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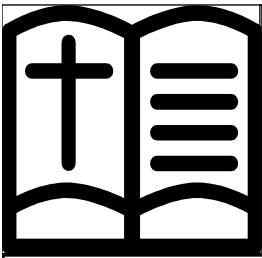
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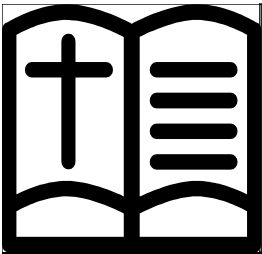
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 3. *An inevitable war, with Michael winning*
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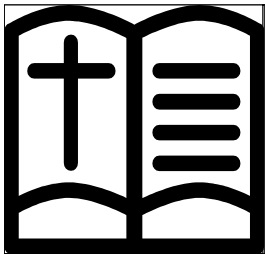
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