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ANDELO MALY, *Dall'atleta incatenato al campione celeste: Escatologia e metafora agonistica nella Lettera ai Filippesi*, *Supplementi alla Rivista Biblica* 63 (Bologna: Dehoniane, 2017, paper €22) 203 pp. Bibliography. LCN: 2017387882. ISBN: 978-88-10-30250-7.

The revised version of a doctoral dissertation accepted by the Pontificia Università Urbaniana in Rome in 2015, this book examines questions regarding eschatology and the agonistic metaphor that run through Paul's letter to the Philippians. After a three-page introduction, it considers the place and date of Paul's imprisonment, the integrity of Philippians, and the structure of the letter; the context of Paul's eschatology, its language, and eschatology in Philippians; the eschatological "frame" of Philippians (Phil 1:3-11 and 4:2-7); the "testament" of Paul in 1:18c-30; "training" for salvation (2:12-18); conformation and/or transformation (3:7-4:1); and the agonistic metaphor in the Hellenistic world and Paul as an athlete of Christ. Maly concludes that the agonistic and eschatological language of Philippians is interwoven in a very particular way as Paul expresses the various temporal/spatial, individual/collective, and static/dynamic dimensions of the mystery of life in Christ.