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Qumran Studies: New Approaches, New Questions. Edited by MICHAEL THOMAS DAVIS and BRENT A. STRAWN. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2007. ISBN: 978-0-8028-6080-4. xxvii & 296 pages. Paper. \$30.00.

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