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The Dead Sea Scrolls in the Museum Collection - J L Magnes Professor of the Bible Emanuel Tov - 2016-08-17
Under the auspices of the Museum of the Bible Scholars Initiative, teams of scholar-mentors and students working collaboratively present the thirteen fragments of Dead Sea Scrolls in this volume. The fragments are part of the Museum of the Bible Collection in Oklahoma City.

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