

## **THE FATE OF BELIEVERS IN THE GREAT TRIBULATION (PART II)**

### **A NUMBERLESS MULTITUDE OF MARTYRS SAVED**

**Rev. 7:9-17**

**Introduction:** The Bible calls the time, right before the end of the world, the period of Death and Hell. There is to be a time of so much horror and fright that it can only be called the *great tribulation*. When it comes there will be no end to the destruction and loss of life. A numberless multitude of people will become believers.

#### **I. WHO ARE THOSE WHO WILL BE SAVED? (v. 9)**

1. People from everywhere will believe in Jesus.
  - From all nations - from all tribes - from all people - from all tongues.
2. During the *great tribulation* millions of people will turn to Jesus.
  - Even with the terrible sorrows and woes, the destruction, and devastation, people will turn to Jesus.
  - The greatest revival in the history of the world will take place during the worst times the world will ever see.
3. God never shuts the door against anyone who desires to give his/her heart and life to Jesus.

#### **II. THOSE SAVED WILL HAVE SPECIAL RECOGNITION (9-10)**

1. They will stand before the throne of God and before the Lamb of God.
  - they will be near God and Christ - face to face with God and Christ
2. They will wear white robes.
  - a sign of righteousness - of being free from defilement - victorious over sin, death and judgment - of being perfected - of being a heavenly creature.
3. They will hold palm branches in their hands.
  - celebrating their victory - their deliverance - their joy.
4. They will shout praises for their salvation.
  - God has delivered them - accepted them - given them privilege of His presence and has completed their salvation.

### **III. THEY WILL HAVE HEAVENLY COMPANIONS (11-12)**

1. There will be wave after wave of different beings standing in circles before the throne of God.
  - The outer circle is the angels and they encircle the entire throne.
  - The 24 ruling elders are next.
  - The four living creatures stand at the four corners of the throne.
  - Finally, the numberless multitude of believers standing face to face with the throne of God and the Lamb.
2. The numberless multitude of believers sing praises to God and everyone else fall on their faces and worship God. They praise God for:
  - His *blessing*, His *glory*, His *wisdom*, His *honor*, His *power*, His *strength and might*.

### **IV. JOHN ASKS AN ANGEL WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE? (13-14)**

1. They are believers out of the great tribulation. Millions from all over the world who turned to Jesus.
  - Daniel predicted this terrible time of trouble. (Dan. 12:1)
  - Jesus foretold of the great tribulation. (Mt. 24:21-22)
  - Paul described the attacks of the antichrist in the last days. (2 Thess. 2:3-4)
  - John said that the antichrist would make war against the saints. (Rev. 13:7)
  - John said that the antichrist would set up worship of the government and everyone's first loyalty would be to the government. (Rev. 13:15)
2. They are those who have washed their robes white.
  - The blood of Jesus made them pure and clean.

### **V. THEY ARE TO SERVE GOD CONTINUALLY (v 15)**

1. They will have direct access to God anytime, anyplace.
  - They will never tire or need sleep - they will rule, reign throughout the universe, overseeing the new heavens and earth for Jesus.

### **VI. THEIR GREATEST BLESSING WILL BE THEIR LACK OF NOTHING (v15-17)**

1. They will have the living presence of God with them forever.
2. They will have every physical and spiritual need met.
3. They will be protected and led by the Lord, in person.
4. They will have no more sorrow or hurt. God, Himself will wipe away their tears.