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the beast, the of man, in to (Revelation 17; Psalm 2)	the beast, the of man, in to (Revelation 17; Psalm 2)			
a. The first beast (Rev 13) represents the tyrannical, totalitarian				
military/political of the anti-Christian	military/political of the anti-Christian			
b. The second beast (Rev 13) represents the deceptive,	b. The second beast (Rev 13) represents the deceptive,			
propagandistic, prophetic/religious anti-Christian	propagandistic, prophetic/religious anti-Christian			
of the	of the			
c. The first beast eventually on the second beast at t end. (Rev 17:15-17)	he c. The first beast eventually on the second beast at the end. (Rev 17:15-17)			
2. Babylon the great is and is fully and finally	2. Babylon the great is and is fully and finally			
by (Rev 18; 1 John 2:15-17)	by (Rev 18; 1 John 2:15-17)			
a. Babylon's and	a. Babylon's and			
b. Babylon's and	b. Babylon's and			
c. Babylon's and	c. Babylon's and			

3.	The of Christ, the c	ty, new	3. The	of Christ, the	city, new
	, the of God, is coming down from		, the of God, is coming down from		
	from (Rev 19:1-10; 21:2, 9; Heb 11:16)		from (Rev 19:1-10; 21:2, 9; Heb 11:16)		
	a. Those with the Lamb area	nd and	a. Th	nose with the Lamb are	and and
	(Revelation 17:14)		(Revelation 17:14)		
	b. The saints are dressed with	deeds. (Rev 19:8)	b. Th	ne saints are dressed with _	deeds. (Rev 19:8
	c. The choruses!		c. Th	ne chorus	ses!

Discussion Guide

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- 4. Charles Hill wrote, "The relationship of Babylon and the beast(s) to the church is played out repeatedly in the imagery of Revelation. A decadent, hedonistic culture hates Christianity; a totalitarian, self-deifying state also hates Christianity. The two forces feed off each other and for a time are effectively in league with each other against the Christians. Eventually the totalitarian beast will devour even its partner, the inherently weak narcissistic culture. It then turns its force against the church for a climactic confrontation ("battle"). It is at this point that God intervenes and Christ returns." Are Christians who face violent persecution the only Christians who are under attack by Satan or are all Christians under attack by Satan (the dragon)? Explain.
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