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Ezekiel 36:16-24; 37:15-28; 39:25-29; Amos 9:4, 5, 15; Jeremiah 30:1-3; 16:14, 15; Hosea 3:4, 5.

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Revelation 21:2, 9-22; 19:7-9; 3:12; 15:2.

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Ezekiel 36:16-24; 37:15-28; 39:25-29; Amos 9:4, 5, 15; Jeremiah 30:1-3; 16:14, 15; Hosea 3:4, 5.

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Exodus 20:13; Matthew 5:21, 22, 43, 44; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 26:52; Revelation 13:10; Romans 12:18-21 Luke 1:39-44; Jeremiah 1:4, 5; Exodus 21:22-24; James 4:1, 2; John 18:36; 1 John 3:15; 2 Corinthians 10:3, 4.

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Genesis 1:29, 30; *Leviticus* 11:46, 47; *Deuteronomy* 14:3-20; *Leviticus* 20:25-26; *Isaiah* 66:15-17; 65:3-4; 2 *Corinthians* 6:17-18; *Revelation* 21:27; 18:2; *Acts* 10:11-15; *Leviticus* 19:26.

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