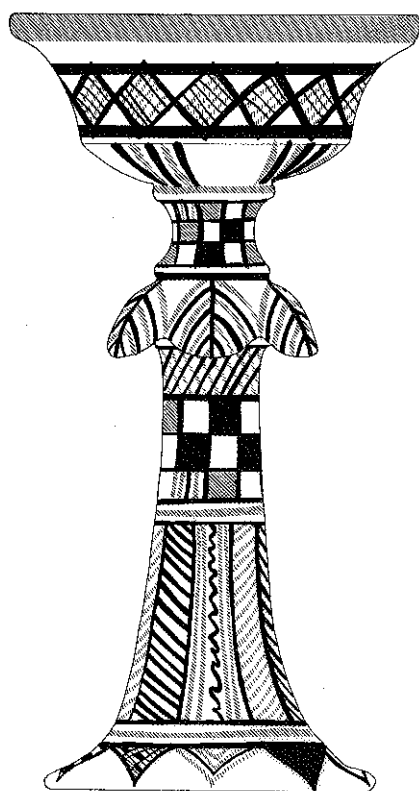


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This volume is the child of a long and drawn out birthing process, one which was assisted by many highly motivated participants. While its completion took much longer than originally planned, it is hoped that the final result was well worth the long wait. As this is hopefully the first of a series of volumes reporting on the results of the ongoing Tell es-Safi/Gath Archaeological Project, I hope that this volume, and the ones that follow, will illustrate the interesting results of the project. Although since the beginning of the project many short studies have been published relating to the various results of the project, the current volume (and those that will follow), should enable a more comprehensive overview of the finds and their significance.

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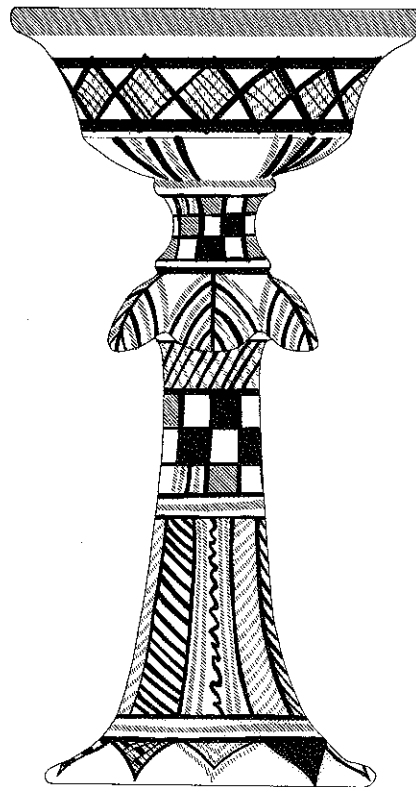
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