

The lion's share of **Harry A. Hoffner, Jr.'s** research time is spent in collaboration with Hans Güterbock in the production of the Hittite Dictionary. During the fall of 1989 it was necessary for him to prepare the application for a new two-year grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. In December he circulated an announcement of the two Research Associate positions to all centers of research in Hittite studies in the United States and abroad. Applications came in from many younger scholars which had to be evaluated and a choice made among them. When it was announced in early June that we had received the new grant, he corresponded with the applicants of first choice. During 1990 the fourth fascicle of the *Chicago Hittite Dictionary* appeared in print. In consultation with Güterbock, Hoffner selected a firm to manufacture the case binding for the first complete volume of the dictionary and contracted with them for the delivery of a number of separately bound volumes of the dictionary.

In November of 1989 Hoffner lectured on Hittite kingship in The Oriental Institute annual fall symposium, "Images of Power". At the March annual national meeting of the American Oriental Society in Atlanta he gave a lecture "From Head to Toe in Hittite" as part of a panel on the subject of the nomenclature of body parts in various languages of the Near East. In May 1990 he gave a lecture on the last days of the Hittite empire as part of a Brown University symposium entitled "The Twelfth Century B.C.E.: The Crisis Years". All papers and discussion from this symposium will be published in forthcoming issues of the journal *Berytus*.

In 1990 his essay "Hittite Religion", originally published in *The MacMillan Encyclopedia of Religion*, was reissued as part of a new book, *Religions of Antiquity*, targeted at the university textbook market. Also during 1990 he saw to the editing of the manuscript for his book *The Myths of the Hittites*, which is scheduled to be published in November of 1990 by The Scholars' Press as volume two in a new series *Writings from the Ancient World*. Volume one, a translation by Prof. Wentz of Egyptian letters, will appear at the same time. To celebrate the release of these two books the Society of Biblical Literature and the American Academy of Religion have organized a panel for their November meeting in New Orleans. The panel will explore ways to exploit the material for religious studies utilizing the comparative method.