



Ziggurat at Aqar-Quf

The Kassite Project

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This project is concerned with the history of the Kassites, a non-Semitic people who ruled Babylonia from 1600 to 1150 B.C.

During the past year Dr. Brinkman has traveled to various museums throughout the world in search of cuneiform documents relating to the Kassites. During the winter of 1968/69, he served as Annual Professor for the American Schools of Oriental Research, Baghdad, where he undertook extensive research on the largely unpublished archives unearthed by Iraqi archeologists in 1942-45 at Aqar-Quf, an ancient capital or royal residence of the Kassite dynasty. He also visited the Archeological Museum, Teheran, where he

inspected Kassite boundary stones newly found in western Iran, and the Archeological Museum, Istanbul, which houses the largest known Kassite archive of some 6000 tablets. Short trips were also made to the Yale Babylonian Collection (spring, 1968), the Louvre (spring, 1969), and the British Museum (spring, 1969). Dr. Brinkman is now summarizing the results of this research in a monograph, "Studies in Kassite History, I," which will deal with the written sources of the Kassite period.