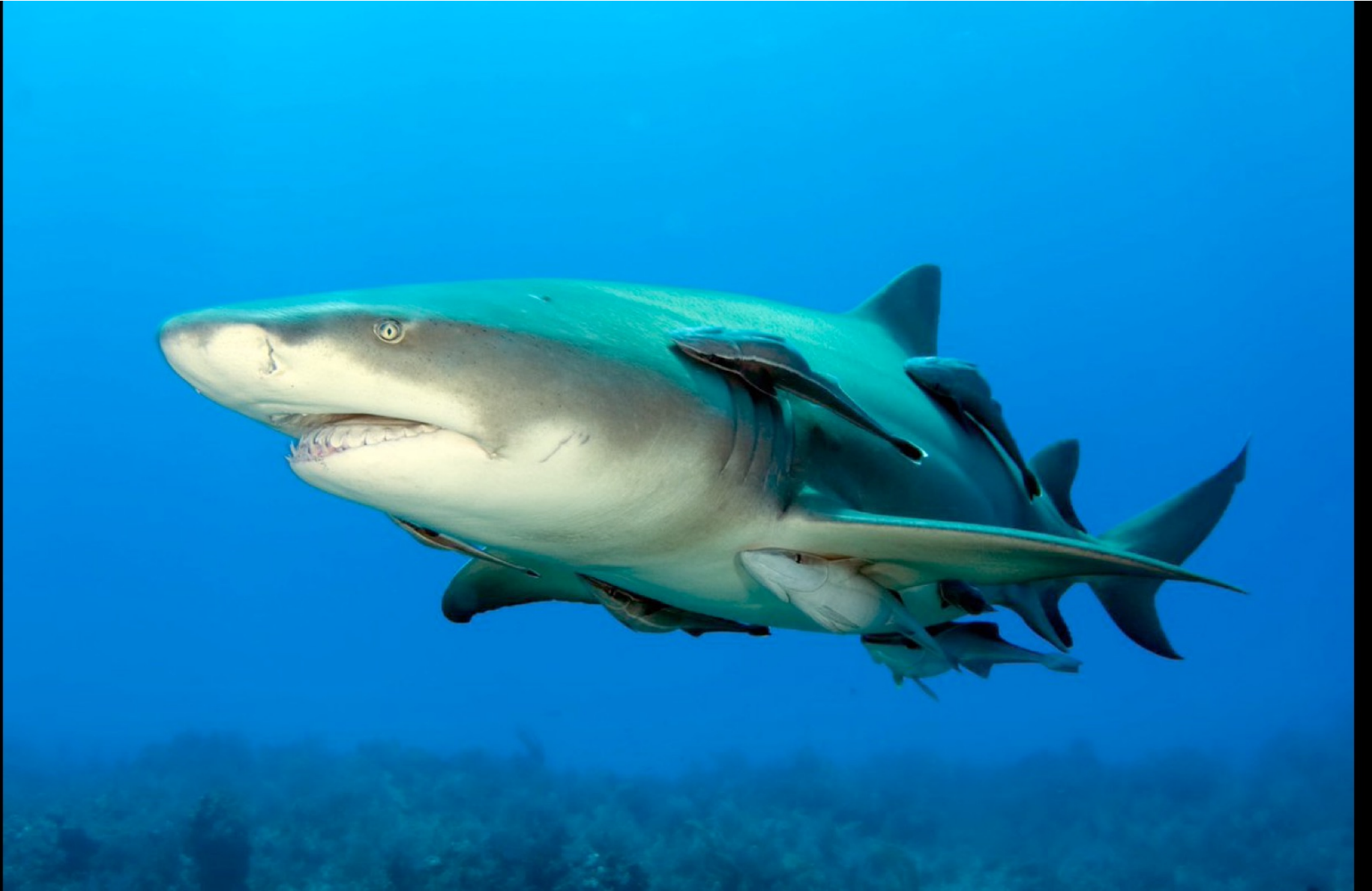# MISSION

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Revelation 17

The Seductive, Violent, God Opposing Empire

1) The Unholy Partnership of Babylon and the Beast (v1-6)

Babylon - Jeremiah 51
Israel - Ezekiel 16
Tyre - Isaiah 23
Nineveh - Nahum 3

"And they shall make the ephod of gold, of blue and purple and scarlet yarns, and of fine twined linen, skillfully worked. It shall have two shoulder pieces attached to its two edges, so that it may be joined together. And the skillfully woven band on it shall be made like it and be of one piece with it, of gold, blue and purple and scarlet yarns, and fine twined linen. You shall take two onyx stones, and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel, six of their names on the one stone, and the names of the remaining six on the other stone, in the order of their birth. As a jeweler engraves signets, so shall you engrave the two stones with the names of the sons of Israel. You shall enclose them in settings of gold filigree.

Exodus 28:6-11

Genesis 11:1-9

Can you identify Babylon's influence
in your life?

2) The Lamb's Victory Over the Beast (v7-14)

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

Revelation 1:17-18

saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Revelation 5:12

Where do you draw your wisdom and strength from? The Lamb or the beast?

Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.

Revelation 21:9-11

3) Live by the Beast, Die by the Beast (v15-18)

Romans 1:18-32

Does the fruit of your life show any partnership with the world?