

## Harry Hoffner

**Harry Hoffner**, the John Wilson Professor of Hittitology Emeritus, continues to function as co-editor of the Chicago Hittite Dictionary. Late this winter, Eisenbrauns published a new two-volume *Grammar of the Hittite Language*, authored by Hoffner and Craig Melchert, which intends to replace the widely used introductory grammar by Johannes Friedrich, and at the same time provide a standard reference grammar for advanced students and colleagues. Initial reviews of the book have been very positive.

A second book, entitled *Letters from the Hittite Kingdom*, is in press and will appear by mid-summer in the Society of Biblical Literature series *Writings from the Ancient World*. This book contains editions of around a hundred of the more significant letters written in or from the Hittite world. The volume has a lengthy introductory chapter which describes the why and how of Hittite letter writing. All but two of the letters were translated from Hittite originals; the remaining ones from Akkadian originals.

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