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Dear Brothers,

A brother has done a thorough study of the Neo-Babylonian period in relation to our present understanding of the "appointed times of the nations". His "treatise", which is written in all honesty and sincere love for truth, has been carefully and critically examined by some able brothers, but it has not been possible to refute the arguments and the conclusion that 587 BCE, not 607, is the correct date for the destruction of Jerusalem and its temple. If this conclusion is correct -- and it really seems very hard to avoid all the facts presented -- the consequences will be far-reaching as re. all things we attach to 1914: Christ's parousia, the establishment of God's Kingdom, the ousting out of Satan, etc.

Included is part II of the treatise, dealing with the Neo-Babylonian chronology. We ask you to read it carefully and give your view on it, as this subject concerns all of us very much.

Keenly looking forward to your answer.

With Christian love to all of you.

Your brother,

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