

The Kassite Project

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For the past two years, Dr. Brinkman has been conducting research on the history of the Kassites, a non-Semitic people who ruled Babylonia from 1600 to 1150 B.C.

During the past year he has conducted a preliminary survey of the Kassite cuneiform tablets which are housed in the University Museum, Philadelphia. These documents, numbering about 5,000, comprise about half of the famous Nippur archives, part of which were surveyed in Istanbul last year. Dr. Brinkman hopes eventually to undertake a thorough study of all the Nippur tablets from the Kassite period, housed principally in Philadelphia, Istanbul, and Jena.

Dr. Brinkman's detailed study of the Kassite period at Ur was published in *Orientalia* in 1969, and he is currently completing work on manuscripts dealing with Assyro-Babylonian relations in the thirteenth century B.C. and on the cuneiform inscriptions found at Dur-Kurigalzu.