"After this I looked and there before me was a **great multitude** that **no one could count**, **from EVERY NATION**, **TRIBE**, **PEOPLE AND LANGUAGE**, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were **WEARING WHITE ROBES** and were holding palm branches in their hands.

These righteous, wonderful people from all nations, tribes and languages stand before God's throne and Jesus Christ, forgiven of their sins!

"And they cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

They understand that grace comes from God through the sacrifice of Christ.

"All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying:

"Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honour and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever, Amen!"

Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?"

I answered, "Sir, you know."

And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

These humble people from all over the world repent during the Great Tribulation, accept the sacrifice of Christ, and receive forgiveness of their sins.

"Therefore,

'They are **before the throne of God** and **serve him day and night in his temple**;

And he who sits on the throne will **spread his tent over them**.

The Almighty God claims them as His own. They will be forever close to our Creator, serving Him day and night in His temple. Their reward is great!

Never again will they **hunger**; never again will they **thirst**.

The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

He will lead them to springs of living water,

And **God will wipe away every tear from their eyes**" (Revelation 7:9-17).

They will be in the first resurrection, never to suffer again. No more hunger pangs both spiritually or physically, no more crying for water or pleading for just a drop to moisten their dried and cracked lips. No more hiding from the blinding sun, scorching heat, and burning radiation. In their suffering during the Great Tribulation, these people come to know the Almighty God and He promises to wipe away every tear from their eyes. He will extend His tent over them, forever protecting and loving them. They will be kept close serving in His temple.

God's enemies resent the creation of mankind. They are ruthlessly working to keep us from knowing our Creator and the grace given to us through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

To the nations of the world, you don't have to wait until the Great Tribulation to know God. Come to know Him now, take this hand. Join the believers who work daily overcoming the evils of the world. They do not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. They will not deny Christ because they understand the generosity of His sacrifice. Upon obedience to God, they have come to know the Creator and His: enduring love, grace, kindness, humility, passion, compassion, gentility, wisdom and great generosity. In return, they have pledged their allegiance to His Righteous Kingdom with their unbreakable love for Him. They know that it is love that will give them the strength to bear all things, believe all things, hope all things, endure all things (I Corinthians 13:7).

"I know your deeds... I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name... Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth... He who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it" (Revelation 3:8-12).

To the nations of the world, don't delay. The strength of the pillars of God's temple is manifested in the multi-national virtues of God's people. Joseph's gate is open to you. Come.

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