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those who build it labor in vain.  
Unless the Lord watches over the city,  
the watchman stays awake in vain.
- <sup>2</sup> It is in vain that you rise up early  
and go late to rest,  
eating the bread of anxious toil;  
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<sup>5</sup> The Lord bless you from Zion!

May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
all the days of your life!

<sup>6</sup> May you see your children's children!

Peace be upon Israel!

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