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- 1 The revision of the title of this prominent article of G. F. Assar concerns the so-called “Dark Age” of the early Arsacid domination, ranging from 91 to 55 BC. In comparison with the nearly four centuries of the Parthian control of Asia it is not a long period, but it is still regarded by many scholars as one of the most intriguing topics of Arsacid history as a whole. Problems correlating with the coins issued by some sovereigns and with the chronology of their reigns still remain unsolved, although the first basic elucidation given by D. Sellwood in his erudite contributions sheds new light on this matter. Sellwood’s remarks are now the starting point for the revision of the Author, who is able to arrange previous chronological tables – *i.e.* those proposed by Sellwood and Le Rider –, correlating the numismatic evidences with the references in the contemporary Babylonian cuneiform records.

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