

In addition to preparing for the first season of archaeological investigations at Harran, LAWRENCE E. STAGER gave an invited lecture at Harvard University, entitled the “Archaeology of the Family in Early Israelite Society,” which will be published in the *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research*. This is an overview of a book he is preparing, which uses archaeological and written sources to reconstruct aspects of ancient Israelite social history. He braids his many-stranded narrative about the complex relationship of kinship, clientship, and kingship—a durable weave that formed the basic fabric of Israelite society for centuries.

In Phoenician studies, his work has focussed on two popular articles dealing with the excavations at Carthage. His keynote address on Phoenician Carthage, delivered last year at the annual meeting of the

Ex Oriente Lux Society in Amsterdam, has been prepared for publication in their journal, where it will appear in Dutch. His research on various Phoenician-Punic amulets (“eye-beads,” bone phalli, and “Eye-of-Horus”) has led to a more general appraisal of their symbolism in a piece entitled “The Phoenicians and the ‘Evil Eye.’ ”