

INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH

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Richard H. Beal spent most of the past year reference checking and copy editing the early entries for the second fascicle of the Š volume of the Chicago Hittite Dictionary. He also found some time to write first drafts of articles.

The last year has seen the appearance of his article, “The Predecessors of Ḫattušili I,” in *Hittite Studies in Honor of Harry A. Hoffner Jr. on the Occasion of His 65th Birthday*, edited by G. Beckman, R. Beal, and J. G. McMahon (Winona Lake, 2003). He argues that if one takes literally the odd genealogy given by Ḫattušili I, trusts the order given in the offering list of dead royalty, and properly places the history of Hittite relations with the kingdom of Zalpa in the reign of Ḫattušili and pays proper attention to the genealogy given to the Hittite royalty mentioned therein, one can come to a clearer understanding of the period of the Hittite kingdom preceding the reign of Ḫattušili I. For this volume, Beal was second editor, along with Professor Hoffner’s fellow students of Hittite: Gary Beckman, University of Michigan, and J. Gregory McMahon, University of New Hampshire.

The past year has also seen the appearance in the *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* of a review *Geschichte des hethitischen Reiches*, a fine political history by Horst Klengel with social history chapters by Fiorella Imparati. During the course of the year, he wrote “Review of *Life and Society in the Hittite World*, by Trevor Bryce,” for the *Journal of the American Oriental Society*. This book forms a mate to Bryce’s *Kingdom of the Hittites* and is of the same high quality; both are highly recommended to anyone interested in the ancient Hittites. For the *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions* he wrote “Review of *Hittite Prayers*, by Itamar Singer”; the volume is a very useful translation of all reasonably well-preserved Hittite prayers. Finally he wrote “Review of *Hattuschili und Ramesses: Hethitier und Ägypter, ihr langer Weg zum Frieden*, by H. Klengel,” for the *Journal of the American Oriental Society*.

Most evenings and weekends were dedicated to aiding in proofreading and reference checking his wife JoAnn Scurlock’s book *Diagnoses in Assyrian and Babylonian Medicine*, written with medical professor Burton Andersen. Beal and Scurlock also gave an illustrated lecture on Mali and Mauritania at the Montgomery Place retirement home.