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THE CAUCASIA IN IMAGINATIONS OF GREEKS AND CAUCASIANS

In the Caucasian folklore the myth of the giant who made the God angry and was then punished by the God by chaining him to the mountains is fairly widespread. The Caucasus is imprinted with a sacred sign.

The same motive is shown in Greek mythology. Besides Prometheus Zeus punished Cronus and Typhon in the Caucasus.

According to Pherecydes from Scyros the struggle between Olympians and Titans was held in the Caucasus.

Stories with which Greeks were acquainted from local inhabitants caused the reflection of the Caucasus as a place of punishment.

The chained heroes of Caucasian myths are in their geographical area; Greeks put them away from their space near to the borders of chaos.

The giants having struggle against the gods create mosaic pictures in Caucasian folklore. And one of the constructing elements of these pictures entered Greek world and was involved in mythological circulation.