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## SOME MYSTERIOUS NOTICES ABOUT BULGARIAN HISTORY IN THE RUSSIAN CHRONOGRAPH

(Summary)

Of all the Slavic sources for Bulgarian history, the Russian Chronograph has the largest chronological scope, providing information on events from the settlement of the Bulgarians in the Balkans to the fall of the state under Ottoman rule. The present study focuses on several unclear and unanalyzed reports about the Bulgarians, the information in which differs from the data in other sources. The reasons for these differences should be clarified, as in this way the remaining information can be supplemented. Khan Krum is called “Homer”. It is stated that one of the wives of the Russian Prince Vladimir I Sviatoslavych is Bulgarian. Information related to the reign of Tsar Ivan Asen II is given, which is not borrowed from the sources used in the compilation of the Chronograph. A Bulgarian-Serbian conflict at the end of the reign of Tsar Todor Svetoslav is mentioned, but there is no evidence of such a conflict elsewhere. Some of the reports do not correspond to the facts and are the result of errors of the copyist or compiler. Others deserve special attention because they testify to the spread of Bulgarian writings in Russia, provide additional arguments for some theses, suggest the existence of unpreserved chronicle texts and show how the place of the Bulgarians in world history was understood.

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