

“RESET FOR THE GREAT TIMEOUT”

Part 6: “THE RULE OF LIBERTY”

ROMANS 14:1-23 AND SELECTED SCRIPTURES

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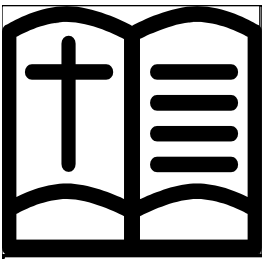
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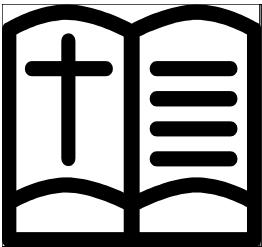


II. UNDERSTANDING YOUR BROTHER AS CHRIST'S SERVANT vv. 4, 7-12

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III. LOVING YOUR BROTHER AND LIVING FREE 13-23

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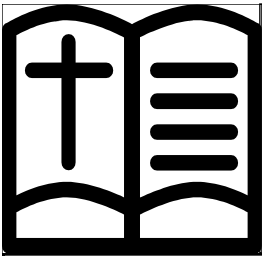
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