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"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
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For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
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He shall judge between the nations,
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they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
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nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
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