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For the transgression of a land many are the princes thereof: but by a man of understanding and knowledge the state thereof shall be prolonged.

Proverb 28:2 (KJV)

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Jesus will give them Himself.

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