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ABOUT SAMUIL AFTER SAMUIL

*(The Conception of King Samuil and his successors in Byzantine Sources of the 11th–12th c.)*

*(Summary)*

The article analyses the conception of the Bulgarian kings, i.e. Samuil and his successors, in two sigilla of the Byzantine Emperor Basil II (976 - 1025) dated to 1019 and 1020, in the Chronicle of John Skylitzes of the 11th c., in the works of the eminent writers of the same epoch, Michael Psellus and Michael Ataliates, of the 12th c. authors Nicephorus Bryennius, Anna Comnena, Michael of Devol and John Zonaras. The author examines the variety of conceptions the different Byzantine circles had of the Bulgarians, their rulers and their state during different times. First they were conceived as rulers of a rebellious people, and after the subjection of the Bulgarian state their names were deliberately mentioned without a title. In the 12th c. the Bulgarian kings began to be mentioned more favourably as royal relatives and as belonging to a royal family.