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and the government shall be upon his shoulder;
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Wonderful, Counselor, ... The Prince of Peace

Isaiah 9:6, KJV

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