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The Transition — (v. 16)

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- The Firstfruits — [Exodus 34:26]

The Grafting (vs. 17-21)

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The Love of God (v. 24)

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