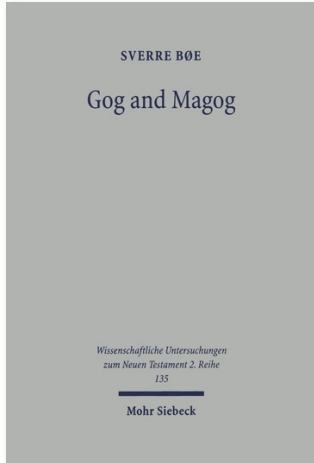


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Sverre Bøe focuses on John's use of various Gog and Magog traditions in Revelation 19,17–20,10. He assembles all these traditions and also refers to several hundreds of scholarly works on these many texts. He further contributes to the ongoing discussions about the inter-textual relationship between Revelation and the Old Testament. He argues that John used Ezekiel 38–39 extensively, and that there are structural analogies between Rev. 19,11–22,5 and Ezek. 36–48. Although Sverre Bøe does not raise the fundamental questions about the so-called millennium in Rev. 20 as such, he gives many implications for that issue also. Finally he concludes that Revelation does not see Gog and Magog as Israel's enemies in an ethnic sense, since John seems to universalize his pre-texts to fit the New Testament notion of God's people as comprising Christians of all nations.

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