

INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH

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The following publications by **Harry A. Hoffner, Jr.** appeared in the period July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003: "Daily Life among the Hittites," in *Life and Culture in the Ancient Near East*, edited by R. Averbeck, M. W. Chavalas, and D. B. Weisberg, pp. 95–120 (Bethesda: CDL Press, 2003); "The Disabled and Infirm in Hittite Society," in *Eretz-Israel 27* (Hayim and Miriam Tadmor Volume), edited by I. Ephal, A. Ben-Tor, and P. Machinist, pp. 84*–90* (Jerusalem: Israel Exploration Society, 2003); "Theodicy in Hittite Texts," in *Theodicy in the World of the Bible*, edited by A. Laato and J. C. de Moor, pp. 90–107 (Leiden: Brill, 2003).

During that same period the following were submitted for publication or still await publication from much earlier submission: "A Grammatical Profile of the Middle Hittite Mašrat Texts," in *la-a-ma-an-te-et na-ak-ki-i: Studia Anatolica in Memoriam Erich Neu Scripta*, edited by C. Rüster, J. Catsanicos, and R. Lebrun (Louvain-la-Neuve: Peeters); "Hittite ara- 'companion' in quasi-adjectival use," in *Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires 2003* No. 1; "On a Hittite Lexicographic Project," Review of *Hittite Etymological Dictionary*, Vol. 5: *Words beginning with L. Indices to Volumes 1–5*, by J. Puhvel (Trends in Linguistics, Documentation 18; Berlin, 2001); Review of *Corpus of Hieroglyphic Luwian Inscriptions*, by J. David Hawkins; Review of *An Akkadian Handbook*, edited by Douglas B. Miller and R. Mark Shipp; Review of *Systematische Bibliographie der Hethitologie 1915–1995*, by Vl. Soucek and Jana Siegelová; Review of *The Kingdom of the Hittites*, by T. Bryce; Review of *Religions of Asia Minor*, by Maciej Popko; Review of *Ethnoarchaeology of Anatolia. Rural Socio-Economy in the Bronze and Iron Ages*, by Jak Yakar.

Hoffner took three important trips during the year for academic purposes. In September 2002, he flew to Turkey and spent eleven days there, where he spoke at the International Congress of Hittitology (Sept. 2–6) on the meaning of the Hittite modal particle *a-as-ma*. The manuscript of which lecture is in the hands of the editor for publication in the journal *Die Sprache*. He flew back to the United States on September 11th! In February and March of 2003, he taught in Costa Rica for one month, and, at the end, he and his wife toured some of the lovely countryside and rain forests of Costa Rica. From April 3–5, he flew together with Theo van den Hout to Los Angeles to attend the world premiere of the new film *The Hittites*, produced and directed by Tolga Örnek, in which he and Theo, together with other Hittitologists, appear as scholarly commentators.

Most of Hoffner's research during the year was spent on preparation of the lectures given in Corum and Costa Rica, on revising CHD articles together with Theo van den Hout, and on finishing the manuscript of a new grammar of Hittite being written with Craig Melchert.

Despite his busy schedule, Hoffner was also active in guiding University of Chicago graduate students in their dissertation research. He was on the dissertation committee of Mary Bachvarova who submitted and successfully defended her dissertation, and of Robert Hawley whose dissertation on Ugaritic Epistolography was successfully defended on May 16, 2003. Both of these students were awarded Honors for their dissertations, and both now have academic positions.

Off and on during the year, together with Theo van den Hout, he consulted with and advised Sandra Schloen in technical matters relating to publishing Chicago Hittite Dictionary volumes online as the "eCHD."