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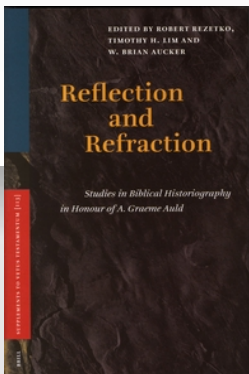
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The centrality of Jerusalem's temple is of crucial importance for the question of when Jerusalem became a holy city did it become the central sanctuary of ancient Israel? The problem is that archaeologically no trace of this temple l

object can be traced back to this edifice, which in literature and tradition has become the most glorious building of serves as the central shrine for a large community, regular pilgrimages become important aspects of the cult of the establishes itself, with public institutions and facilities for the pilgrims: hostels, restaurants, shops, priests and scri Judah, and the most important town of a hierarchically structured settlement system.

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