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NORDENFALK, Carl. Codex Caesareus Upsaliensis. An Echternach Gospel-book of the eleventh century. *Stockholm, Almqvist & Wiksell, 1971.*

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THOMSON, Rodney M. The Bury Bible. *Woodbridge, Boydell Press, and Tokyo, Yushodo Co., 2001.*

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