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During the academic year 1994/95, **John Brinkman** completed a series of twelve articles for the *Reallexikon der Assyriologie* on topics of Neo-Babylonian history, including the first detailed study of Nabopolassar in more than seventy years. (Nabopolassar was the founder of the so-called Chaldean dynasty and father of Nebuchadnezzar II, known from the Bible). He also finished a treatment of the geography of Babylonia at the time of the Neo-Assyrian Empire (1000–600 B.C.), which deals with the ancient river regimes in southern Mesopotamia and their effect on population movements and agricultural patterns. His continuing research into Mesopotamian historiography was represented by a short essay on the Mesopotamian chronicle tradition (submitted to the *Journal of the American Oriental Society*) and by a paper on “Expressions of Time in Assyrian Royal Narrative” given at the national meeting of the American Oriental Society (Salt Lake City, March 1995).
