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*DONALD T. ARIEL: Excavations at the City of David 1978-1985 Directed by Yigal Shiloh, Vol. II: Imported Stamped Amphora Handles, Coins, Worked Bone and Ivory, and Glass*

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