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~ Part 3

(Suitable for use within a group over approximately one hour, or for an individual's personal Bible reading)

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