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## CHAPTER 11

### POST-QUARRY ACTIVITY (PHASE 4)

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At the bases of two quarry features—F7 and F14—we found evidence for later activities.

L1 was a large and concentrated quantity of Byzantine/Early Islamic potsherds was found in the hollow formed by F7 (Fig. 11.1, Plan 7 [p. 72]). No complete vessels were restorable, suggesting that these sherds were remains of vessels which had already broken before deposition. The walls of the quarry here were also stained by soot. We interpreted this context as a waste deposit.

L4 was located at the base of F14, where a rough and simple dry-stone wall was built across the corner of the quarry, forming an enclosed space (Fig. 11.2, Plan 14 [p. 79]). North of the wall was found a concentration of compacted earth, which was reddish in color as though oxidized by heat. In the enclosed space were found Late Byzantine/Early Islamic sherds; much soot staining was evident on the bedrock surface. We interpreted this feature as a kiln or some form of shelter, in use at the same time as or immediately following the quarrying work.



Figure 11.1. The L1 pottery concentration (facing southwest).



Figure 11.2. The L4 construction set within quarry F14 (facing northwest).