

**Abstract: Scythians against Constantinople: The relationship of Rus' with the Byzantine empire in the *Primary Chronicle***

This article surveys the notions of the *Primary Chronicle* in the context of what Byzantine authors reveal about their respective knowledge of the unknown people whom they call Rus'. Against this background, the article argues that the whole setting of the *Primary Chronicle* was directed to show to Byzantium that the Rus princes, after their conversion to Christianity, could not be identified with the apocalyptic princes Gog and Magog.

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