations of the Beast and loved not their lives unto death (Rev 12:11).

God has a special place in His heart for anyone who loves Him with all their heart.

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**PALMS OF VICTORY (vs 9)**

In the Bible palm branches are used to express joy by people who have received complete deliverance.

The Tribulation saints have palms in their hands for the same reason. They are filled with joy because they have been delivered from Tribulation and are in the presence of God in Heaven.

**Lev 23:39-43** The Feast of Tabernacles was a celebration of complete and total victory over the Egyptian oppressors. In Egypt, the Hebrews lives were spared by the blood of the lamb. God delivered them from bondage in Egypt. Then God brought them safely through the Red Sea (a baptism symbolizing death, 1 Cor 10:2) and destroyed their enemy.

**Tribulation application:** The Tribulation saint trusts Christ, is delivered from the enemy through the Red Sea (death), and finds himself standing before God in Heaven waving a palm branch declaring complete victory.

**New Testament application:** If you've trusted Jesus Christ as your Savior, you can remember the day God saved you out of your old sin life by the blood of the Lamb (Jesus Christ), delivered you from the Devil, the world, and our ungodly friends, and when they tried to drag us back to our old life, we put down our old man and claim complete victory in Christ (2 Cor 5:17, Eph 4:22, Col 3:9).

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**Jn 12:12-16** When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on an ass's colt, the Jewish people thought that was the time of victory, so they brought out the palm branches.  
They didn't realize that the real victory would be when Jesus Christ died on Mount Calvary and rose from the dead three days later.  
*"The King in Jerusalem doesn't save your soul. The Savior on the cross saves your soul!"*

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**Ezek 40-41** These chapters concern the building of the Millennial Temple. Only one type of wood is used in this temple: the palm tree (mentioned 10 times in these 2 chapters).

- Solomon's temple (1 Kings 5:5): destroyed (Jer 52:13).
- Rebuilt temple under Zerubbabel and Nehemiah (Ezra 6:3-5, 14-15): destroyed.
- The Temple built by Herod the Great (John 2:20): destroyed by Titus in 70 AD (Josephus, book 7, chapter 1, pg 750).
- The Tribulation Temple (2 Thess 2:4): destroyed by Jesus Christ (Mt 24:2, Mk 13:2, Lk 21:6) at His Second Advent.
- Millennial Temple (Zech 6:12-15, Ezek 40-47): Victory is complete. Build the temple with palm trees. No more destruction.

Jesus said that there would be a day when there would not be one stone left upon another in Jerusalem (Mt 24:2, Mk 13:2, Lk 21:6). This has not been fulfilled yet. The "Wailing Wall" still stands today.

It must refer to the destruction of the temple in which the Antichrist "**as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God**" (2 Thess 2:4).

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**Neh 8:8-17** The Children of Israel were told to "**make great mirth**" at the hearing of God's word (vs 12) during the time of rebuilding the Temple. There was "**very great gladness**" (vs 17).

Today we ought to rejoice and make great mirth and be filled with "**very great gladness,**" considering that right now we're washed in the blood, delivered from bondage, have everlasting life, the Savior already reigns in our heart, and we are temple of His Holy Spirit (1 Cor 3:16-19, Eph 2:21)!

When the Temple is established on Earth and Jesus Christ rules and reigns for a thousand years from Jerusalem, there will be VERY great gladness!

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