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## The Pillars of the First Temple (1 Kgs 7,15–22)

A Study from Ancient Near Eastern, Biblical, Archaeological, and Iconographic Perspectives

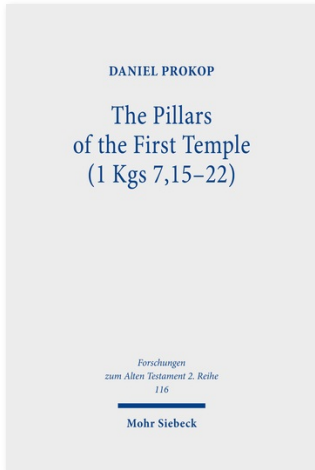
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