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 itual happiness which awaits the $\begin{aligned} & \text { kingdom of God was coming on the are more nume } \\ & \text { earth through them. This is a long any orher lad. }\end{aligned}$ frithful after death. How often must
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The Heavenly Hope The book of Revalation had an in mediate message for the people of its own day, and a permanent messageessary to give under veiled imagery, lest the keen cyes of Roman spies should see in it some further attempt to overthrow the government, a thing which always lay near to the fears of its officinis, hence we have the woman,
of the beast and the searlet wor and the symbolic numbers. The message to the people of his own day is made by the writer to be one of comfort. It wan the time of the "tribuspecial persecution, such as was visitspeciapon the church periodically during the first three eenturiess of its history John wants the church to
know that they who endured persecuknow that Christ's uaks, were undergo

