

Revelation 7

Good News for Palm Sunday (and Every Other Day!)

Sermon Notes for April 17, Palm Sunday 2011 by Pastor Dennis R. Tuuri

1. Our Need for Good News

- A. Palms and Palm Sunday, Rev. 7:9,10, John 12:13 (see also Jn. 12:14, 15)
- B. "Hosanna" Salvation - By the State or Jesus Christ?

2. The Basic Unity of the 144,000 and the Great Multitude

A. Major Interpretations of the Two Groups

- 1.) Jewish and Gentile Martyrs
- 2.) Church Militant On Earth and Triumphant In Heaven

B. Evidence Pointing to the Basic Unity

- 1.) Hearing and Seeing (1:10-12; 5:5,6; 6:1-8)
- 2.) The Answer (Singular) to the Question
- 3.) New Jerusalem

4.) Bookends - Core Identity - Servants and Serve

3 saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads."

A. "**13b** Who are these,

B. clothed in **white robes**,

C. and from where have they **come**?"

D. **14** I said to him, "Sir, you know."

C'. And he said to me, "These are the ones **coming** out of the great tribulation.

B'. They have washed their **robes** and made them **white** in the blood of the Lamb.

A'. 15 "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple;

5.) Hot Wind (? - Hos. 13:15,16; Rev. 16:8,9) and Searing Heat

6.) Isa. 4:4-6 AFTER Jerusalem's Fall

C. Unity AND Diversity in the Text

3. The Good News in the Text

A. Sealing (So Judgments Can Begin - see Ezekiel 9:1-7)

B. Assurance (of the Nature of the True Kings on the Earth; Signet)

C. Provision

D. Protection

E. Comfort - Isa. 49:8-13)

Conclusion - Palm Leaves AND Fruit; "Crying With a Loud Voice" (vv. 2, 10), "Ascending from the Sun-rising" (v. 2) With Healing In His Wings" (Mal. 4:2)