

## “Signed, Sealed, & Delivered by God”

### Revelation 7:1-10

Intro: In Revelation 7:1-9, John first *hears* an echo of the tribal census in Numbers chapter 1. And then he *sees* the fulfillment of God’s covenant promise to Abram in Genesis chapter 12.

#### I. Signed: God’s promise to Abram

- a. “All peoples on earth will be blessed through you”
- b. “Look up at...the stars...so shall your offspring be”
- c. “On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram”

#### II. Sealed: 144,000 representing all God’s chosen people

- a. Sanctified as “HOLY TO THE LORD” (Exodus 28:36)
- b. Identified by God’s name (Rev. 3:12; 14:1; 22:4)
- c. Preserved by God’s grace (Psalm 3:3; John 17:11)

#### III. Delivered: Standing before the throne

- a. Wearing robes of righteousness (Isaiah 61:10)
- b. Holding palm branches of celebration (Psalm 118:27)
- c. Crying out for their salvation (Psalm 118:15-21)

Close: The crowd shouted “Hosanna!” and waved palm branches as Jesus rode on a donkey into Jerusalem 2,000 years ago. They did not know he was coming as the Passover Lamb to die as a sacrifice on the cross to save sinners from judgment.

The crowd before the throne in heaven immeasurably outnumbers the one that was in Jerusalem! And they stand there *because* they know Jesus came to die as a sacrifice for their sins—and for ours. So we too cry out: *Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!*