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1980 'Atonement and Sacrifice in the Qumran Community', in W.S. Green (ed.), *Approaches to Ancient Judaism* (BJS, 9; Chico, CA: Scholars Press): 159-71.

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