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It's GREEK to Me !

*A vocabulary-centric syllabus for*

# INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL GREEK

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This is **Koine'** Greek and **not** **Modern** nor **Archaic** Greek

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Ask for web link to full Classroom Syllabus. It contains:

- Appendix of rare words for sample passages
- Summarized Dictionary of all words covered

## PART 1 - HEAR/SAY BIBLE VOCABULARY IN ROMAN FONT

# 1. Introduction

# Why Learn Biblical Greek?

My original interest in 1985 was faith self-preservation. Skeptics cowed me saying, “*The Greek says...*” - Basic Greek supports unencumbered reading of most English texts.

Ronald Hendrel Quote *from*

“Biblical Scholarship at Risk”, Biblical Archeology Review, May 2017, V43N3, Page 24

Professors reach disparate conclusions. Middle Ages Catholic leaders feared educated elite who created doctrines contrary to Rome. One side’s heresy became other side’s orthodoxy. Over 300 denomination families each claim sole mantle of orthodoxy.

This class gives **basic skills in Greek** but not enough to create another denomination.



Start learning Biblical Greek by HEARING - precept by precept, bit by bit  
hearing first, reading second, writing third

Your brain needs one week to catalog and implant vocabulary of each section.

Your mind captures words through hearing. Repeat words aloud.

Learning: 10% by listening 50% by taking notes 80% by doing

Three strikes against learning Greek:

- vocabulary is mostly foreign (by definition)
- alphabet requires new pattern recognition (brain decoding)
- sentence grammar is signaled and controlled by definite article (“the”)

Greek words, prefixes, and roots permeate English

Alphabetic characters common in Mathematics and Sciences.

# Caveats

A few errors undoubtedly in typography, transliteration, tense, and translation.

Fr. John Karcher (Russian Orthodox), *“I lived in Greece several years attending lectures and reading in Modern Greek. My understanding of Koine is thus limited. There are similarities to Modern Greek, but differences are many.”* - 12/2013

This course is suitable across many churches using most pedestrian translations.  
But task of interpretation gives same word different weight among the churches.

You will not become an expert, but this basic class makes Greek accessible to novices.

# Conundrum of Dialects

Greeks had several dialects, even during classical period

- Spartan (Corinth)
- Athenian (Athens)
- Macedonian (Philippi, Thessalonica)
- Turkish-Persian (Ephesus)

After independence from Ottoman Turks, Greeks fought over their dialects.  
An unpopular government version and fistcuff fights over several street versions.

The Greeks only in last 50 years settled (mostly) on a soft-vowel form.

They **still** vary how they pronounce their letters and break syllables.

Same as with: American English, British English, Australian English.

No one knows how common (Koine) trade Greek sounded.

This course uses an American approximation with a **soft short vowel** approach.

# Pronunciation Conventions

Greek > German > English pronunciations (e.g. soft Greek I became harsh English J).

Some texts pronounce Greek with long vowels and harshly spoken.

Modern Greek emphasizes softly spoken words.

Textual conventions help define possible **audible** sound of each Koine Greek word.

Soft vowels (lower case):                    a, e, i, o, u                    = is “equivalent to”

Long Vowels (Upper case):                E, O                    ‘-’ is a syl-la-ble break

Diphthongs: ei (fate), ui (queen), ai (aisle), eu (U), ou (soup), au (cow), oi (boy)

(Parenthesis) contains similar English words

About the  $\eta$ : Machen (Westminster Seminary, 1923) treated it as long A (as in **late**) but nearly everyone treats it as long E (as in **tree**). Regardless, pronunciation will not affect written translations.

I use ancient **soft short vowels** unless explicitly noting a long vowel in upper case.

O or o is o-micron (little O) while  $\Omega$  or  $\omega$  is o-mega (big O)

# *How does Modern Greek Differ?*

Letter(s)	Ancient Greek	Modern Greek
ι	‘i’ as in pit	‘E’ as in tree
ο	‘o’ as in not	‘o’ as in not (1947) or ‘O’ as in open (2000)
υ	‘u’ as in up	‘E’ as in tree
αι	‘I’ as in aisle	‘e’ as in red
ει	‘A’ as in fate	‘E’ as in tree
οι	‘oi’ as in boy	‘E’ as in tree
υι	‘wE’ as in queen	‘E’ as in tree
αυ	‘au’ as in cow	‘av’ or ‘af’ (that is, not a diphthong )
ευ	‘U’ as in eulogy	‘ev’ or ‘ef’ (“ “ “ )
ηυ	‘U’ as in eulogy	‘iv’ or ‘if’ (“ “ “ )
ου	‘ou’ as in soup	‘u’ as in put or ‘oo’ as in book
β	‘b’ as in bad	‘v’ as in vase (‘b’ is now spelt μπ !)
γ	‘g’ as in get	‘g’ as in get (1947) or ‘y’ as in yellow (2000)
δ	‘d’ as in dad	‘th’ as in father (‘d’ is now spelt ντ !)



# "As-the-ox-turns-in-ploughing"

(the Greeks called it "boustrophedon" = bou=ox, strophedon=turning)

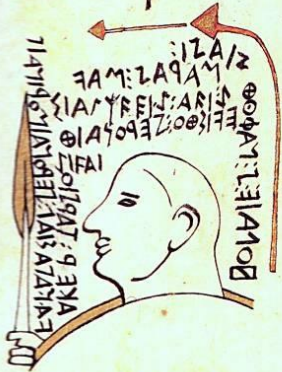
This was a way of writing in ancient Greece – back and forth. Notice how the E's and K's get turned around, in alternate lines.



This seems to have been what got our letters turned around and headed in the opposite direction from the way the Phoenicians had originally written them.  $\exists \rightarrow E$   $\text{N} \rightarrow \text{N}$   $\text{X} \rightarrow \text{K}$

But in those days it didn't make much difference which way a letter faced, or even if it stood on its head!  $\nabla \leftarrow A \rightarrow$  (our letter A is an ox-head turned upside-down)

And the line of writing could climb up and down,



or go around



as easily as run horizontally in either direction.

Nothing was "standard" until Athens got upper hand and standardized:

- letter shapes
- direction of writing
- direction each letter faced

They liked left-to-right direction.

Page 19 from: "Alphabet Makers", 1991, (from a display at Museum of Alphabet, Waxhaw, North Carolina), a museum hosted by Summer Institute of Linguistics (Wycliffe Bible Translators)

# Tool and App Resources – See Appendix

- Biblical Greek Flash Cards – Free and low cost apps (for part two of course)
- Greek New Testament – United Bible Societies (UBS2/NA25 through UBS5/NA28)
  - UBS Greek New Testament
  - UBS Greek-English Dictionary of New Testament
- Greek Interlinear New Testament
- Strong's Exhaustive Concordance with Greek/Hebrew Dictionaries
- Enter Greek phonetic in search and see how many times used in which books:
  - <http://www.biblestudytools.com/lexicons/greek> (For either KJV or NAS)
  - <https://www.studylight.org/lexicons/greek.html> (Has pronunciation voiced)
  - Both sites offer free download of Greek for your Windows Font folder
  - “SIL” = “Summer Institute of Linguistics”, a branch of Wycliffe Translators

At end of this course, you can parse at least half the words of Romans 1

**1** Παῦλος δοῦλος Χριστοῦ Ἰησοῦ<sup>1</sup>, κλητὸς ἀπόστολος  
ἁφωρισμένος εἰς εὐαγγέλιον θεοῦ,<sup>a</sup> **2** ὃ πρόεπηγγείλατο  
διὰ τῶν προφητῶν αὐτοῦ ἐν γραφαῖς ἁγίαις<sup>b</sup> **3** περὶ τοῦ  
υἱοῦ αὐτοῦ τοῦ γενομένου ἐκ σπέρματος Δαυὶδ κατὰ  
σάρκα, **4** τοῦ ὀρισθέντος υἱοῦ θεοῦ ἐν δυνάμει κατὰ  
πνεῦμα ἁγιωσύνης ἐξ ἀναστάσεως νεκρῶν, Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ

But do not worry about Greek alphabet yet. We will use Latin/Roman fonts.



# exhaustive concordance

Compact Edition

SHOWING EVERY WORD OF THE TEXT OF THE COMMON ENGLISH VERSION  
OF THE CANONICAL BOOKS,

AND

EVERY OCCURRENCE OF EACH WORD IN REGULAR ORDER;

TOGETHER WITH

DICTIONARIES OF THE HEBREW AND GREEK WORDS

OF THE ORIGINAL,

WITH REFERENCES TO THE ENGLISH WORDS:

By JAMES STRONG, S.T.D., L.L.D.

Lu 1:54 He hath holpen his s' Israel, in 3816  
69 for us in the house of his s' David; 1401  
2:29 lettest thou thy s' depart in peace, 1401  
7:2 a certain centurion's s', who was  
8 that he would come and heal his s'.  
7 a word, and my s' shall be healed. 3816  
8 to my s'. Do this, and he doeth it. 1401  
10 the s' whole that had been sick.  
12:43 Blessed is that s', whom his lord  
45 But and if that s' say in his heart,  
46 lord of that s' will come in a day  
47 that s', which knew his lord's will.  
14:17 And sent his s' at supper time to say  
21 So that s' came, and shewed his lord  
21 angry said to his s', Go out quickly  
22 the s' said, Lord, it is done as thou  
23 lord said unto his s', Go out into  
16:13 No s' can serve two masters: for 3610  
17:7 having a s' plowing or feeding 1401  
9 Doth he thank that s' because he  
19:17 said unto him, Well, thou good s':  
22 will I judge thee, thou wicked s'.  
20:10 he sent a s' to the husbandmen,  
11 And again he sent another s': and  
22:50 them smote the s' of the high priest,  
Joh 8:34 committeth sin is the s' of sin.  
85 the s' abideth not in the house for  
12:26 I am; there shall also my s' be: 1249  
13:16 The s' is not greater than his lord: 1401  
15:15 s' knoweth not what his lord doeth:  
20 The s' is not greater than his lord.  
18:10 and smote the high priest's s', and  
4:25 Who by the mouth of thy s' David 3816  
Ro 1:1 Paul, a s' of Jesus Christ, called 1401  
14:4 that judgest another man's s' 3610  
16:1 sister, which is a s' of the church 1249  
subject: sent by Phebe s' of the church

NOUN

VERB

KOINE  
GREEK

TRANS-  
LITERATED  
AS:

FRANKED  
AS:

TRANSLATED  
AS:

1393. Δορκάς **Dōrkas**, dor-kas'; gazelle; Dorcas,  
a Chr. woman:—Dorcas.  
1394. δόσις **dōsis**, dos'-is; from the base of 1325;  
a giving; by impl. (concr.) a gift:—gift, giving.  
1395. δότης **dōtēs**, dot'-ace; from the base of  
1325; a giver:—giver.  
1396. δουλαγωγέω **dōulagōgēō**, doo-lag-ogue-  
eh'-o; from a presumed comp. of 1401 and 71; to be a  
slave-driver, i.e. to enslave (fig. subdue):—bring into  
subjection.  
1397. δουλεία **dōulēia**, doo-li'-ah; from 1398;  
slavery (cér. or fig.):—bondage.  
1398. δουλεύω **dōulēuō**, doo-yoo'-o; from 1401;  
to be a slave to (lit. or fig., invol. or vol.):—be in bond-  
age, (do) serve (-ice).  
1399. δούλη **dōulē**, doo'-lay; fem. of 1401; a  
female slave (invol. or vol.):—handmaid (-en).  
1400. δούλον **dōulon**, doo'-lon; neut. of 1401;  
subservient:—servant.  
1401. δούλος **dōulos**, doo'-los; from 1210; a slave  
(lit. or fig., invol. or vol.; frequently therefore in a  
qualified sense of subjection or subserviency):—bond  
(-man), servant.  
1402. δουλῶ **dōulō**, doo-lō'-o; from 1401; to en-  
slave (lit. or fig.):—bring into (be under) bondage,  
X given, become (make) servant.  
1403. δοχή **dōchē**, dokh-ay'; from 1209; a recep-  
tion, i.e. convivial entertainment:—feast.  
1404. δράκων **drakōn**, drak'-own; prob. from an  
alt. form of δέркоμαι **dērkōmai** (to look); a fab-  
ulous kind of serpent (perh. as supposed to fasci-  
nate):—dragon.  
1405. δράσσομαι **drassōmai**, dras'-som-ahē;  
perh. akin to the base of 1404 (through the idea of  
capturing); to grasp, i.e. (fig.) entrap:—take.  
1406. δραχμή **drachmē**, drakh-may'; from 1405;  
a drachma or (silver) coin (as handled):—piece (of  
silver).  
δρέμω **drēmō**. See 5143.  
1407. δρέπω **drēpō**, drēp'-an-on; from  
δρέπω **drēpō** (to pluck); a gathering hook (espec.

Many reference Strong's 4-digit  
dictionary number. For modern  
translations, just use Dictionary.

## Each entry contains:

- 4-Digit Dictionary Number
- Koine for subject noun or first-  
person present-tense verb
  - Not actual word in verse
  - It is root subject noun ... or  
root present-tense verb
  - Grammar adds prefixes and  
suffixes for plural and tenses
- strict transliteration
- phonetic pronunciation
- probable parent word (if any)
- words typical for translations

<p>PAUL, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, 2 (which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,) 3 concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; 4 and declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead: 5 by whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith</p>	3972	1401†	2424	5547	2822	652	873
	ΠΑΥΛΟΣ	δοῦλος	ἡ	Ἰησοῦ	χριστοῦ,	κλητὸς	ἀπόστολος,
	Paul,	bondman	of	Jesus	Christ,	a called	apostle,
		1519	2098	2316	3739	4279	1223
	ρισμένος	εἰς	εὐαγγέλιον	θεοῦ,	2 ὃ	προεπηγγείλατο	διὰ
	rated	to	glad tidings	of God,	which	he before promised	through.
	3588	4396	848	1722	1124	40†	4012 3588 5207†
	τῶν	προφητῶν	αὐτοῦ	ἐν	γραφαῖς	ἁγίαις,	3 περὶ τοῦ υἱοῦ
		his prophets		in	“writings	“holy,	concerning “Son
	848	3588	1096	1537	4690	1138	2596
	αὐτοῦ,	τοῦ	γενομένου	ἐκ	σπέρματος	ἡ	κατὰ
	“his,	who	came	of [the]	seed	of David	according to
	4561	3588	3724	5207†	2316 1722	1411†	2596
	σάρκα,	4 τοῦ	ὀρισθέντος	υἱοῦ	θεοῦ	ἐν δυνάμει,	κατὰ
	flesh,	who	was marked out	Son	of God	in power,	according to [the]

Greek Interlinear of Romans 1:1-4 (Uses Strong's 4-digit Dictionary number)

# Roots and Prefixes you ALREADY know

Prefixes made it into English

- auto-, hyper-, hypo-, macro-, micro-, para-, philo-, poly-, tele-

Science prefixes .... many –ologies (“Words about ....”) - Bio-logy = Words about Life

- archeo-, anthropo-, bio-, geo-, hydro-, paleo-, pharmaco-, psycho-, theo-, zoo-

Roots made it into English

- graph, logic, paternal, maternal, phone, phobia, cardiac

A few words made it un-translated into Latin ... and thus into liturgical text

- kurios - kyrie, episkopos, eucharist

A few words made it un-translated into Spanish

- ekklesia = Iglesia, ang-gelos

A few words made it un-translated into English

- baptizo, ang-gelos

# English often combines Greek words

logos	word		
gE	earth (as in dirt)	(ge-ology	= words about dirt)
nomos	law/rules		
ergon	work (noun)	(ergonomic	= rules about work)
phobos	fear	(ergophobia	= fear of work)

## A possible reason how Greek u became a Latin y

The upsilon Greek letter in lower case (υ) looks like a Latin u

The upsilon Greek letter in upper case (Υ) looks like a Latin Y

<b>Morpheme</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Example English Word</b>
andr	Man	Android
anthrop	Humankind	Anthropology [see logy]
arch	Rule; govern	Anarchy [both Arch and Archae have sense of 'first']
archae	Ancient; old	Archaeology [see logy]
biblio	Book	Bibliophobia: fear of books [see phobia]
caco; kako	Bad	Cacography: poor handwriting [see graph]
chron	Time	Chronological
cycl	Circle	Bicycle
dem	People	Democracy
dyn; dun	Power	Dynasty
erg	Work	Ergonomics: maximize productivity in workplace
eu	Good	Euphony: pleasant combinations of sound [see phon]
gen	Origin; kind	Genesis: first book in Bible
geo	Earth	Geology: study of earth [see logy]
graph	Write; record	Telegraph [see tele]
hem; haem	Blood	Hemorrhage:
hemi	Half	Hemisphere
hetero	different	Heterogeneous: Differing in kind [see gen]
homo	Same	Homogenous: Having a resemblance in structure [see gen]

iso	Equal	Isography: Imitation of another's handwriting [see graph]
log	Word	Dialog: (dia: through) + (logos: speech, reason)
logy; ology	Discourse; learn	Trilogy: a set of three works of art that are connected
macro	Large	Macrocosm: any large thing; universe
mega	Huge	Megalomania [see mania]
meter	Measure	Diameter
micro	Small	Microscopic [see scop]
mono	One	Monopoly
ortho	Correct; straight	Orthodontics
pan	All	Pandemic [see dem]
para	Beside	Parallel
path	Feeling; disease	Sociopath
phil	Love	Philanthropy [see anthrop]
phobia	Fear of	Arachnaphobia: fear of spiders
phon	Sound	Euphonic: Pleasing to ear [see eu]
poly	Many	Polymath: a person expert in different subject areas
skop	Look at	Kaleidoscope
stat; stas	Stop	Static: showing little or no change
tel; tele	Far; distant; end	Telephone [see phon]
theo	God	Atheist

# What is in a Word?

Greek words have common structure with **roots** to guide beginners.

This basic principle will help you parse many hundreds of words.



Noun/adjective: {prefixes} || **root(s)** || case suffix

The case suffix: singular/plural describing subject/object/of/for (eight cases per noun)

Verb/adverb: {Past-tense flags and/or prefixes} || **root(s)** || {augment} || declension



This course eliminates most verb declensions:

**I say,**    you say,        he says,        we say,        y'all say,        they say

We will focus upon verbs using First-Person Present-Tense: **I say**

# Minimal Grammar

Learn the **definite article**, especially two frequent versions (of 24).

ho / hE            **the**            ordinary definite article (... as in "This particular red shiny car")  
tou                **of the**          genitive definite article (... pronounced as in "toot")

Adjectives in Greek easily interchange and mean same thing. Not so in English.  
The amazing red car = The red amazing car

We **might** offset multiple adjectives by commas.

The Lord, Jesus Christ      The Christ, Lord Jesus              The Lord, Christ Jesus  
All variations in Greek mean same thing, namely: Jesus as the anointed Lord.

All endings **within a single phrase** nearly always **match**

- The amazing red car              No endings match in English
- **to**u kuri**ou** khrist**ou**              BUT **all** endings match in Greek
- **ho** khrist**os** kuri**os**              All endings match in Greek ... ho is an **-os** word



## **2. Common Nouns**

# ***-os Nouns***

Nouns have feminine (-E or -sis) or masculine (-os) ending ... similar to Spanish.

(-os as "ahs" as in "boss" ... yet many still pronounce o-micron as long "O")

doulos	slave/bond-servant	(outdoor servant)
logos	word	(logo, logic, geology)
puros	fire	(pyrotechnic, pyromaniac)

## **Heavenly Roles**

ang-gelos	messenger	(angel)
kurios	Lord	(kyrie in Latin), Magistrate, Mister
theos	God	(Theophany = God Appearance)
khristos	anointed (one)	(Christ)

## **Church Roles**

apo-stolos	away from robed (one)	missionary, apostle
diakonos	deacon	(indoor house servant)
epi-skopos	upon-viewing (one)	(overseer, bishop, Episcopalian)
ha-gios	holy (one), saint	(Sophia Hagios = Holy Wisdom Church)
ma-thE-tEs	disciple	(mathematics), One who learns

# Common Endings

-os	singular subject noun ("ahs" as in "boss")	theos	(God)
-oi	plural subject noun (a diphthong as "boil")	ang-geloi	(angels)
-ou	"of" object clause (a diphthong as "you")	agapeou theou	(love of God)
-on	acted upon object	ton theon	(the God)

For example (nearly all -os nouns follow this pattern):

- hagi<sup>os</sup>/-on holy (one) (a saint) - an adjective alone becomes "one"
- hagi<sup>ou</sup> of (a) holy (one) (of a saint) - without "the"; "a" or "an" implied
- hagi<sup>oi</sup> holy (ones) (saints)
- hoi polloi the many many (the huddled masses yearning to breathe free)

# *Proper Names are Phonetic*

Not all names match endings - Greek tries to sound out 'foreign' names

i-E-sous      Jesus      (from **Aramaic**)

**Arabic:**      E-sa

**Spanish:**      he-sous

**Hebrew:**      Y'-shua

Paul<sup>os</sup>      Paul      (from **Greek**)

Titus      Titus      (from **Roman Latin**)

Dauid      David      (from **Hebrew**)

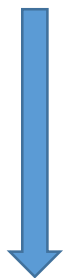
## Expanding Groups of People

la-<sup>os</sup>      people in local community      (laity)

okh-<sup>los</sup>      crowd, mob

hoi polloi      the people on street, local population, common riff-raff

eth-nos      people groups, nations      (ethnic)



# Acrostics (or not)

Fish icon with Greek letters **ΙΧΘΥΣ** means -

- ikh-thus          fish          (ich-thology = words about fish)

Each letter stands for a word:

- i-E-sous          Jesus
- khristos          Christ
- theos          God
- 'uios          Son
- sOter          Savior

Church Emblem –          **Χρ**          khi-rho

Sounds like, but is **not** Cairo, the city. It is **not** “Pax Roma” (Peace of Rome)

It is merely first two Greek letters of:          khristos Christ

“Secular” Church Emblem –          **Χ**-mas

X is merely first Greek letter of:          khristos Christ

Church Emblem –          **ΙΗΣ**

It is **not** “In His Service”, **nor** acronym for “Jesus of Nazareth, Savior”

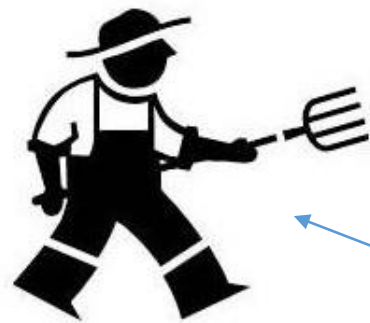
It is merely first three Greek letters of:          i-E-sous Jesus

(**Η** is upper case for Greek letter “Eta”)

# New Words

ana-stasis	Up from static non-moving position (Resurrection. Name: Anastasia)	
eu-	good	(prefix ... as in "Eulogy" and "Eucharist")
eu-ang-gel-ion	good message bearing	(ev-ang-gel-ism .... evangelism)
koi-nE	common	(Koine Greek was common trade language)
koi-nO-nia	fellowship	(Having things in common)
leOn	lion	(many endings still mean lion ... leOnta, leOntos, etc.)
para-ka-leO	I call alongside	(verb)
para-kle-te	one called alongside	(Comforter, e.g. Holy Spirit)
klEtos	called (one)	
pneu-ma	wind powered	(specifically Holy Spirit, pneumatic drill, pneumonia)
pneu-matos	spirit	

## Lesson 2: Visual Review



Is he indoors  
or outdoors?



# **3. People Roles**



## Family Roles (these roots are gender specific, but a mixed group uses masculine)

gu-nE	woman	(gynecology)	thE-lus	female (sexuality)
a-n <u>E</u> r	man		ar-sEn	male (sexuality)
gu-nai-kos	wife			
an-dros	husband	(android) – oddly found under anEr in dictionary		
mEt <u>E</u> r, mEtros	mother	(maternal)		
pat <u>E</u> r, patros	father	(paternal)		
thu-gatEr, thu-gatros	daughter	("The darling little thugs")		
'uios (wee-os)	son			
adel-phE	sister			
adel-phos	brother	(Philadelphia - Friendship of Brothers)		

## Family Roles (this second set is not always gender specific)

bre-phos	infant	(even if not yet born)
pai-dion	toddler	(little child) - Imagine child pit-PAD-ding around
tek-non	child/teen	(To understand technology, ask a child!)
par-thenos	virgin	(Septuagint <b>by Jewish scholars</b> for Hebrew: Almah)
	Parthenon in Athens named after Athena Parthenos (Virgin Athena)	

# Other Roles

an-thro-pos	human, mankind
ar-khOn	ruling person
basileus	king
dia-bolos	devil
doulos	slave
egO	I
eimi	I am
er-gatEs	workman
eth-nos	ethnic group, nation
hupo-kritEs	actor
krites	judge
kritikos	decider
para-lutikos	paralyzed person
philos	friend
presbuteros	elder (of tribe)
sOter	savior

(not gender, anthropology = words about humans)  
 (point person, archeology = words about first times)  
 (in his basilica)  
 (accuser/slanderer, bolE = a throw [of a stone])

(“egO eimi” is thus redundant, but commonly used)  
 (ergonomic = rules about work)

(One under criticism/judgment ... by an audience)

(critic)  
 (paralytic, luO = I loosen)  
 (one loved like a friend)  
 (elderly aged leader, Presbyterian)

## Lesson 3: Visual Review



# 4. Prepositions

# Prepositions (up/down, in/out, above/below, etc.)

Pre-positions describe spatial relationships. Prepositional prefixes come as part of a phrase.

Noun ending in phrase explains how to translate a preposition.

While meaning depends upon grammar, options come down to these few basics:

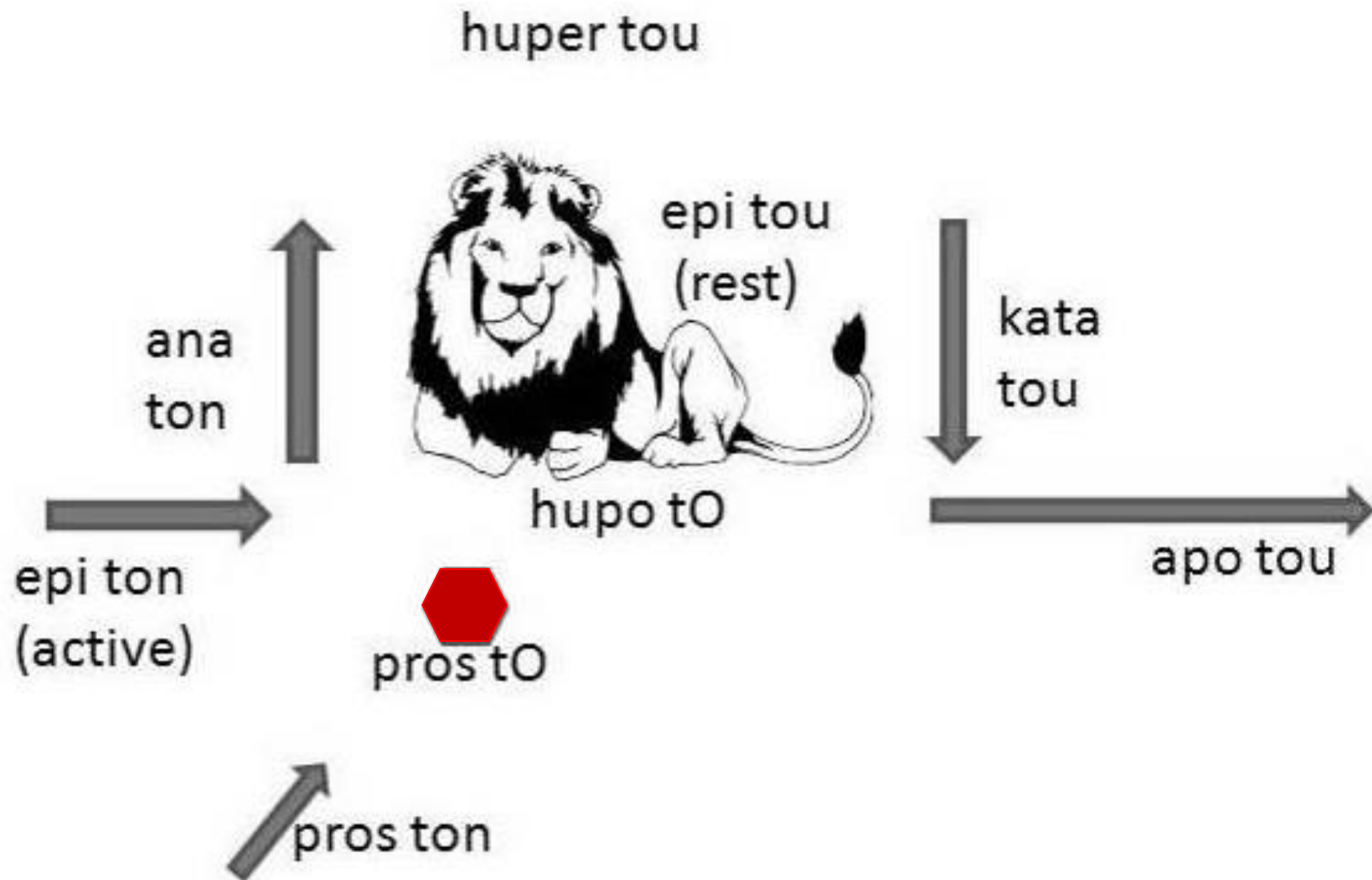
ana	up from, up to, against	( <b><u>not</u></b> same as 'a-' <not> or 'anti-' <against>)
kata	down from, according to	(e.g. "Story came down to me from"), against
eis	into, to	
ek /ex	out, out of	(exit, ek-klEsia (church) = called out (ones))
en	in, inside	
epi	upon, over	(active: "I came upon"; at rest: "I sat upon") (epiphany)
huper	above, beyond, over	(Hyperactive)
hupo	below, under	(Hypodermic, Hypoglycemic)

meta	with, after	(metadata, metaphysics, metamorphic)
para	near, alongside, beside	(parable, paradigm, parallel, paradox)
peri	about, around	(perimeter, periscope)
apo	away from, from	
pro	before, in front of	(prologue = a word before)
pros	facing, at, intended for	
	prosOpon pro prosOpon = Face before Face (... see God face to face.)	
de	but, and, moreover	(... not a preposition)
di / dia	through, on account of	(like 'via', way )
meta	with	
sun	with	
sun-agO-gE	with way of life, gathered with (synagogue) – from: agO (I lead)	

We use a lion as our reference point on next page. 'Leon' in French is Greek pronunciation. 'Leo' the lion within the MGM movie banner is short version of 'Leon'.

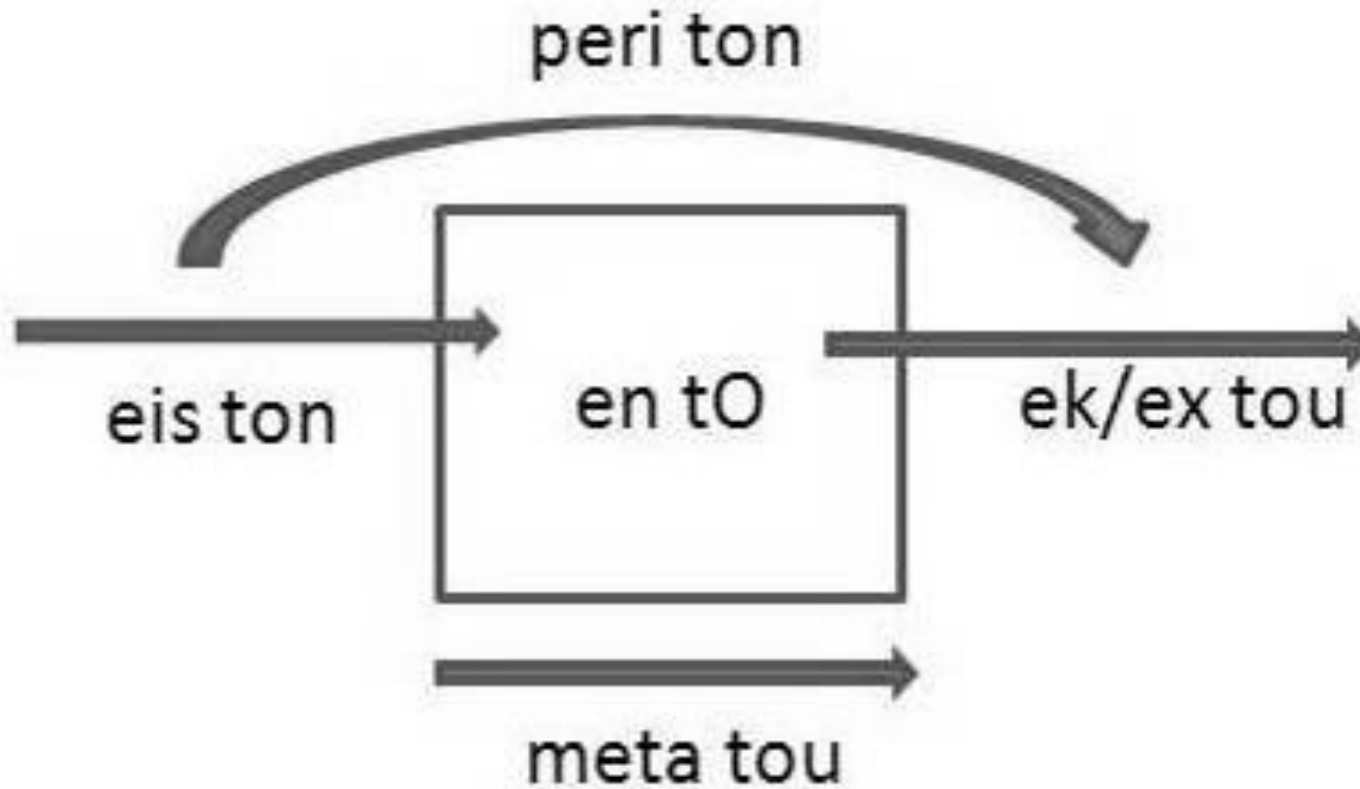
The panel describes **YOUR POSITION** in respect to Leon with these definitive articles:

- tou            **of the, from the** (object ... that is, the lion)
- ton           **the** (acted-upon object ... that is, the lion)
- tO            **for the** (This is unusual concept ... think of “stopping in place”)





Pretend as if looking down at the leon:



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# **5. Can I Buy a Noun?**

# Victory and Awe

Words have **numerous** suffix endings, especially verbs, but nouns as well.

As a beginner, focus upon detecting the **root**.

<b>ni-kE</b>	win, victory	(Greek winged goddess of victory)
<b>ni-kaO</b>	I gain victory	(verb)
<b>ni-kE-laos</b>	victory [of] people	(name: Nicholas)
<b>ni-ko-dEmos</b>	victor [of] people	(Democracy = Strength through People, name: Nicodemus)

Side Note:

<b>ti-maO theos</b>	I honor God	(name: Timothy ... <b>not</b> timidity)
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# Church Words We Know

Some church words retain their original language format. They moved from Greek ... to Latin ... to early Church Services in England ... to Old English ... to American English.

bap-tidzO	immerse, overwhelm	(Baptize)
kharis / kharin	unmerited favor	(Grace)
kharis-mata	undeserved (Grace) gifts	(Charisma, Charismatic)
		-mata is plural
doxa, doxos	glory	(Doxology = Words about Glory)
eu-khar-isto	good grace – Give Thanks – Thanksgiving – Thank You!	(Eucharist)
eu-ang-gellion	good message	(Evangelism)
la-os	people	(Laity)
mar-turia	witness	(Martyr) ... a pre-Greek loan word
pas-kha	Passover	(Paschal Lamb) ... Hebrew pesakh

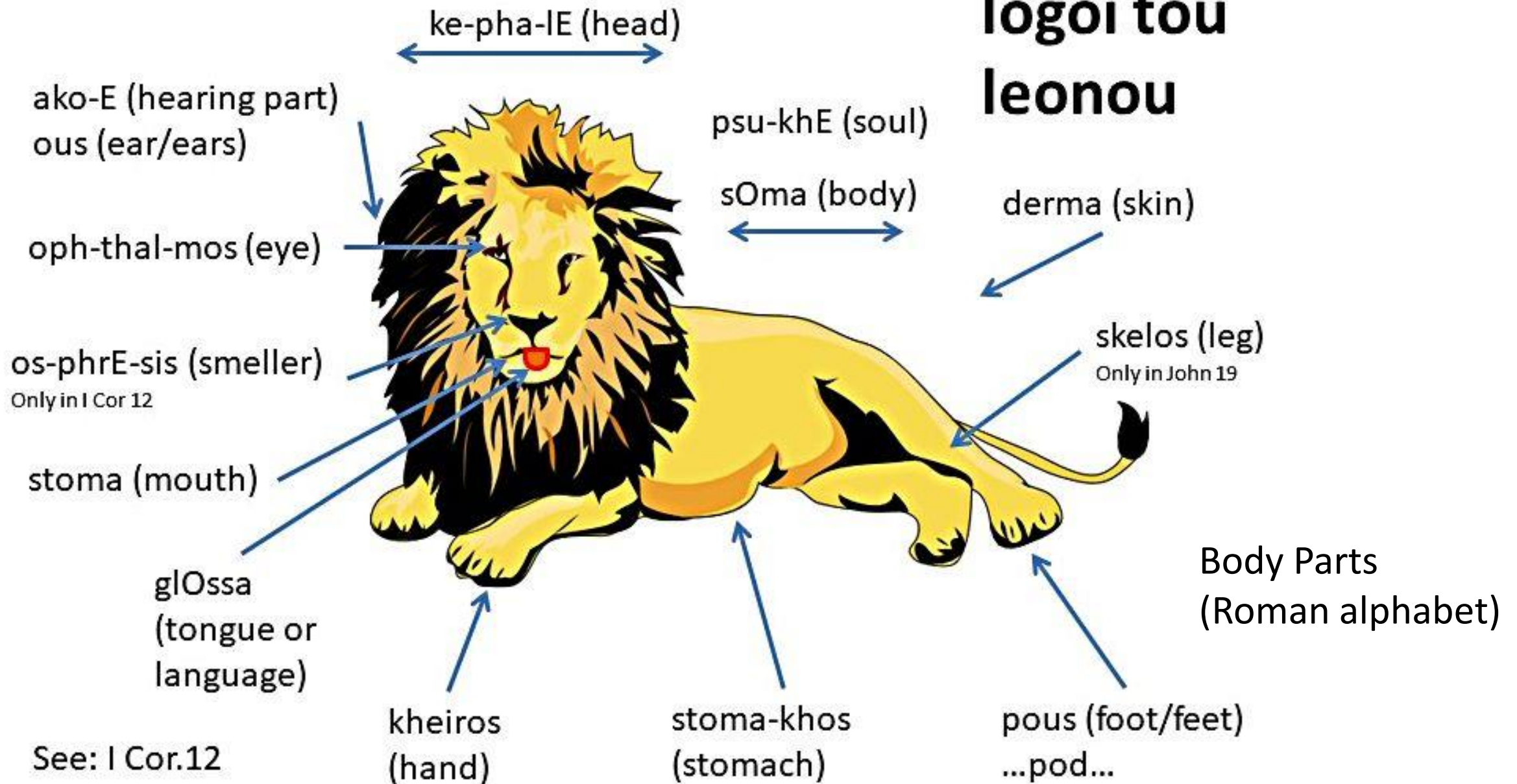
# Places

basileia	kingdom	(ruled from a Basilica)
ha-dEs	underworld	(Greek god of underworld, later meant Hell)
de-ka-polis	Ten (Greek) Cities	(on eastern shore of Galilee)
kos-mos	cosmos, world	(cosmology=words about cosmos, cosmopolitan=world of city)
ne-kro-polis	city of dead	(cemetery)
polis	'many' in a locale, a city	(political)
rO-mE	Rome	
rOmaiou	of Roman people	(say it like Luigi)
thea-tron	theatre/spectacle	(theatre) – Acts 19:29,31 theos = god; thea = goddess
topos	place, room	(topology, topographic map)

# Other Church Words

ana-stasis	up from (against) stasis/static (resurrection)	
ei-rE-nE	peace	(Greek goddess of Peace, Name: Irene)
ek-kIE-sia	church	(called out (ones), Spanish: iglesia, from: kaleO (I call/invite))
pistis, pisteOs	faith, trust	
pistos	faithful (one)	

# logoi tou leonou



# Body Parts

ako-E	hearing part, ear	(acoustic)
derma	skin	(dermatology, epidermis)
glOssa	tongue or language	(glossary)
ke-pha-lE	head	(cephalic)
kheiros	hand	
os-phrE-sis	smelling part	only used in 1 Cor 12
ous	ear or ears	
oph-thal-mos	eye	(ophthalmology)
podos	foot	(...pod... is a root in other words, podiatry)
pous	foot , feet	(exclusively standalone noun)
skelos	leg	(skeleton) only used in John 19
stoma	mouth	(stomach)
stoma-khos	stomach	
sOma	body	(psychosomatic)
psu-khE	soul	(psychology)



# Agriculture

a-gros	field	
ar-tos	bread	
den-dros	tree	(nerve dendrons, rhodadendron)
thu-ra	door	(thoroughfare)
hip-pos	horse	(hippodrome = horse racetrack)
kar-pos	fruit	(but modern Greek: phrouta, ... silly but true)
oi-kos	house	
oi-nos	wine	
po-tos	drinking banquet	(potable drinkable water)
po-ta-mos	drinkable river	(hippo-potamus = river horse; Meso-potamia = between rivers; mesos = middle)
sper-matos	something sown, seed, sperm (plants or animals)	
		In parable of wheat and tares, Matthew 13:24 emphasizes <u>sowing</u>
spo-ros	spores (plants), seed	
		In parable of sower, Luke 8:11 emphasizes <u>item sown</u> (as received)
bios	state of existence	(sense of function and sustenance, lifespan)
zO-E	life	(zoo, zoology = words about life ... sense of spark)

# Hey, Rocky!

petra	↑	(mass of) rock, bedrock	(petroleum = rock oil)	Matt 7:24
petros		(chunk of the) rock, boulder	(name: Peter)	
lithos		(hand-sized) rock, stone	(lithography = rock writing)	Matt 23:37 I Peter 2:5
psE-phos		(small) stone, gemstone	(sized for casting of lots)	Rev 2:17

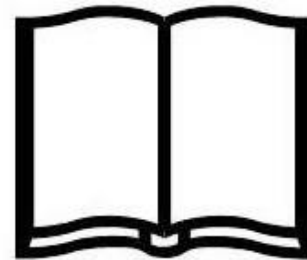
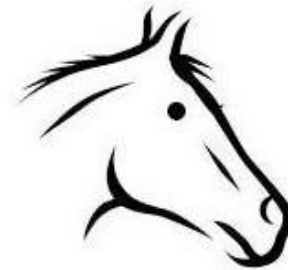
“Your name is **Petros**, and upon this **Petra**, I will build my church.”  
(Do **not** read too much into this. Churches interpret it differently.)

Cephas (kEphos, not psE-phos) is Aramaic equivalent for Petros  
Simon references the tribe of Simeon

# Documentation

apo-ka-lupsis (f)	away from covered ...	hence: as an uncovered cook pot
apo	away from	ka-luptO I hide, I cover
biblos / biblion	book	(Bible, Bibliography, Spanish: biblioteca = library)
ei-kOn	image, reflection	(a drawing, icon, iconography, iconoclastic)
es-kha-tos	last	(eschatology = words about last things, scat)
gramma	text, letter	(grammar, grammatical)
graptoS	written	( <u>rarely</u> a drawing)
graphE	text, scripture	(graphic, photograph = text about light)
graphais hagais	text holy	(Holy Scriptures) – Romans 1:2
hiera grammata	sacred text	(Holy Scriptures) – II Tim 3:15
kritErion	rule for judging	(criteria, criterion)
logos	word	(Prologue = A before word)
logi-kos	logical, rational	(logic) – An adjective that acts as a noun
	“Present bodies as living sacrifice, which is <b>logical</b> service” - Rom.12:1	
no-mos	law	(Deutero-nomy - Second (giving of) Law)
para-bolE	parable	(story thrown alongside truth (bolE = throw [of a stone]))
pro-ep-ang-gel-omai	before upon message, promise I made	long ago –verb acts as noun

## Lesson 5: Visual Review



# **6. Counting, Time, & Definitive Article**

# Counting

eis/hen (1), duo (2), treis/tria (3), tetra (4),  
pente (5), hex (6), hepta (7), oktO (8), ennea (9)

deka	10	hen-deka (one and ten = 11) dO-deka (two and ten = 12)
ei-kosi	20	(icosahedron = 20-sided polyhedron)
tria-konta	30	-konta shortened in modern Greek to -nta (tria-nta for 30)
tessara-konta	40	
pentE-konta	50	(Pentecost .... 50 days after Passover)
ekaton	100	(centi- and milli- are Latin)
khilias	1,000	(kilogram = 1000 grams, khiliarch = officer over 1000 men)
muriados	10,000	(myriad)
monos	only, alone	(monogamy, monopoly, monorail, monarchy)
prOtos, prOton	first	(prototype)
deu-teros	second	(Deuteronomy = Second (telling of) Law)
tritos, tritE	third	
te-teros	fourth	

# Time and Spans of time – Short to Long

nun	right now	(None time left! )
hOra	hour	(Spanish: hora = hour, ahora = now)
hEmera	day	No day names in Bible except Sabbath
mEn	month	
khro-nos	chronological time	(chronology = Words about time)
kai-ros	season, appointed time	
aiOn, aiOnos	an age, eon	(equivalent to era)
aiOnas	ages in time past	(eons, equivalent to epoch)
the-ros	summer	
o-pOra	fruit, autumn	
khei-mOn	winter, storm	

# Definitive Article (“The”) . . . Keep this matrix handy

ho (Ho!)            **the**            (for a masculine subject noun... like kairos)

hE (HE!)            **the**            (for a feminine subject noun... like hEmera)

Here are **twenty-four** ways to say “**the**” (...focus on masculine column):

	<b>Masculine</b>	<b>Feminine</b>	<b>Neuter</b>	<b>Case</b>
<b>Singular</b>				
<b>Nominative</b>	<b>ho</b>	hE	to	The subject (actor)
<b>Accusative</b>	<b>ton</b>	tEn	to	The object (acted upon)
<b>Genitive</b>	<b>tou</b>	tEs	tou	<b>of</b> /from the
<b>Dative</b>	<b>tO</b>	tE	tO	<b>for</b> the
<b>Plural</b>				
<b>Nominative</b>	<b>‘oi</b>	‘ai	ta	The many (actor)
<b>Accusative</b>	<b>tous</b>	tas	ta	The many (acted upon)
<b>Genitive</b>	<b>tOn</b>	tOn	tOn	<b>of</b> /from the many
<b>Dative</b>	<b>tois</b>	tais	tois	<b>for</b> the many



# 7. Conjunctions, Prefixes, & Pronouns

# Frequent Conjunctions

all, alla	but, nevertheless
de δε	but, and, moreover
dia touto	(through this), therefore
oun	therefore, then
este, estin	is, are, exist (equivalent to, equals to, Spanish: estar = to be) En (as in green) = was ... The Word = (The) God - John 1:1
gar	for, because
E	than (when comparing), or
hina	in order that (Something is first in order that something second)
hoti	such that, because (Something is second because of something first.)
holos	whole (thing), all
kai και	<b>and</b> (99% of cases), also, in addition to – Often <b>starts</b> a sentence.

# Prefixes

a	α	not	(easily confused with ana- and anti-)
hudro		water	(Hydroelectric, Hydrodynamic)
makro		much, more than	
megas		great, huge	(Megaphone = Huge Voiced Sound)
mikro		small, less than	(Microphone = Small Voiced Sound)
pan / pas		all	(Pandemic, Pan American)
polus, polu		(Poly) many, very, much	(Polysyllabic, Polytechnic)
tele		distance, at the end	(Telescope, Telephone, Television)
telos		distant (thing), ending	(as in a far distance)

# Pesky Pronouns

Personal pronouns distinguish between you, them, and me.

In Greek, situational casing for definitive article creates **annoying look-alike** pronouns.

Caution: **D**ative (to/for) singular **moi** and **soi** are not plural (ugh!)

## First Person

### Singular

egO – I	su - <b>you</b>	autos – <b>he</b>	autE - <b>she</b>	auto – <b>it</b>	N
eme, me – <b>me</b>	se – <b>you</b>	auton – <b>him</b>	autEn – <b>her</b>	auto – <b>it</b>	A
emou, mou – of me, <b>my</b>	sou – of you, <b>your</b>	autou – <b>his</b>	autEs – of her, <b>hers</b>	autou – of it, his	G
emoi, moi – to/for me	soi – t/f you	autO – t/f him	autE – t/f her	autO – t/f it, him	D

### Plural

‘Emeis – <b>we, us</b>	‘umeis – <b>you all</b>	autoi – <b>they</b>	autai – <b>the girls</b>	auta – <b>the items</b>	N
‘Emas - <b>us</b>	‘umas – <b>you all</b>	autous – <b>them</b>	autas – <b>them girls</b>	auta – <b>the items</b>	A
‘EmOn – of us, <b>our</b>	‘umOn – <b>your</b>	autOn – <b>their</b>	autOn – <b>their</b>	autOn – <b>their</b>	G
‘Emin – to/for us	‘umin – t/f you all	autois – t/f them	autais – t/f the girls	autois – t/f them	D

# 8. Goodness

# Good Emotions

a-ga-pE	unconditional/unmerited love – Especially love for ungrateful	
a-ga-pE-tos	beloved (one)	(and in Ephesians 1:6 “tO agapE-menO”)
er-os	spousal love (Cupid)	(not in either NT or Septuagint)
phi-los	friend	
stor-gE	familial love	(only in Romans 12:10)

(C.S.Lewis books: “Till We Have Faces” reworked Cupid/Psyche tale, and “The Four Loves”.)

[Classical Greek used Eros a lot and Agape seldom. Eros then strove after **completeness**.

To ancient Greeks, it had sense of **devoted love**, later debased to sex alone.

*“Eros does not occur even once in Greek NT or Greek translation of OT.” - Theologian Wolf Krötke]*

aga-thos	good (one)	(Agatha, a name)
kha-ra	joy	(grace-filled)
du-namis	power	(Dynamite, Dynamo, Dynamic, Dynasty)
ei-rE-nE	peace	(Irene)
eu-lo-gi-te	bless	(Eulogy - Good Words)

ge-nea	generation	
	ge-neo-menos	generated (one)
	mono-genEs	only begotten (similar to monogamous = only marriage)
gnO-sis	knowledge	(Gnostic)
hilaros	cheerful	(hilarious, to donate a gift with rapturous joy)
hupo-mone	bear up under	(under-building, under-girded), endurance
	mone	abode/building/abiding
ka-los	good (one) – A noun	(synonym to agathos and eu-)
ka-IOs	good, well, competently, expertly – An adverb	
	ka-kos	bad, evil (one) (cacophony = horrid voiced sound)
ka-thar-os	clean, pure	(cathartic)
	a-ka-thar-tos	unclean, dirty, impure
makro-thu-mia	patience	(much smoldering = Long fuse, a slow burn)
	thu-miaO	I burn incense, I cause smoke, I smolder
morphE	form/shape	(Anthro-po-morphic = Form/Shape of a human)
	meta-morphoO	I forthwith change form/shape (metamorphic), transform
sophia	wisdom	

## More Nouns

ek-lek-toi	eclectic (ones)	(chosen, favored, elected, election)
heteros	different (one)	(heterosexual)
mu-stE-rion	mystery	

phOnE	voiced sound	(Phonograph = Writings about Sound, Telephone, Stereophonic)
phonos	a murder	(easy to confuse with phOnE)

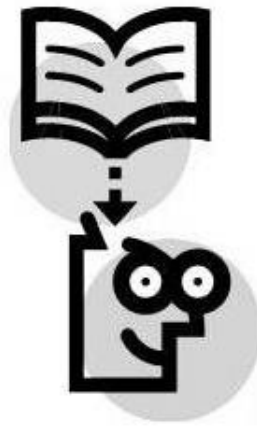
phobos	fear	(phobia)
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phobos uses an o-micron (little O) but many treat as o-mega (big O)

teloι	far distant (ones)	(Telescopic, Television)
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## Lesson 8: Visual Review



# 9. Verbs

**No** verb declensions here, only **first person** active verbs. Greek is fluid. Verb roots can become nouns and vice versa. Verbs (usually) share suffix of object for six declensions:

Singular

**I alone**

You alone

He/She

Plural

We

You all (You people within earshot)

They (Those other guys over there)

## Suffixes . . . A subject acts upon an object

- ...os **subject** noun – ho theos (The God) does something to object (e.g. judges dead)
- ...on **object** clause – ton nekron (the dead one)
- ...O verb - I **do** something (some say soft o-micron, but really is long O-mega)
- ...omai verb – I **will do** something ... or something **being done to** me (defined by context)

# -O Verbs (First person of Present Active)

agO

I lead, I bring

ap-agO	I lead <u>away</u>	(No double-up on vowels, one vowel gets dropped)
eis-agO	I lead <u>into</u>	
hup-agO	I go away	(I lead <u>under</u> / beyond)
par-agO	I pass by	(I lead <u>near/alongside</u> )

bal-IO

I throw

(Appears related to noun: 'bolE')

anti-ballo	I swagger	(I throw <u>opposite</u> ), exchange volleys, bravado
ek-ballo	I discard	(I throw <u>out</u> )
huper-ballo	I excel	(I throw <u>above</u> )
hupo-ballo	I stealth	(I throw <u>under</u> ), act in underhanded way
dia-ballo	I slander	(I throw <u>through</u> ... like a spear)

khai-rO	I rejoice	(I grace/joy about something)	Noun: kharis
gi-nOskO	I know	(gnostic) ... the g is spoken here	Noun: gnosis
epi-ginOskO	I realize	(I came <u>upon</u> knowing), I discover	
ana-ginOskO	I read	(I <u>up/increase</u> knowing), I study	
gra-phO	I text		Noun: graptos
legO	I speak	legO logos = I speak a word	Noun: logos
lei-pO	I lack, fall short	("I do not leap far enough")	
pi-nO	I drink	("Pinot Noir" is a wine)	
sOdzO	I save, I rescue	(save as in emergency rescue)	Noun: sOter
spei-rO	I sow	(emphasizing seed itself)	Noun: sporos

# Preposition plus Verb Root

ek-klEsis      **Out Calling**/Invitation (from: kaleO = I call/invite)

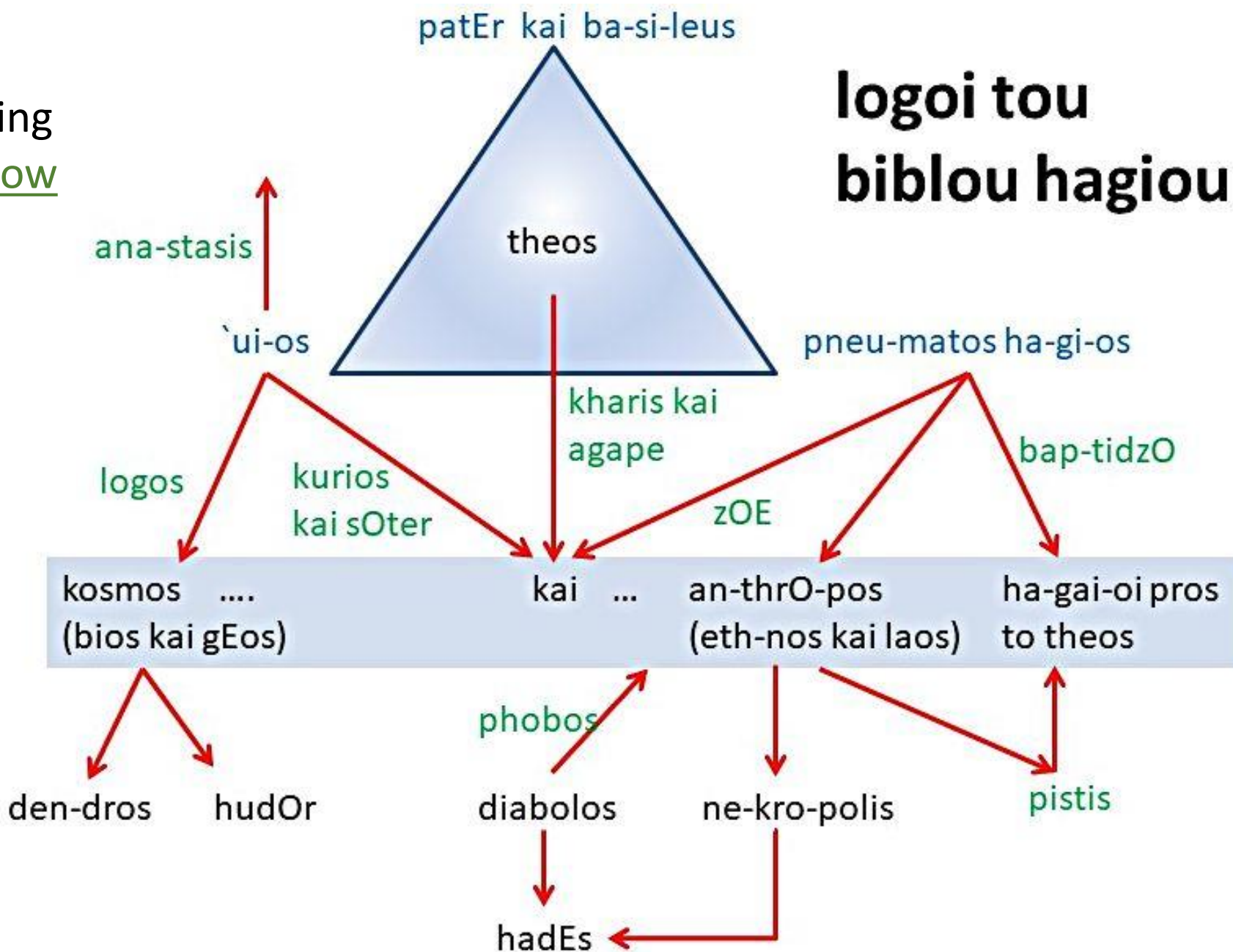
... which speaks of any called-together assembly, but the "**ek**" prefix emphasizes "**out-ness**" and "purpose" ... like firemen called out of their homes to the firehouse to assemble for a rescue, each fireman having a unique role in that effort.

sun-a-gO-gE      **With Way** (from: agO = I lead)

Early church chose ek-klEsia to emphasize difference from other fellow Jewish gatherings. The "**sun**" prefix emphasizes "**in-ness**" or alike-ness: "birds of a feather, flock together". Their Jewish gathering was not as purpose-driven as ek-klEsia implied.

Theology using  
words you now  
know

# logoi tou biblou hagiou



# 10. Some Verbs end in Vowel Pairs



Four common vowel pairs in some verb roots. These endings are NOT diphthongs.

## -aO Verbs (ah-Oh)

aga-paO	I love, cherish	Noun: agape = love
gen-naO	I generate, I beget	Noun: genea = generation
ho-raO	I see	

## -eO Verbs (eh-Oh)

do-keO	I Think	
ka-leO	I call/invite	
la-leO	I speak	
meta-no-eO	I forth <b>with</b> change (perception of my heart, mind, will), I repent	
no-eO	I perceive with my mind	
phi-leO	I befriend	Noun: philos = friend

## -oO Verb (oh-Oh)

stau-roO

I crucify

Noun: stauros = cross

## -uO Verbs (uh-Oh)

ak-ouO

I hear

(acoustic)

Noun: akoE = hearing part

luO

I loosen

pist-euO

I believe

(I faith something)

Noun: pistis, pisteOs

Side note:

Unless adjective qualifies a specific noun, it itself acts as a noun:

Example:

pistos = faithful (one)

# Time to translate!

Translate last verse of Revelation with few prefixes, roots, and suffixes that you now know. Review past pages to translate in a stilted wooden manner (in each version).  
No wooden translation has smooth English feel but you can sense meaning.

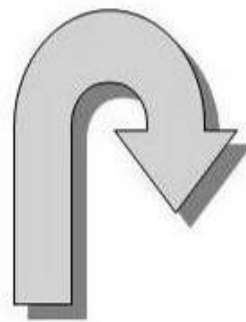
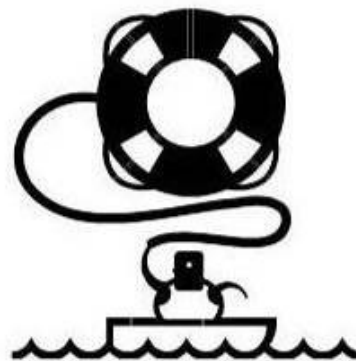
Here is verse in phonetics in three versions. Word endings define phrasing.  
... -ou endings go together      ... -On endings go together

UBS4/NA27 (most text comes from Fourth Century manuscripts, Alexandria and Sinai):  
**21: hE kharis tou kuriou iEsou meta pantOn.**

Byzantine (Syriac influenced, Greek Orthodox, Textus Receptus comes from this source):  
**21: hE kharis tou kuriou iEsou khristou meta pantOn tOn hagiOn autou. amEn.**

Textus Receptus (“text as received” from above Byzantine source as used for 1611 KJV):  
**21: hE kharis tou kuriou hEmOn iEsou khristou meta pantOn humOn. amEn.**

## Lesson 9 and 10: Visual Review



# 11. Badness

# Bad Emotions

ha-mar-tia      miss mark, sin, fall short

hupo-krisis      acting      (under judgment/criticism, hypocrisy)

hupO-pai-dzO      strike under      (and blacken) an eye – I Cor. 9:27 (buffet),  
- Luke 18:5 (wear out)

pai-dzO      I sport, jest, dance, play (like a child) – I Cor. 10:7

pai-da-gOgos      child-leader      (agO = I lead, pedagogue = teacher)

kakos      bad, evil      (cacophony)

krisis      in midst of Judgment (crisis)

or-gE      wrath, bitterness, anger (explosive, not simmering anger)

pathos      passionate (one)      (anthropo-pathos = emotions/passions of a human)

phag-omai      I consume, devour      (esophagus, phagocyte)

planaO      I wander, deceive      (planEtEs = wandering stars), lost, straying

thu-mia      smoldering anger

# More Bad Stuff

haima                      blood                      (hematology, hemophiliac, hemorrhage)

a-ka-tharsia            contagious                      (Not clean)

anti-the-sis            opposite theory                      (antithesis: an-tith-e-sis) – I Timothy 6:20

No one knows root for 'the-' (as in **the-sis**, **the-ory**, **the-os**).

Even Socrates guessed.

bro-sis                      thing that consumes                      (rust, moth, mice, blight, cystic fibrosis)

ek-teinO                      I stretch out                      (overextend, stretch thin)

koi-nos                      common, unclean                      (ordinary, lowest rung on bar)

koi-nE                      common Greek (lowest common vocabulary to enable trade)

koi-nOnia                      common sharing, fellowship

kO-phos                      deaf or mute (one)

kranion                      skull                      (Cranium)

*Golgotha is Greek transcription of [Aramaic](#) term presumed to be [Gûlqaltâ](#). The [Bible](#) translates as place of [the] skull, in [Greek](#) (Kranion Topos), and in [Latin](#) (Calvariae Locus), from which English 'Calvary' is derived. –Wikipedia*

krima	verdict of judgment	("crime" does not pay)
ma-mOnas	material things	(mAmOnA in Aramaic, ancient god of wealth)
nekros	dead (one)	
phagos	devouring (one), glutton	
pharma-keus	mind-altering drug user, sorcerer	(pharmaceutical, pharmacy)

**-eia endings carry sense of current engagement**

a-sel-geia	no restraint, exceedingly bad behavior
pharma-keia	sorcery using mind-altering drugs
porneia	sexual relations outside marriage, sexual immorality (pornography)
ptO-kheia	poverty, impoverished ('pt' is pronounced)

sarkinos	flesh	(sarcophagus = flesh devourer ... a coffin)
thanatos	death	(thanatopsis = death seeing, an essay about death)
thlipsis	oppression, distress	



## Lesson 11: Visual Review



# **12. More Greek Words**

## **(last using Latin alphabet)**

# Church Roles

apo-stolEn

hagiais

hagio-sunEs

poi-maimen

poi-men

pro-phE-tEs

apostleship

holy

holiness

shepherd

shepherd

prophet

(Truth Teller, not Fortune Teller)

# Good Emotions

alE-thEs

alE-thOs

aphoris-menos

e-ke-no-sen

enkrateia

hap-lous

politeu-omai

sun-esis

true

truly

separated (one)

he emptied self out (Phil. 2:7, from ke-no-O, I empty)

restraint

clear headed, single minded

I live lifestyle of good citizen

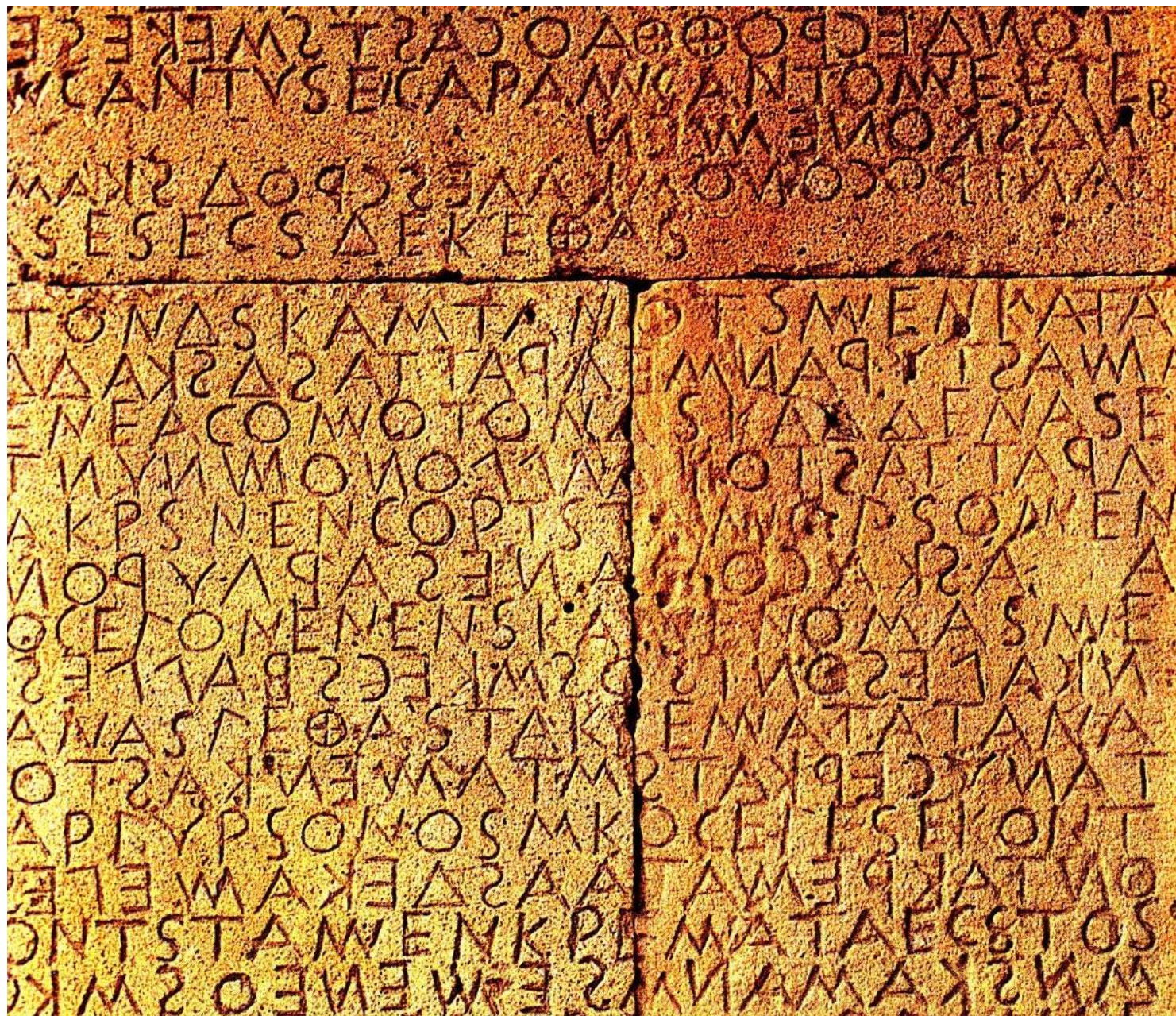
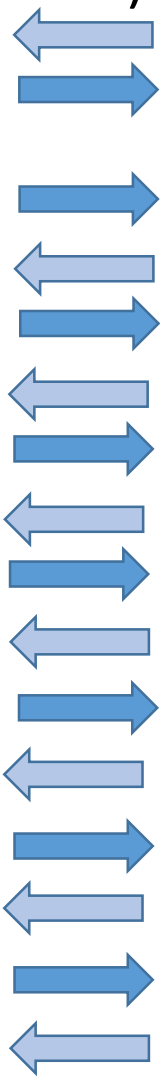
understanding with/via application

# Other

ano-then	again, from above	
a-stEr	star	(asterisk, Astarte = pagan goddess)
a-star-tE	Astarte	(also known as Venus, Ishtar, Ashteroth)
a-stron	star	(astronomy = laws about stars)
euth-eOs	immediately	(but <u>not</u> eu-theos: “Good God!”)
helikia	stature (as in age)	
hikanos	sufficient	
kat-ang-gelletai	down from message	(spoken about by another person)
menO	I remain	
ho-dos	way	(Exodus)
onoma, onomatos	name	
pasin	among	
para-ptomata	fall beside	(fall off wagon, step off cliff path) – Matt 6:14
skopos	viewing (one)	(telescope, microscope, periscope)
philo-logos	love [of] words	



Bi-directional text for  
Gortyn law code, Crete  
(APA Productions, 1988)





PART 2 –READ/TRANSLATE – TEN BIBLE PASSAGES IN KOINE GREEK

# **13. Greek Alphabet**

## **(Alpha Beta)**

# Let's learn to read Greek!

Learn to recognize letters and common words in Greek NT, emphasizing **lower case**.

Sample Passages: United Bible Society Greek NT (UBS4)

END GOAL: Ability to pick out and phonetically read basic Bible words

Know about variant sources and how translators know which equivalent to use.

END GOAL: Confidence that most English translations reliable (even when differ)

The best way to introduce alphabet is to start using Greek words, instead of rote memory of alphabet alone. This makes reading much easier and earlier.

We will use words from Part 1.

**On own time**, write each word four times to a line. Say each in Greek as you write it.

αββα	abba	dad	– Start B from bottom left stem
αντι	anti	against, opposite	– The N has slight edge on left
αυτο	auto	it	– The U has a slight edge on left
βαλλω	ballO	I throw	– The o- <u>mega</u> is like a fancy w
εγω	egO	I	
ειμι	eimi	I am	– Start M from bottom left stem
θεος	theos	God	
και	kai	and	
μικρο	micro	small	- Start R from bottom left stem
πετρος	petros	a chunk of rock, Peter	
χαρις	kharis	grace	
χριστος	khristos	Christ	
σωζω	sOdzO	I save	– The DZ is hard to write right – Try it
φονος	phonos	a murder	- phOnE = sound    phonos = murder



Those words provided 20 letters. Each letter is easily recognized despite various penmanship styles in Greek texts. The distinctive pattern for each letter is the key.

Underlined letters are high usage vowels.

α β γ ε ζ θ ι κ λ μ ν ο π ρ σ/ς τ υ φ χ ω

Words with σ/s (Sigma) uses σ in middle of word and an ς at end of a word.

We will cover remaining four letters in next lesson:

δ η ξ ψ

Since no “h” in the alpha-beta, use apostrophe for that aspirated exhaled sound.

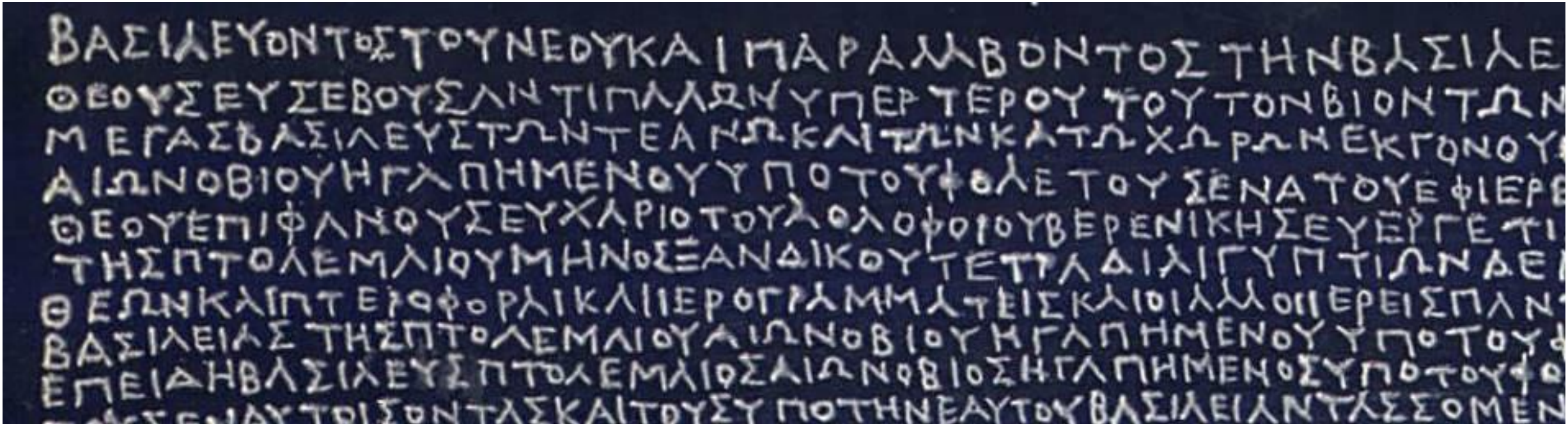
Lower Case	Upper Case	Phoneme Name		Phonetic (if differs)
α	A	a	alpha	
β	B	b	beta	bAta
γ	Γ	g	gamma	
δ	Δ	d	delta	
ε	E	e	epsilon	
ζ	Z	z / dz	zeta	zAta
η	H	E	eta	Eta
θ	Θ	th	theta	thAta
ι	I	i / E	iota	Eota
κ	K	k	kappa	
λ	Λ	l	lamda	
μ	M	m	mu	mU

Lower Case	Upper Case	Phoneme Name		Phonetic (if differs)
ν	Ν	n	nu	nU
ξ	Ξ	x	xi	xE
ο	Ο	o	<b>omicron</b>	ami-cron
π	Π	p	pi	pI
ρ	Ρ	r	rho	rhO
σ ζ(end)	Σ	s	sigma	
τ	Τ	t	tau	
υ	Υ	u	upsilon	
φ / ϕ	Φ / Ϝ	ph	phi	phI
χ	Χ	kh	chi	khI
ψ	Ψ	ps	psi	sI
ω	Ω	O	<b>omega</b>	O-mega

<https://www.ibiblio.org/koine/greek/lessons/alphabet.html>

# Tri-lingual Rosetta stone from British Museum

Found by Napoleon's scientists, it shows Hieroglyphics, cursive Demotic, and **Coptic Greek**.  
The ancient carver engraved Greek text in **upper case** with NO spaces between words.

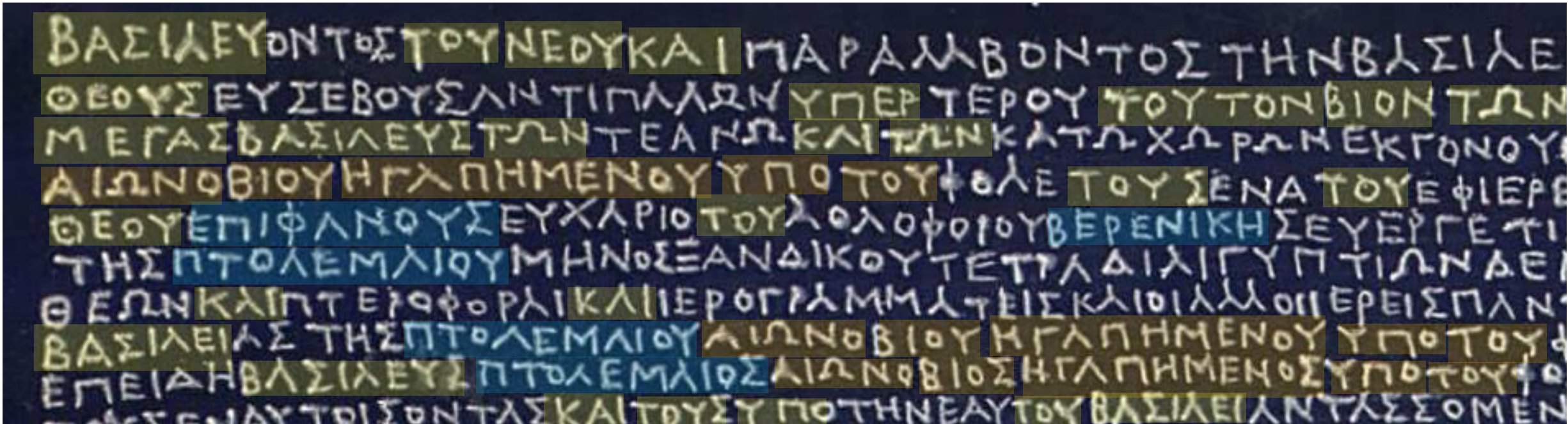


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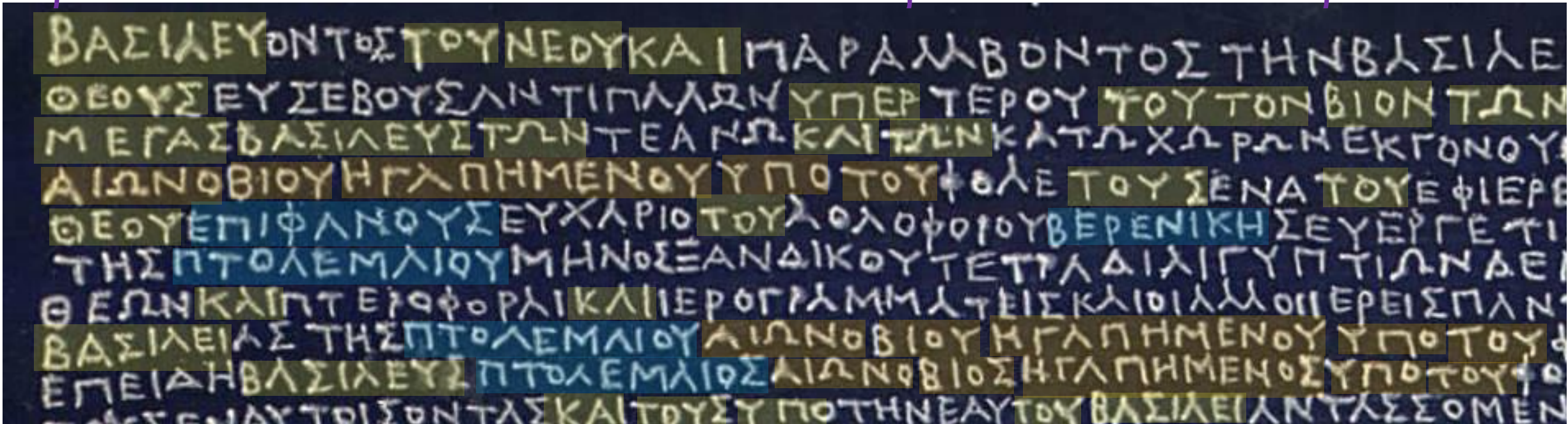
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βασιλευ του νεου και 'υπερ τουτον βιον των



βασιλει βασιλευς και τους 'υπο βιος του βασιλει 'υπο του

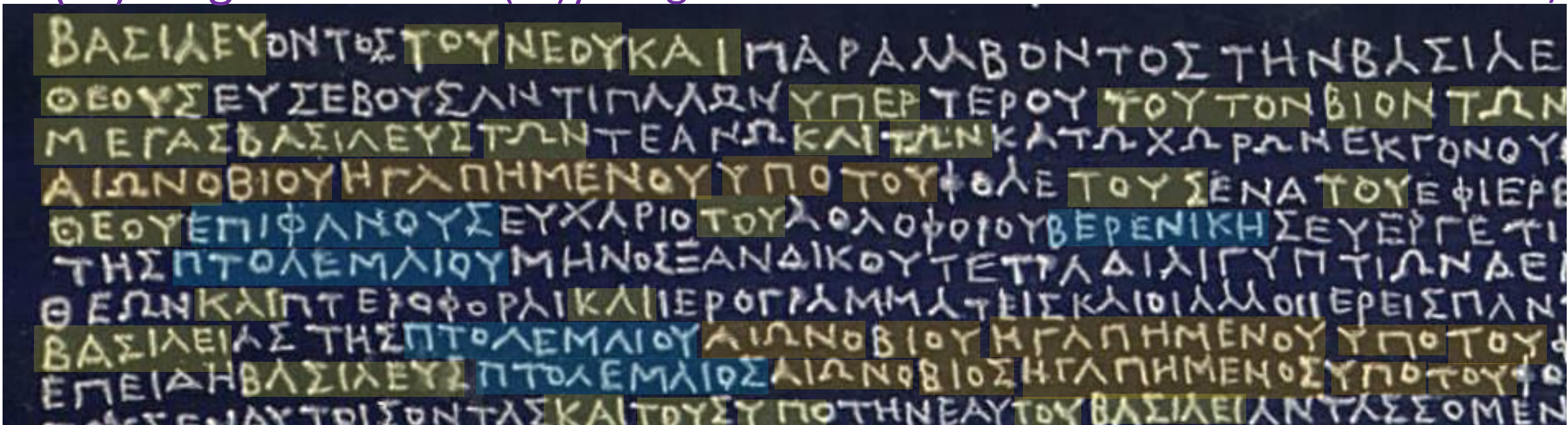
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(of) king      of-the (of)young and      above      this      life of-the-many



king      king      and the-many under      life of-the king      under of-the

Enlarged Left Edge segment of Rosetta stone (British Museum)

The sample was only the left-hand portion of the first 10 lines. Here is the British Museum's full translation.

Blue lined section of each line hints at the left-hand part in the prior slides.

What looked like (lines 4, 8, and 9) :

ΗΓΑΠΗΜΕΝΟΥ

was really:

EgapaEmenou = [past] loved (one) of  
= beloved of

The present tense stem is a-ga-pE.

The lambda Λ was really an alpha Α without the cross-bar by the engraver.

The god "Ptah" as spelt does not appear in the sample. Instead, "hupo tou" appears each time. Perhaps it is really "upotou" = "upot (of)" with "upotos" being the Greek name for "Ptah"??!?

1. In the reign of the young one who has succeeded his father in the kingship, lord of diadems, most glorious, who has established Egypt and is pious
2. towards the gods, triumphant over his enemies, who has restored the civilised life of men, lord of the Thirty Years Festivals,<sup>1</sup> even as Hephaistos<sup>2</sup> the Great, a king like the Sun,<sup>3</sup>
3. great king of the Upper and Lower countries;<sup>4</sup> offspring of the Gods Philopatores, one whom Hephaistos has approved, to whom the Sun has given victory, the living image of Zeus,<sup>5</sup> son of the Sun, PTOLEMY.
4. LIVING FOR EVER, BELOVED OF PTAH, in the ninth year, when Actos son of Actos was priest of Alexander, and the Gods Soteris, and the Gods Adelphoi, and the Gods Euergetai, and the Gods Philopatores<sup>6</sup> and the God Epiphanes Eucharistos; Pyrrha daughter of Philinos being Athlophoros of Berenike Euergetis; Areia daughter of Diogenes being Kanephoros of Arsinoe Philadelphos; Irene
6. daughter of Ptolemy being Priestess of Arsinoe Philopator;<sup>7</sup> the fourth of the month of Xandikos, according to the Egyptians the 18th Mekhir.
7. DECREE. There being assembled the Chief Priests and Prophets and those who enter the inner shrine for the robing of the gods, and the Fan-bearers and the Sacred Scribes and all the other priests from the temples throughout the land who have

- come to meet the king at Memphis, for the feast of the assumption
8. by PTOLEMY, THE EVER-LIVING, THE BELOVED OF PTAH, THE GOD EPIPHANES EUCHARISTOS, of the kingship in which he succeeded his father, they being assembled in the temple in Memphis on this day declared:
  9. Whereas king PTOLEMY, THE EVER-LIVING, THE BELOVED OF PTAH, THE GOD EPIPHANES EUCHARISTOS, the son of King Ptolemy and Queen Arsinoe, the Gods Philopatores, has been a benefactor both to the temples and
  10. to those who dwell in them, as well as all those who are his subjects, being a god sprung from a god and goddess (like Horus the son of Isis and Osiris, who avenged his father Osiris)<sup>8</sup> (and) being benevolently disposed towards
  11. the gods, has dedicated to the temples revenues in money and corn and has undertaken much outlay to bring Egypt into prosperity, and to establish the temples,
  12. and has been generous with all his own means; and of the revenues and taxes levied in Egypt some he has wholly remitted and others has lightened, in order that the people and all the others might be
  13. in prosperity during his reign; and whereas he has remitted the debts to the crown being many in number which they in Egypt and in the rest of the kingdom owed; and whereas those who were



# Vowels and Diphthongs (two vowels together)

a	e	i	o	u	boy	cow	English Vowels
α	ε	ι	ο	υ		αυ	short sounding
ει	υι, η	αι	ω	ευ, ηυ, ου	οι		long sounding

## Diacritics

(dia = through, krites – Judge/Decider ... a mark for deciding pronunciation)

‘ is rough breath mark akin to ‘h’ but sometimes with slight trace of ‘w’ in front.

‘υιος ‘hee-os’ but pronounced ‘whee-os’ – son

‘ο ‘ha!’ but pronounced ‘hO!’ - the (masculine definite article)

‘η ‘hE!’ – the (feminine definite article)

’ is silent pause mark and usually signals start of word

# **14. Greek for: John 1:1-5**

As promised, following words use remaining four letters:    δ η ξ ψ

δια / δι	de-a / de	through	(via)
σαρξ	sarks	flesh	(sarcophagus = flesh eater ... limestone coffin)
ψυχη	psu-khE	psyche	(psychology, psychiatric)

Side Note:

The 'υ' (upper case 'Υ') became Latin 'y' like:

κυριος	kurios	kyrie in Latin – Lord
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Sometimes 'υ' became Latin 'v' like:

ευαγγελιον	eu-ang-gel-ion	evangelism – good message bearing
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## Key Words for this passage:

ανθρωπος	anthrOpos	human	(gender neutral – anthropology)
αρχη	ar-khE	first, beginning, chief	(archeology, tetrarch, oligarchy)
αυτο	au-to	it, itself	
αυτος	au-tos	he	
γενναω	gen-naO	I generate/create	(gene, generation)
	γενεαλογια	= genealogy	(words about generations)
εν	en	in	
'εν	hen	one	(alert: this is a look-alike word)
εις	eis	into	
εις	eis	one	(alert: this is a look-alike word)
ζωη	zO-E	life	(spark of life, zoo, zoology)

## Key Words for this passage:

ην	En	was	( <b>next most</b> common word)
θεος	theos	God	(theology)
και	kai	and	( <b>most</b> common word)
λογος	logos	word	(logo)
ου	oo	not	(alert: -ου ending noun = 'of')
παντα	pan-ta	all across spectrum	(pan-America, pantheon)
περι	peri	around	(perimeter, periscope)
προς	pros	facing, at, intended for	
σκοτια	sco-tia	darkness	
φως	phOs	light	(phosphorus, photo)

# Translation Alert!

John 1:1 uses Definitive Article with TWO singular **subjects** within SAME phrase.

That phrase translates as:      The Word = (The) God

It also means:                      (The) God = The Word.

The subject in the pair having explicit article is usually subject written first in English.

Some take it to mean “a god” due to a missing but unnecessary definitive article, either to imply many gods or that Jesus was created (cf. Arius 256-330). John 1:3,10 explains John’s intention. See also: Athanasius 296-373 and Augustine 354-430

# Punctuation

period (.)    comma (,)    semi-colon (;) is question mark (?)    raised period is colon (:)

**1** Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος, καὶ ὁ λόγος ἦν πρὸς τὸν θεόν, καὶ θεὸς ἦν ὁ λόγος.<sup>a</sup> **2** οὗτος ἦν ἐν ἀρχῇ πρὸς τὸν θεόν.<sup>b</sup> **3** πάντα δι' αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο, καὶ χωρὶς αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο οὐδὲ ἓν.<sup>c</sup> ὃ γέγονεν<sup>d</sup> **4** ἐν<sup>1</sup> αὐτῷ ζωὴ ἦν<sup>2</sup>, καὶ ἡ ζωὴ ἦν τὸ φῶς τῶν ἀνθρώπων. **5** καὶ τὸ φῶς ἐν τῇ σκοτίᾳ φαίνει, καὶ ἡ σκοτία αὐτὸ οὐ κατέλαβεν.<sup>e</sup>

Step 1: Locate all: **and (καὶ)**, **of-the (του)**, and use decoder table for other forms of **‘the’**

**1** Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος, καὶ ὁ λόγος  
καὶ θεὸς ἦν ὁ λόγος.<sup>a</sup> **2** οὗτος ἦν  
θεός.<sup>b</sup> **3** πάντα δι’ αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο,  
ἐγένετο οὐδὲ ἓν.<sup>c</sup> ὃ γέγονεν<sup>d</sup> **4** ἐν<sup>1</sup> α  
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σκοτία φαίνει, καὶ ἡ σκοτία αὐτὸ οὐ  
καὶ ἡ σκοτία αὐτὸ οὐ



## Step 2: easy nouns

**1** Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος, καὶ ὁ λόγος  
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### Step 3: prepositions

**1** Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος, καὶ ὁ λόγος  
in first/beginning the word and the word  
καὶ θεὸς ἦν ὁ λόγος.<sup>a</sup> **2** οὗτος ἦν  
and god the word  
θεός.<sup>b</sup> **3** πάντα δι' αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο  
god all through  
ἐγένετο οὐδὲ ἓν.<sup>c</sup> ὃ γέγονεν<sup>d</sup> **4** ἐν<sup>1</sup> α  
life the light of-the-many of-many-humans  
ζωὴ ἦν τὸ φῶς τῶν ἀνθρώπων. **5**  
darkness and the darkness  
σκοτία φαίνει, καὶ ἡ σκοτία αὐτὸ οὐ

## Step 4: easy verb stems

**1** Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος, καὶ ὁ λόγος  
in first/beginning was the word and the word  
καὶ θεὸς ἦν ὁ λόγος.<sup>a</sup> **2** οὗτος ἦν  
and god was the word  
θεόν.<sup>b</sup> **3** πάντα δι' αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο  
god all through (past) generated  
ἐγένετο οὐδὲ ἓν.<sup>c</sup> ὃ γέγονεν<sup>d</sup> **4** ἐν<sup>1</sup> α  
(past) generated one that in  
ζωῇ ἦν τὸ φῶς τῶν ἀνθρώπων. **5**  
life was the light of-the-many of-many-humans  
σκοτία φαίνει, καὶ ἡ σκοτία αὐτὸ οὐ  
darkness and the darkness



Step 5: pesky pronouns and 'not' – Use the decoder table for Pesky Pronouns

1 Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος, καὶ ὁ λόγος  
in first/beginning was the word and the word  
καὶ θεὸς ἦν ὁ λόγος.<sup>a</sup> 2 οὗτος ἦν  
and god was the word  
θεόν.<sup>b</sup> 3 πάντα δι' αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο  
god all through of it/his (past) generated  
ἐγένετο οὐδὲ ἓν.<sup>c</sup> ὃ γέγονεν<sup>d</sup> 4 ἐν<sup>1</sup> α  
(past) generated not- one that  
ζωὴ ἦν τὸ φῶς τῶν ἀνθρώπων. 5  
life was the light of-the-many of-many-humans  
σκοτία φαίνει, καὶ ἡ σκοτία αὐτὸ οὐ  
darkness and the darkness it not

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σκοτίᾳ φαίνει, καὶ ἡ σκοτία αὐτὸ οὐ κατέλαβεν.<sup>e</sup>

Verse 3 looks odd with a period prior to last two words. I checked footnote 'c'.

Most Greek copies have a comma. Earlier copies (which carry the weight) have a period. The earliest upper-case copies had no punctuation at all. Many English translations treat it as a comma or omit it entirely.

The Catholic NAB translation handles it this way:

3. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be.

What came to be, 4 through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race.

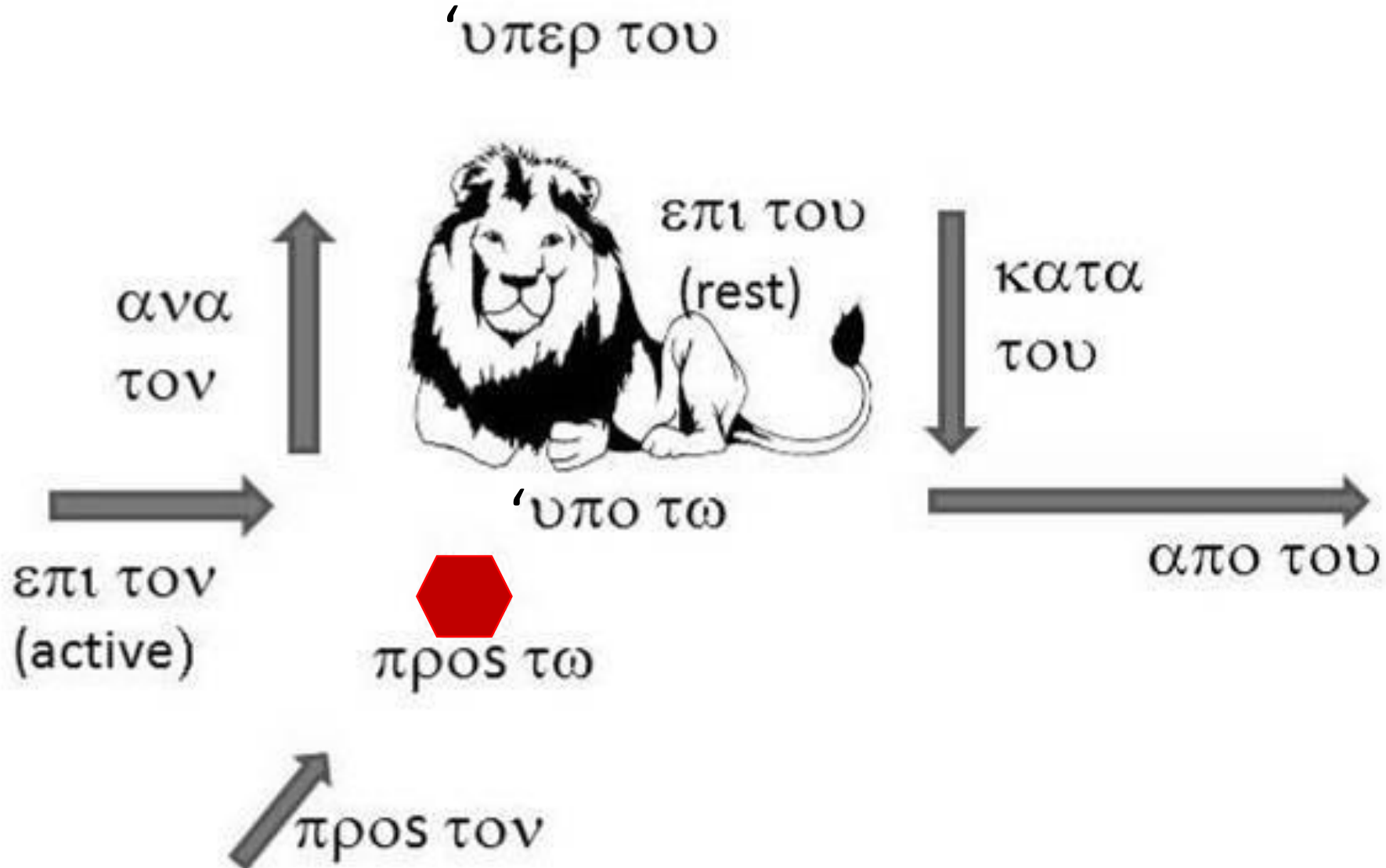
"came to be" is what I translated as: "(past) generated"

"human race" is what I translate as: "many humans" (since humanity is not a race)

Even so, kudos to the NAB for a reasonable stab using the period found in the earliest minuscule (lower case) copies. No matter where the period lands, those last two words are awkwardly placed. How did John intend to punctuate? Aye, that is the difficulty.

# Prepositions using Greek Alphabet

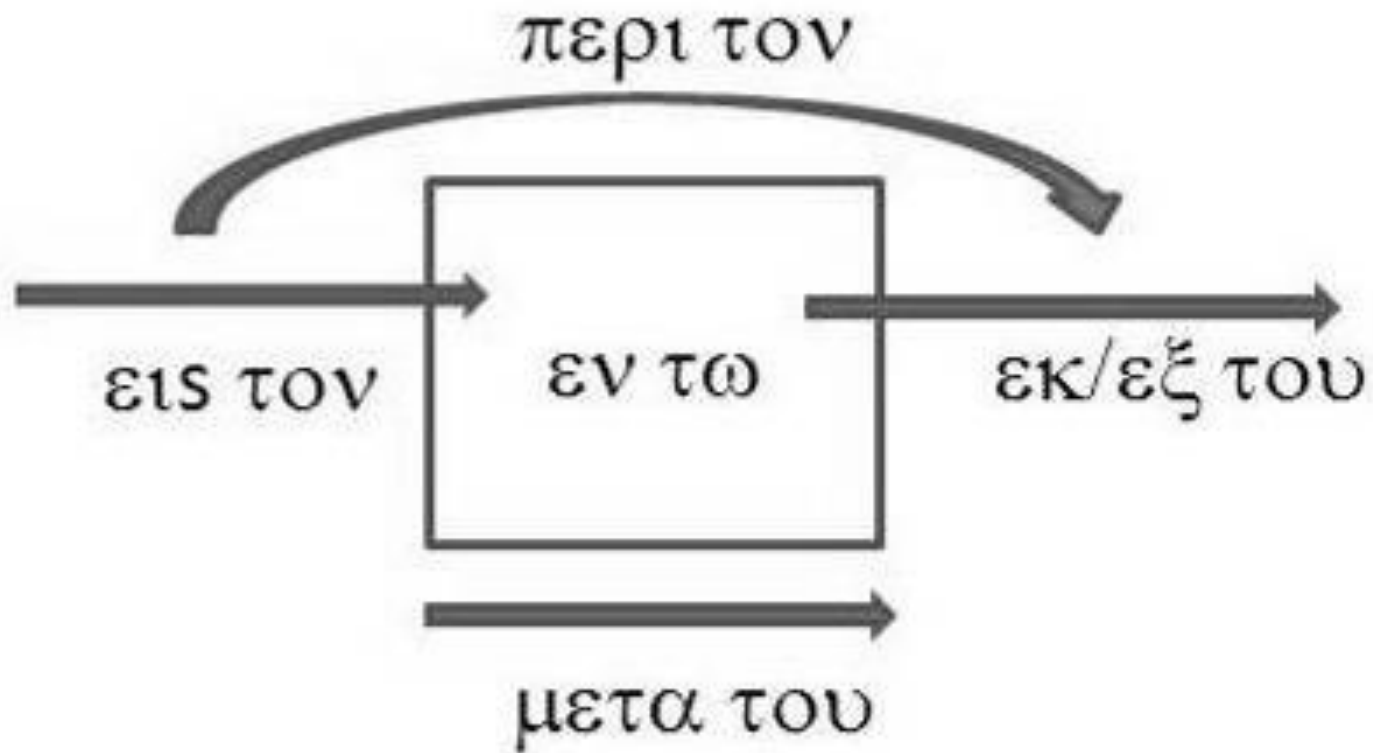
How many of these prepositions can you read using only Greek alphabet?



# Prepositions using Greek Alphabet

How many of these prepositions can you read using only Greek alphabet?

Pretend as if looking down at the lion:



Sky-view looking  
down at the Leon

Concept from Chapter 22 **Teach Yourself Greek** © 1947, 1968 Smith /Melluish



# **14-B. This, That, and the Other Thing**

# Keep these tables handy

Besides *και* and *ην*, there are common demonstrative pronouns (or adjectives), namely **‘this’** and **‘that’**. In English, we reduce these to a pronoun of person or thing referenced.

## Demonstrative Pronouns: This/These

	Masc./Mixed	Fem.	Thing	Case
<b>Singular:</b>	<b>This (specific one)</b>			
N	‘ουτος	‘αυτη	τουτο - This (specific thing)	subject
A	τουτον	ταυτην	τουτο	object
Γ	τουτου	ταυτης	τουτου ← not “of-the of-the”	of/from
Δ	τουτω	ταυτη	τουτω	to/for
<b>Plural:</b>	<b>These (specific ones)</b>			
N	‘ουτοι	‘αυται	ταυτα - These (specific things)	subject
A	τουτους	ταυτας	ταυτα	object
Γ	τουτων	τουτων	τουτων ← All three identical	of/from
Δ	τουτοις	ταυταις	τουτοις	to/for

## Demonstrative Pronouns: This/These

Example from John 1:2 (speaking of Jesus, the Word)

Greek            ‘οὗτος ην εν αρχη προς τον θεον.

Wooden        **This (specific one)** was in (the) beginning (actively) facing the God.

Interpreted    **He** was in the beginning very much nose-to-nose to God.

## Demonstrative Pronouns: That/Those

All these endings completely match This/These table ... but with a leading **ἐκεῖν**—

	Masc./Mixed	Fem.	Thing	Case
<b>Singular:</b>	<b>That (specific one)</b>			
N	ἐκεῖνος	ἐκεῖνη	ἐκεῖνο - That (specific thing)	subject
A	ἐκεῖνον	ἐκεῖνην	ἐκεῖνο	object
Γ	ἐκεῖνου	ἐκεῖνης	ἐκεῖνου	of/from
Δ	ἐκεῖνω	ἐκεῖνῃ	ἐκεῖνω	to/for
<b>Plural:</b>	<b>Those (specific ones)</b>			
N	ἐκεῖνοι	ἐκεῖναι	ἐκεῖνα - Those (specific things)	subject
A	ἐκεῖνους	ἐκεῖνας	ἐκεῖνα	object
Γ	ἐκεῖνων	ἐκεῖνων	ἐκεῖνων	of/from
Δ	ἐκεῖνοῖς	ἐκεῖναῖς	ἐκεῖνοῖς	to/for

← All three identical

## Demonstrative Pronouns: That/Those

All these endings completely match This/These table ... but with a leading **ἐκεῖν**—

Example from John 1:8 (speaking of John, the Baptizer)

Greek            οὐκ ἦν **ἐκεῖν**ος το φῶς,

Wooden        Not was **that (specific one)** the light,

Interpreted    **He** was not the light,

## Relative Pronouns: Who, Whom, Which, That

These endings completely match This/These table using leading rough breath mark (‘o).

	Masc./Mixed	Fem.		Thing		Case
<b>Singular:</b>						
N	‘oς	‘ἡ	who, that	‘ο	which, that	subject
A	‘ov	‘ἡν	whom, that	‘ο	which, that	object
Γ	‘ου	‘ἡς	whose, of whom	‘ου	of which	of/from
Δ	‘ω	‘ἡ	to whom	‘ω	to which	to/for
<b>Plural:</b>						
N	‘οι	‘αι	who, that	‘α	which, that	subject
A	‘ους	‘ας	whom, that	‘α	which, that	object
Γ	‘ων	‘ων	whose, of whom	‘ων	of which	of/from
Δ	‘οις	‘αις	to whom	‘οις	to which	to/for

## Relative Pronouns: Who, Whom, Which, That

These endings completely match This/These table using leading rough breath mark (‘o).

However, “The Elements of New Testament Greek” (Wenham) states these caveats:

The relative pronoun agrees with its [prior noun or pronoun] in both number and gender, but not necessarily [matching] case [N, A, G, D].

[**Five** spelling] forms for relative pronouns match definite article. This is a case [and one of few] where accents are needed to tell them apart: ‘o versus `o

Relative pronouns **always** have an accent (mostly grave, but sometimes acute).

Definite articles **rarely** have an accent [... except when they rarely do. 😊]

## Definitive Article: The

These endings completely match This/That table ... with a leading **τ**– (usual clue for 'the')

In review and for comparison, here are twenty-four ways to say “The”.

	Masc./Mixed	Fem.	Thing		Case
<b>Singular:</b>					
N	‘ο	‘η	το	the (actor)	subject
A	τον	την	το	the (acted upon)	object
Γ	του	της	του	of the	of/from
Δ	τω	τη	τω	to the	to/for
<b>Plural:</b>					
N	‘οι	‘αι	τα	the many	subject
A	τους	τας	τα	the many	object
Γ	των	των	των	of the many	of/from
Δ	τοις	ταις	τοις	to the many	to/for

Alert: **το/τα** does not distinguish between subject/object for neuter nouns (need context).

Normally, “The” significantly drives sentence meaning in Greek, but not so in English.



# **15. Greek for: 1 John 2:12-15**

## AGES of PEOPLE

παιδιον	paidion	little child	(preschooler pit-padding across rug)
τεκνον	teknon	child/teen	(elementary age, technical wunderkin)
νεανισκοι	nean-is-koi	young men	(workers under age 40, <u>Neanderthals</u> 😊 )
πατηρ	patEr	father	(paternal or wise patriarchs over age 40)

## NOUNS

κοσμος	kos-mos	world	(cosmopolitan, cosmetics)
πονηρος	ponEros	wicked (one)	adjective that acts as noun

## VERBS

γινωσκω	gi-nOs-kO	I know	(gno = knowledge, gnosis, gnostic)
γραφω	graphO	I write	(gra = text, graphics, grammar, graph)
εγραψα	e-grap-sa	I have written	(I wrote, psi 'ψ' acts as if split)
μενω	menO	I remain	

## AGES of PEOPLE

παιδιον

τεκνον

νεανισκοι

πατηρ

Cover up the English

## NOUNS

κοσμος

πονηρος

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## VERBS

γινωσκω

γραφω

εγραψα

μενω

## THINGS

αγαπη	agapE	love
νικη	nikE	victory, win, conquer
ονομα	onoma	name

## ROUGH (aspirated) BREATH MARK = 'h'

ἁμαρτια	ha-mar-tia	sin	
οτι	ho-ti	such that, because	... <u>very</u> common
υμιν	hu-min	you (plural ... as in: you all)	... <u>very</u> common

The 18 of the 24 letters used by these 16 words (in alphabetic order) are:

α γ δ ε η ι κ μ ν ο π ρ σ/ς τ υ φ ψ ω

The six letters NOT used in these words:

β ζ θ λ ξ χ

12 Γράφω ὑμῖν, τέκνία,  
ὅτι ἀφέωνται ὑμῖν αἱ ἁμαρτίαι διὰ τὸ ὄνομα  
αὐτοῦ.

13 γράφω ὑμῖν, πατέρες,  
ὅτι ἐγνώκατε τὸν ἀπ' ἀρχῆς.  
γράφω ὑμῖν, νεανίσκοι,  
ὅτι νενικήκατε τὸν πονηρόν.<sup>8</sup>

12 I write to/for you all, children/teenagers,  
Γράφω ὑμῖν, τέκνία,  
ὅτι ἀφέωνται ὑμῖν αἱ ἁμαρτίαι διὰ τὸ ὄνομα  
such that forgiven to/for you all the-many many-sins through the name  
αὐτοῦ.  
of him

13 I write to/for you all, fathers,  
γράφω ὑμῖν, πατέρες,  
ὅτι ἐγνώκατε τὸν ἀπ' ἀρχῆς.  
such that (past) have known the (one) away-from beginning  
γράφω ὑμῖν, νεανίσκοι,  
I write to/for you all, many young men,  
ὅτι νενικήκατε τὸν πονηρόν.<sup>8</sup>  
such that (past) have victory (over) the evil (one).

**14** ἔγραψα<sup>3</sup> ὑμῖν, παιδία,  
ὅτι ἐγνώκατε τὸν πατέρα.  
ἔγραψα ὑμῖν, πατέρες,  
ὅτι ἐγνώκατε τὸν ἀπ' ἀρχῆς.  
ἔγραψα ὑμῖν, νεανίσκοι,  
ὅτι ἰσχυροί ἐστε  
καὶ ὁ λόγος τοῦ θεοῦ ἐν ὑμῖν μένει  
καὶ νενικήκατε τὸν πονηρόν.<sup>h</sup>

**15** Μὴ ἀγαπᾶτε τὸν κόσμον μηδὲ τὰ ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ. ἐάν  
τις ἀγαπᾷ τὸν κόσμον, οὐκ ἔστιν ἡ ἀγάπη τοῦ πατρὸς

14

(past) I wrote to/for you all toddlers

ἔγραψα<sup>3</sup> ὑμῖν, παιδία,

ὅτι ἐγνώκατε τὸν πατέρα.

Such that (past) have known the father

ἔγραψα ὑμῖν, πατέρες,

(past) I wrote to/for you all fathers

ὅτι ἐγνώκατε τὸν ἀπ' ἀρχῆς.

Such that (past) have known the (one) away-from beginning.

ἔγραψα ὑμῖν, νεανίσκοι,

(past) I wrote to/for you all many young men

ὅτι ἰσχυροὶ ἐστε

Such that many strong (ones) is/are

καὶ ὁ λόγος τοῦ θεοῦ ἐν ὑμῖν μένει

and the word of the of-God in to/for you all remain

καὶ νενικήκατε τὸν πονηρόν.<sup>h</sup>

And (past) have victory (over) the evil (one).

15 Μὴ ἀγαπᾶτε τὸν κόσμον μηδὲ τὰ ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ. ἐάν

Do not love the world neither many-things in for-the world. If

τις ἀγαπᾷ τὸν κόσμον, οὐκ ἔστιν ἡ ἀγάπη τοῦ πατρὸς

any love the world, not is the love of the father



# **16. Greek for: Mark 1:7-11**

# **Prepositions (up/down, in/out, above/below, etc)**

ανα	ana	<b>up</b> from, up to, against	(but <u>not</u> 'α-' nor 'αντι-')
κατα	kata	<b>down</b> from, according to, against	
εις	eis	<b>into</b> , to	
εκ /εξ	ek /ex	<b>out</b> , out of	(exit)
εν	en	<b>in</b> , inside	
επι	epi	<b>upon</b> , over	("I came upon", "I sat upon")
ὑπερ	huper	<b>above</b> , over, beyond	(hyperactive)
ὑπο	hupo	<b>below</b> , under	(hypodermic, hypoglycemic)
παρα	para	<b>near</b> , Alongside, Beside	(parable, parallel, paradox)
περι	peri	<b>around</b> , about	(perimeter)
μετα	meta	<b>with</b> , after, change	(metadata, metamorphic)
συν	sun	<b>with</b>	
δι / δια	de / dea	<b>through</b> , on account of	(but <u>not</u> 'δε' meaning 'but')
απο	apo	<b>from</b> , away from	
προ	pro	<b>before</b> , in front of	(prologue = a word before)
προς	pros	<b>facing</b> , at, intended for	(προσωπον = face)

# **Prepositions (up/down, in/out, above/below, etc)**

ανα

κατα

εις

εκ /εξ

εν

επι

‘υπερ

‘υπο

παρα

περι

μετα

συν

δι / δια

απο

προ

προς

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# ***Pesky Pronouns (in Greek) . . . Keep table handy***

## First Person

### Singular

εγω – I

ειμι, μι – **me** (I am)

εμου, μου – of me, **my**

εμοι, μοι – to/for me

## Second Person

συ – **you**

σε – **you**

σου – **your**

σοι – t/f you

## He/Mixed

αυτος – **he**

αυτον – **him**

αυτου – **his**

αυτω – t/f him

## She

αυτη – **she**

αυτην – **her**

αυτης – **hers**

αυτη – t/f her

## It

αυτο – **it**

αυτο – **it**

αυτου – of it, his

αυτω – t/f it, him

### Plural

‘ημεις – **we, us**

‘ημας – **us**

‘ημων – of us, **our**

‘ημιν – to/for us

‘υμεις – **you all**

‘υμας – **you all**

‘υμων – **your**

‘υμιν – t/f you all

αυτοι – **they**

αυτους – **them**

αυτων – **their**

αυτοις – t/f them

αυται – **the girls**

αυτας – **them girls**

αυτων – **their**

αυταις – t/f girls

αυτα – **the items**

αυτα – **the items**

αυτων – **their**

αυτοις – t/f them

# RULES when you find puzzling new word

Look for the **root(s)**

- Look for pre-**position** (above, under, upon, near, away, up, down, into, in, out) as **prefix**
- An 'ε–' before root **verb** often, not always, signals a **past-tense** verb
- A trailing '–os' usually, not always, signals singular **subject** noun. 'ο = 'the' (singular)
- A trailing '–οι' usually, not always, signals **plural** subject noun. τοι = 'the' (plural)
- A trailing '–ου' usually, not always, signals singular **object** noun. του = 'of the'
- Prefixes adjust meaning and tense
- Suffixes adjust number and tense

## Rough Breath Mark = 'h'

‘αγιος                      holy (one), saint

‘ημερα                    day

‘υδορ                    water                      (the noun, ‘υδρο– is prefix version)

‘υιος                      son

## Verbs

βαινω                    I go

βαπτιζω                   I baptize                      (zAta has a ‘dz’ sound here)

δοκεω                    I think

γενναω                   I generate, I create, I beget (γενε– is prefix version)

δεω                      I bind

λυω                      I loose

## Nouns

πνευμα                   wind, air, spirit                      (... just like g in gnostic, drop p in pneumatic)

ουρανος                   heaven                      (Greek god of sky, Uranus (Latin) in 1800s)

φωνη                    sound                      (not φονος – murder)

## **Rough Breath Mark = ‘h’**

‘αγιος

‘ημερα

‘υδορ

‘υιος

### **Verbs**

βαινω

βαπτιζω

δοκεω

γενναω

δεω

λυω

### **Nouns**

πνευμα

ουρανος

φωνη

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ἄγριον.<sup>e</sup> 7 καὶ ἐκήρυσσεν λέγων, Ἔρχεται ὁ ἰσχυρότερός μου ὀπίσω μου, οὗ οὐκ εἰμὶ ἱκανὸς κύψας λῦσαι τὸν

ἱμάντα τῶν ὑποδημάτων αὐτοῦ. 8 ἐγὼ ἐβάπτισα ὑμᾶς ὕδατι<sup>5</sup>, αὐτὸς δὲ βαπτίσει ὑμᾶς ἐν πνεύματι ἁγίῳ.<sup>f</sup>



field. and (past) preached saying, he comes the stronger (one)  
*ἄγριον.<sup>e</sup> 7 καὶ ἐκήρυσσεν λέγων, Ἔρχεται ὁ ἰσχυρότερός*  
*μου ὀπίσω μου, οὐ οὐκ εἰμὶ ἱκανὸς κύψας λῦσαι τὸν*  
 of-me after of-me of-whom not I-am fit (one) stoop loose the

garment of-the-many of-many-underbound of-him. I (past) baptize you-all  
*ἱμάντα τῶν ὑποδημάτων αὐτοῦ. 8 ἐγὼ ἐβάπτισα ὑμᾶς*  
*ὕδατι<sup>5</sup>, αὐτὸς δὲ βαπτίσει ὑμᾶς ἐν πνεύματι ἁγίῳ.<sup>f</sup>*  
 water, he but baptize you-all in spirit holy.

Some words presented **tricky prefixes**. Like a clever surgeon, know where to cut apart and where to sew together (See <http://www.english-for-students.com/hydra.html>). Therefore, the **root** is vital.

Verse 7 line 3: For ὑποδημάτων, the root might be ποδ (foot) since text refers to untying.

Clue 1 – While compound word has ποδ imbedded, it was accident gladly intended. ὑπο (under) is the correct prepositional prefix, but **Greeks loved to play with words!**

Clue 2 – underlying root is δεω ... deO (I tie, I bind) ... a new word

Answer: The wooden word is “**underbound**” (I bind leather pad beneath my foot) and means “sandal” (no shoes then) ... “*Mom, I can’t find my ‘Unterbinden’s !*”

**9** Καὶ ἐγένετο ἐν ἐκείναις ταῖς ἡμέραις ἦλθεν Ἰησοῦς ἀπὸ Ναζαρέτ τῆς Γαλιλαίας καὶ ἐβαπτίσθη εἰς τὸν Ἰορ-

δάνην ὑπὸ Ἰωάννου. **10** καὶ εὐθὺς ἀναβαίνων ἐκ τοῦ ὕδατος εἶδεν σχιζομένους τοὺς οὐρανοὺς καὶ τὸ πνεῦμα ὥς

περιστερὰν καταβαῖνον εἰς αὐτόν· **11** καὶ φωνὴ ἐγένετο ἐκ τῶν οὐρανῶν<sup>6</sup>, Σὺ εἶ ὁ υἱός μου ὁ ἀγαπητός, ἐν σοὶ εὐδόκησα.<sup>8</sup>

and (past) generated in for-those-many for-the-many for-many-days came Jesus  
9 Καὶ ἐγένετο ἐν ἐκείναις ταῖς ἡμέραις ἦλθεν Ἰησοῦς  
ἀπὸ Ναζαρέτ τῆς Γαλιλαίας καὶ ἐβαπτίσθη εἰς τὸν Ἰορ-  
away-from Nazareth of-the Galilee and (past)baptized into the Jor-

don under of-John. And straight up going out of-the water  
δάνην ὑπὸ Ἰωάννου. 10 καὶ εὐθὺς ἀναβαίνων ἐκ τοῦ ὕδατος  
εἶδεν σχιζομένους τοὺς οὐρανοὺς καὶ τὸ πνεῦμα ὥς  
he saw schism the-many many-heaven/sky and the spirit as

around <sup>dove</sup> downgoing into of-him. And sound (past)generated  
περιστερὰν καταβαῖνον εἰς αὐτόν. 11 καὶ φωνὴ ἐγένετο  
ἐκ τῶν οὐρανῶν<sup>6</sup>, Σὺ εἶ ὁ υἱός μου ὁ ἀγαπητός, ἐν σοὶ  
out, of-the-many many-heaven/sky, you are the son of-me the loved (one), in for-you  
εὐδόκησα.<sup>8</sup>  
good-thoughts

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Verse 7 line 1: For ἐκηρυσσεν, the prefix could be either εκ– (out of) or ε– (past tense).

Clue 1 – the e in the text has a backwards (silent) breathe mark (to help novice readers)

Clue 2 - underlying root is κηρυσσω ... kErussO (I proclaim, I preach) ... a new word

Answer: The word means “(past) proclaimed”

Verse 11 last word: for εὐδοκησα, the prefix could be ευ- (good) or ε– (past tense).

Clue 1 – the ε in the text does **not** have a backwards (silent) breathe mark

Clue 2- underlying root is δοκεω ... dokeO (I think ... from lesson 9)

Answer: The wooden word is “**goodthought**” and becomes “delight” or “well pleased”

# Water, Water, Everywhere

I am still confused about:

‘υδατι and ‘υδατος – which translates in both instances as ‘water’

Both come from the **prefix** ‘υδρο meaning water (hydroelectric, etc ... in our Part 1)

But the **root** word is really ‘υδορ ... so why did the ‘ρ’ wander or get omitted?!

Maybe the root is merely 'υδ ? No obvious answer. Here are four words to compare:

‘υδρια                      water jar (the means of hydration)

‘υδωρ                      water (typically but not always a body of water)

‘υδατος                      water in general

σιφων ‘υδατος              water pump (a literal **siphon**! The word made it into English)

# **17. Greek for: 1 Peter 1:1-5**

# Five approaches to Translation

A team translating Koine Greek into American English can choose five distinct approaches:

1. Create a **stiff wooden word-for-word text** regardless of English grammar
  - a. Interlinears
2. Adjust word order or choice to **match English grammar** but still mostly word-for-word
  - a. NASB, Amplified Bible, NKJV, KJV, ESV
3. Modify text to **match American idioms** that yield equivalence concept-for-concept
  - a. NIV (1984), New American Bible (Catholic) – both with extensive footnotes
4. Adjust text to **reflect First Century Jewish vocabulary and cultural** equivalence
  - a. Jerusalem Bible, Jewish New Testament (Stern), The Scriptures (South Africa)
5. **Paraphrase (Interpret)** text for teaching/preaching via Homiletic (“same words”) skills.
  - a. The Living Bible, The Message



With prefixes attached to roots, if prefix ends in a vowel and root starts with a vowel, the Greek discards one vowel. The chosen vowel is often (not always) trailing vowel of prefix.

## With prepositions in many of words

αναστασις	ana-stasis	up from static	(resurrection)
αποστολος	apo-stolos	away from robed one	(missionary) – στολε = garment (a stole)
αποκαλυψις	apo-ka-lupsis	away from cover [off a cook pot]	(apocalypse = revelation)
διασπορας	dia-sporas	through sporadic-ness	(Diaspora =scattering of people group)
παρεπιδημοις	par-epi-dEmois	near upon people	(strangers living off others land)
		para – epi – dEmo	(democratic = control by the people)
προγνωσις	pro-gnO-sis	before-knowledge	(doctor prognosis based upon foreknowledge)
‘υπακοην	hup-ako-En	under listening	(one under authority who hears <b>AND obeys</b> )
	hupo - akouO		(acoustic = hearing)
	Mom:	<i>“You are not listening to me!”</i>	
	Kid:	<i>“I was too listening!”</i>	
	Mom:	<i>“But you were not obeying.”</i>	

## Sound-alike words

ελεος	e-leos	mercy	(Kyrie eleison = Latin: "Lord, Have Mercy")
ἥλιος	he-lios	sun	(helium)
χαρις	kha-ris	grace	(charismatic)
καιρος	kai-ros	season of time	
πιστεως	pis-teOs	faith, trust	
πιστος	pis-tos	faithful (one)	

## Other words

δυναμει	dun-a-mei	power	(dynamic, dynamite, dynamo)
ειρηνη	ei-rE-nE	peace	(name: Irene)
εσχατος	es-khatos	last	(eschatology = words about last things, scat)
νεκρων	ne-krOn	dead	(necropolis = city of dead , cemetery)
πολυ	po-lu	many, much	(poly-unsaturated, polymer)
σωτερ	sO-ter	savior	(soteriology = words about how salvation occurs)

Of course, several words are in text, for which we have not learned roots yet.

**1** Πέτρος ἀπόστολος Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ ἐκλεκτοῖς παρ-  
επιδήμοις διασπορᾶς Πόντου, Γαλατίας, Καππαδοκίας,

Ἀσίας καὶ Βιθυνίας, **2** κατὰ πρόγνωσιν θεοῦ πατρὸς ἐν  
ἁγιασμῷ πνεύματος εἰς ὑπακοὴν καὶ ῥαντισμὸν αἵματος  
Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ,<sup>a</sup> χάρις ὑμῖν καὶ εἰρήνη πληθυνθείη.<sup>b</sup>

**1** <sup>Peter</sup> Πέτρος <sup>apostle</sup> ἀπόστολος <sup>away-from-robed(one)</sup> Ἰησοῦ <sup>of-Jesus</sup> Χριστοῦ <sup>of-Christ</sup> ἐκλεκτοῖς <sup>to-eclectic (ones)</sup> παρ-  
<sup>upon-people</sup> εἰς <sup>para+epi+demo</sup> διασπορᾶς <sup>through-scattered-seed</sup> Πόντου, <sup>diaspora</sup> Γαλατίας, <sup>of-Pontus,</sup> Καππαδοκίας, <sup>Galatia (ones),</sup>

<sup>Asia (ones)</sup> Ἀσίας <sup>and</sup> καὶ <sup>Bithynia (ones),</sup> Βιθυνίας, **2** <sup>down-from</sup> κατὰ <sup>before-knowledge</sup> πρόγνωσιν <sup>of-god</sup> θεοῦ <sup>father</sup> πατρὸς <sup>in</sup> ἐν  
<sup>holy</sup> ἁγιασμῷ <sup>spirit</sup> πνεύματος <sup>into</sup> εἰς <sup>under-hearers</sup> ὑπακοὴν <sup>and</sup> καὶ <sup>sprinkling</sup> ῥαντισμὸν <sup>blood</sup> αἵματος <sup>of-Jesus</sup> Ἰησοῦ <sup>of-Christ,</sup> Χριστοῦ,<sup>a</sup> <sup>grace</sup> χάρις <sup>to-you-all</sup> ὑμῖν <sup>and</sup> καὶ <sup>peace</sup> εἰρήνη <sup>plethora/multiplied.</sup> πληθυνθείη.<sup>b</sup>

3<sup>c</sup> Εὐλογητὸς ὁ θεὸς καὶ πατὴρ τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν  
Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ὁ κατὰ τὸ πολὺ αὐτοῦ ἔλεος ἀναγεννήσας  
ἡμᾶς εἰς ἐλπίδα ζῶσαν δι' ἀναστάσεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ

ἐκ νεκρῶν, 4 εἰς κληρονομίαν ἄφθαρτον καὶ ἀμίαντον καὶ  
ἀμάραντον, τετηρημένην ἐν οὐρανοῖς εἰς ὑμᾶς 5 τοὺς ἐν

δυνάμει θεοῦ φρουρουμένους διὰ πίστεως εἰς σωτηρίαν  
ἐτοίμην ἀποκαλυφθῆναι ἐν καιρῷ ἐσχάτῳ.<sup>d</sup> 6 ἐν ᾧ ἀγαλ-



3<sup>c</sup> Εὐλογητὸς ὁ θεὸς καὶ πατὴρ τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν  
 Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ὁ κατὰ τὸ πολὺ αὐτοῦ ἔλεος ἀναγεννήσας  
 ἡμᾶς εἰς ἐλπίδα ζωῆς δι' ἀναστάσεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ  
 ἐκ νεκρῶν, 4 εἰς κληρονομίαν ἀφθαρτον καὶ ἀμίαντον καὶ  
 ἀμάραντον, τετηρημένην ἐν οὐρανοῖς εἰς ὑμᾶς 5 τοὺς ἐν  
 δυνάμει θεοῦ φρουρούμενους διὰ πίστεως εἰς σωτηρίαν  
 ἐτοίμην ἀποκαλυφθῆναι ἐν καιρῷ ἐσχάτῳ.<sup>d</sup> 6 ἐν ᾧ ἀγαλ-

# **18. Greek for: Matthew 9:27-31**

With our limited vocabulary, we know Matthew wrote a spirited conversation. Jesus talked to blind men. The missing words drive us to the Dictionary to complete the conversation.

δε	de	but, however, on the other hand, moreover
ελθον_____	el-thon_____	a root segment: come
γη	gE	earth (geology = words about dirt), geographic locale
λεγω	le-gO	I say, I speak (legO is a relative to word: logos)
ναι	nai	Yes indeed!
‘ολη	hol-E	whole (almost an English look-alike)
οφθαλμος	oph-thal-mos	eye (ophthalmology = words about eyes)
παραγω	par-a-gO	<u>I lead</u> past, I pass by, I depart from (αγω = I lead)

“Paragon” (model of superior attribute) might come from this word.

Perhaps, it once meant, “I surpass all others”

ποιεω	poi-e-O	I cause, I do, I make
τοτε	to-te	then
τουτο	tou-to	this (specific thing)
τυφλος	tuph-los	blind (one)



**27** Καὶ παράγοντι ἐκεῖθεν τῷ Ἰησοῦ ἠκολούθησαν [αὐτῷ]  
δύο τυφλοὶ κράζοντες καὶ λέγοντες, Ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς, υἱὸς

Δαβίδ.<sup>9</sup> **28** ἐλθόντι δὲ εἰς τὴν οἰκίαν προσῆλθον αὐτῷ οἱ  
τυφλοί, καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς, Πιστεύετε ὅτι δύνα-  
μαι τοῦτο ποιῆσαι; λέγουσιν αὐτῷ, Ναὶ κύριε. **29** τότε

And <sup>para+ago departing</sup> <sup>alongside-leading</sup> <sup>out-from-there</sup> <sup>to-the</sup> <sup>of-Jesus</sup> <sup>(past)</sup> <sup>followed</sup> <sup>to-him</sup>  
**27** Καὶ παράγοντι ἐκεῖθεν τῷ Ἰησοῦ ἠκολούθησαν [αὐτῷ]  
 δύο τυφλοὶ κρᾶζοντες καὶ λέγοντες, Ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς, υἱὸς  
 two blind (ones) crying aloud and speaking/saying, "Mercy us, son  
 Eleison  
 David. "  
<sup>coming</sup> <sup>but</sup> <sup>into</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>house</sup> <sup>facing-come</sup> <sup>to-him</sup> <sup>the-many</sup>  
**28** ἐλθόντι δὲ εἰς τὴν οἰκίαν προσῆλθον αὐτῷ οἱ  
 blind (ones), and said to-them the Jesus, "Faith/Trust such-that power/  
 μαι τοῦτο ποιῆσαι; λέγουσιν αὐτῷ, Ναὶ κύριε. **29** τότε  
 ability this to do ? " Speaking/saying to him, " Yes Lord ! " Then

ἤψατο τῶν ὀφθαλμῶν αὐτῶν λέγων, Κατὰ τὴν πίστιν ὑμῶν γενηθήτω ὑμῖν.<sup>29</sup> **30** καὶ ἠνεώχθησαν αὐτῶν οἱ ὀφθαλμοί. καὶ ἐνεβριμήθη αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς λέγων, Ὁρᾶτε

μηδεὶς γινωσκέτω.<sup>30</sup> **31** οἱ δὲ ἐξελθόντες διεφήμισαν αὐτὸν ἐν ὅλῃ τῇ γῇ ἐκείνῃ.<sup>31</sup>

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 μηδεὶς γινωσκέτω.<sup>31</sup> οἱ δὲ ἐξελθόντες διεφήμισαν  
 αὐτὸν ἐν ὅλῃ τῇ γῇ ἐκείνῃ.

touch of-the-many of-many-eyes of-them of-said, "Down-from the faith/trust  
 of-you-all generate to-you-all." and opened of-them the-many  
 many-eyes. And snorted/growled to-them the Jesus said, "Make sure that  
 no-one knowledge. " The-many (ones) but out-came made known  
 him in whole to-the earth that-specific.  
 in that whole region.

Two rare words in Matthew 9 make Jesus particularly emphatic:

βριμω	bri-mO	I snort with anger (not in Bible in first person form)
‘ορατε	ho-ra-te	Make sure that..., Take heed that ..., Pay Attention!
		See that this occurs! (From ‘οραω ... I See)

So when Jesus charges them to tell no one, he ενεβριμθη at them! English translations do not pull the full intensity out of Greek with which Jesus “strictly charged” them.

The wooden translation of that part of verse 30:

And in-snortable-grunt to them the Jesus said make sure that no one knows.

Or if I paraphrased as a sword-wielding pirate growling “Arghh! Give ‘em no quarter!”:

Then, Jesus growled, “Arghh! Make absolutely sure no one knows about this!”

βριμω only shows up as an observer verb (someone watching Jesus do something) as:

βριμαομαι indignantly speak

εμβριμαομαι snort, speak harshly with anger ... the version used here

However, Jesus overturns moneychanger tables without snorting ... just raw physical anger.

Matt. 21:13	λεγει	saying (present tense)
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Mark 11:17	εδιδασκεν	taught (from didaskO)
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Mark 11:17	ελεγεν	said (from legO)
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John 2:16	ειπεν	he said
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These **past-tense** verbs start with **ε-** and end with **-εν** ... not always, but common.

The wooden translation of verse 31

the (ones) however out-coming made known of him in whole the earth that specific.

Yields in English the inevitable response:

However, the [giddy healed men] left there making him known in that whole region!

Or to paraphrase:

However, the men blabber-mouthed their healing such that the news spread like wildfire!

# If/Then Clause

The common if/then clause has two forms in Greek (and in English):

- a. given an assumption (proven or not), then this conclusion follows
- b. since something has definitely occurred, then a logical outcome is as follows

When **τοτε** (then) is in a conclusion clause, three possible words starts an assumption:

εαν	if	(Lesson 15 in I John 2:15)
ει	if/since	(Lesson 23 in I Corinthians 15:12,13,14,16,17,19)
ειπερ	if indeed	(Lesson 23 in I Corinthians 15:15)

The English word you choose (if, since, given) depends upon kind of argument in text.

# **19. Greek for: Luke 1:46-50**



## Key Words for this passage:

ἅγιος	ha-gi-os	holy (one), saint	
βλεπω	ble-pO	I look (upon), I perceive (more than mere viewing)	
γὰρ	gar	for	
δουλος	dou-los	slave, servant	
ελεος	e-le-os	mercy	(Kyrie Eleison = Latin: "Lord, Have Mercy")
μεγα_____	me-ga_____	a root segment: much, great	
μου	mou	my	
νυν	nun	now	("None time left!")
ὄνομα	o-no-ma	name	
ὅτι	ho-ti	such that	
φοβος	pho-bos	fear	(arachnophobia = fear of spiders)
ψυχη	psu-khE	soul	(psychology = words about inner self)

**onomatopoeia** is an English derivative of two Greek words ὄνομα and ποιέω ("I make") meaning a word that imitates or suggests sound it describes.  
The dog "barked". The bees "buzzed". The wolves "howled".

## Key Words for this passage:

ἅγιος

βλεπω

γὰρ

δουλος

ελεος

Cover up the English

μεγα\_\_\_\_\_

Pronounce the Words

μου

νυν

Translate the Words

ὄνομα

ὅτι

φοβος

ψυχη

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The dog “barked”. The bees “buzzed”. The wolves “howled”.

*Καὶ εἶπεν Μαριάμ<sup>3</sup>,  
Μεγαλύνει ἡ ψυχὴ μου τὸν κύριον,*

*καὶ ἠγαλλίασεν τὸ πνεῦμά μου ἐπὶ τῷ θεῷ τῷ  
σωτήρῳ μου,*

And spoke Mariam  
*Καὶ εἶπεν Μαριάμ<sup>3</sup>,*  
*Μεγαλύνει ἡ ψυχὴ μου τὸν κύριον,*  
 "Huge - declare the soul of-me the Lord,  
 magnify

And (past) leap-for-joy the spirit of me upon for-the for-god for-the  
*καὶ ἠγαλλίασεν τὸ πνεῦμά μου ἐπὶ τῷ θεῷ τῷ*  
*σωτῆρί μου,*  
 savior of-me,

ὅτι ἐπέβλεψεν ἐπὶ τὴν ταπείνωσιν τῆς δούλης αὐτοῦ.  
ἰδοὺ γὰρ ἀπὸ τοῦ νῦν μακαριοῦσίν με πᾶσαι αἱ  
γενεαί,

ὅτι ἐποίησέν μοι μεγάλα ὁ δυνατός.  
καὶ ἅγιον τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ,  
καὶ τὸ ἔλεος αὐτοῦ εἰς γενεὰς καὶ γενεὰς  
τοῖς φοβουμένοις αὐτόν.

Such-that (past) upon-seeing upon the low-rank of-the of-servant of-him  
 ὅτι ἐπέβλεψεν ἐπὶ τὴν ταπείνωσιν τῆς δούλης αὐτοῦ.  
 ἰδοὺ γὰρ ἀπὸ τοῦ νῦν μακαριοῦσίν με πᾶσαι αἱ  
 γενεαί,  
 many-generations,

Such-that (past) to do to/for me huge (?) the powerful (one)  
 ὅτι ἐποίησέν μοι μεγάλα ὁ δυνατός.  
 καὶ ἅγιον τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ,  
 and the holy the name of him  
 καὶ τὸ ἔλεος αὐτοῦ εἰς γενεὰς καὶ γενεὰς  
 and the mercy of him into generation and generation  
 τοῖς φοβουμένοις αὐτόν.  
 to-the-many many-fear-remaining (ones) him."

# **20. Greek for: Acts 10:44-48**

# A Pause in Action

Congratulations for getting this far in the course. What makes this class valuable? Perhaps you can identify with Muslim-dominated regions as reported by Wycliffe Associates:

[After so many years of disappointment and disenchantment, they do not want to hear talk. For too long, their traditional religious leaders lied to them. They feel deceived. Used. They are deeply skeptical of anyone who claims to speak for God. Their weary plea is simple: *“If you know truth, show me where it is written.”* They want to see it themselves.

Even when Christians tell them *“The Bible says...”*, they are skeptical. *“Do not tell me what the Bible says,”* they reply. *“Give me the Word itself. I will read it. If it is there, I want to see it with my own eyes.”* - Bruce Smith, President/CEO, Wycliffe Associates, 7/28/2017]

Basic Greek creates a door to check wild assertions. Reasoned faith requires checking sources as able. Does a paraphrase match? Even without 100 more class hours of verb declensions and grammar, it is encouraging to decipher so much at this early point.



## Key Words for this passage:

ακουω	a-kou-O	I hear	(acoustic)
δωρεα	dO-rea	gift	(half-expecting a gift in response, δορον = an offering)

“Here is a gift, let’s be friends.”

Compare: χαρισμα = grace gift (undeserved equipping)

“Here is a gift, use it to grace/bleed others.”

Compare: διδωμι = I ‘gift’ (tribute/bribe) for giver’s safety/profit

“Here is a gift, please don’t hurt me.”

εθνος	eth-nos	ethnic, people group	(NT uses this for those not Jewish)
‘ημερα	hE-mera	day	
γλωσσα	glOs-sa	tongue (physical), language (glossolalia).	Need context.
μη, μητι	mE, mEti	Not	(μητι can be a rhetorical “Is it not ...?”)
παντας	pan-tas	all	(pantheon)
πιπτω	pip-tO	I fall	(This verb has <u>weird</u> tense structures)
‘ρημα	hrE-ma	(spoken) word	(akin to rhyme; but λογος is spoken or written)

## Annoying Look-alikes:

ΤΟΥΤΟ	tou-to	this thing	(neuter, subject <u>or</u> object)
ΤΑΥΤΑ	tau-ta	these things	(neuter, subject <u>or</u> object)
τις, τι	tis, ti	any	(if optional accent tilted <b>left</b> and context)
τις, τι	tis, ti	who? what?	(if accent tilted <b>right</b> and context)

**44** Ἐτι λαλοῦντος τοῦ Πέτρου τὰ ῥήματα ταῦτα ἐπέπεσεν τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιον ἐπὶ πάντας τοὺς ἀκούοντας

τὸν λόγον. **45** καὶ ἐξέστησαν οἱ ἐκ περιτομῆς πιστοὶ ὅσοι συνῆλθαν τῷ Πέτρῳ, ὅτι καὶ ἐπὶ τὰ ἔθνη ἡ δωρεὰ τοῦ ἁγίου πνεύματος ἐκκέχυται. **46** ἤκουον γὰρ αὐτῶν

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 ἐπέπεσεν τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιον ἐπὶ πάντας τοὺς ἀκούοντας

Yet (past) while speaking of the of-Peter the-many many-spoken-words these  
 (past) fell upon the spirit the holy (one) upon all the-many many-hearers

τὸν λόγον. 45 καὶ ἐξέστησαν οἱ ἐκ περιτομῆς πιστοὶ  
 ὅσοι συνῆλθαν τῷ Πέτρῳ, ὅτι καὶ ἐπὶ τὰ ἔθνη ἡ δωρεὰ  
 τοῦ ἁγίου πνεύματος ἐκκέχυται. 46 ἤκουον γὰρ αὐτῶν

the word. And out- of-their-wits the-many out around-cutters many-faith (ones)  
 as-many with-came for-the for-Peter, such that and upon the-many ethnics the gift  
 of the of-holy spirit out-poured : (past) heard for of-them

λαλούντων γλώσσαις καὶ μεγαλυνόντων τὸν θεόν. τότε ἀπεκρίθη Πέτρος, **47** Μήτι τὸ ὕδωρ δύναται κωλῦσαί τις τοῦ μὴ βαπτισθῆναι τούτους, οἵτινες τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ

ἅγιον ἔλαβον ὡς καὶ ἡμεῖς; **48** προσέταξεν δὲ αὐτοὺς ἐν τῷ ὀνόματι Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ βαπτισθῆναι<sup>13</sup>. τότε ἠρώτησαν αὐτὸν ἐπιμεῖναι ἡμέρας τινάς.'

(past) while speaking to-many-tongues and magnifying huge- declaring the god. Then  
 λαλούντων γλώσσαις καὶ μεγαλυνόντων τὸν θεόν. τότε  
 ἀπεκρίθη Πέτρος, 47 Μήτι τὸ ὕδωρ δύναται κωλῦσαί  
 away-from-concluded Peter, "Is it not the water power prevent  
 τις τοῦ μὴ βαπτισθῆναι τούτους, οἵτινες τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ  
 any of the not baptized these (specific ones), any that the spirit the

holy (one) (past) caught (even) as also and us ? "  
 ἅγιον ἔλαβον ὡς καὶ ἡμεῖς; 48 προσέταξεν δὲ αὐτοὺς  
 in for-the name of-Jesus of-Christ ordering Facing-arranged but of-them  
 ἐν τῷ ὀνόματι Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ βαπτισθῆναι<sup>13</sup>. τότε  
 (past) beseeched him upon-remain days baptized. Then  
 ἠρώτησαν αὐτὸν ἐπιμεῖναι ἡμέρας τινάς.' stay some.

# Peter's Perplexed Peeps

A student vastly shortened the overly verbose preamble in **Acts 10:45**

Wooden form:

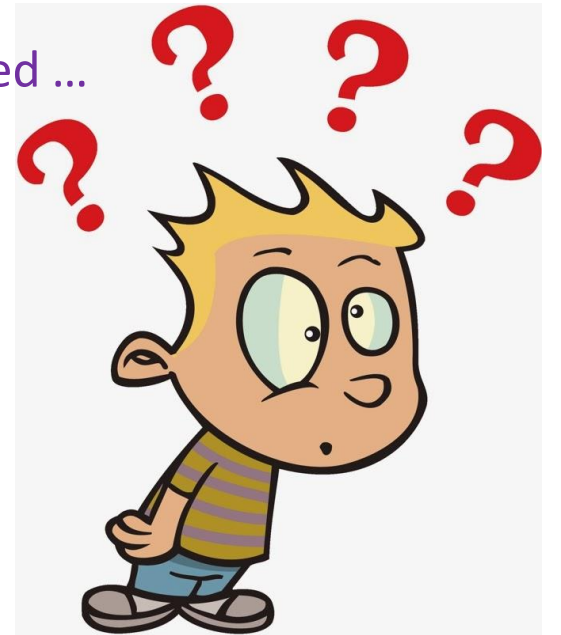
out-of-their-wits the many out around-cut faith (ones), as many with-came for-the for-Peter, ...

Adjusted for English:

The many [out-of-town] faithful Jews who came [with] Peter were dumbfounded ...

The student suggested this much simpler paraphrase:

Peter's peeps were perplexed ...





# Evidences for Historical Reliability

This passage is sample of historicity. Luke wrote in 60AD about event in 31AD who likely interviewed those perplexed friends. It uses **slang** (round-cutters = Jews). His readers would chuckle but term was a badge of honor like term “Christians” (Little Christs).

While Albert Schweitzer dismissed miracles in “Quest for the Historical Jesus” (1906), it is not scholarly to read modernism into an affirmed text. Luke treats this speaking in tongues as a surprise and ascribes no abnormalities. He treats it as unpressured as if to explain to Paul’s readers why rational believers spoke in tongues under Paul’s ministry.

Instead, Luke pokes fun at Jews who thought such activity was uniquely theirs. Their comment about the Spirit falling “as on us” confirms that Jewish believers beyond the 12 Disciples spoke in tongues. God outwitted Peter’s “out-of-their-wits” friends. The matter-of-fact reporting, humor, slang, and tieback to Jewish sensibilities gives it credence. Hundreds could challenge a false account so close to the actual event. See: “History and Christianity” by John Montgomery (1971, Intervarsity Press, pg63)



# **21A. Verb Tenses**

## **Make Me Tense**

There are 12 tense options x 6 declensions (I, You, He, We, Y'all, They) per option x 4 verb endings = 288 different endings for “regular” verbs. Regular means an obvious pattern.

The four regular first-person present active verb endings are: -αω, -εω, -οω, -υω  
Fortunately, differences caused by these four endings are minimal for regular verbs.

- Present Active      I loose ...      λυω
- Simple Past      I loosed ...      ελυσα – Signaled by ‘ε–’ prefix (sometimes ‘η–’)

- ω verbs, whose roots do not end in a vowel, use λυω endings (e.g. βαλλω, γραφω)

The puzzling mixture of endings for **irregular** verbs throws everything under the bus.  
(That is why verbs tenses make me tense! 😊)

# Stutter when you say that!

Some verbs visually appear as if **stuttering**. When verb repeats first consonant (called “reduplication”), an action started in past and something else occurred at that same time.

We can insert the helper word “**while**” or “**when**” to sense that past action.

The perfect (past) ‘stuttering tense’ appears **many times** in NT narratives. **Do not** overly worry about these tense structures in this course. This is just a heads-up that they exist.

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# Stutter when you say that!

- Stutter **While I was** speaking ... Repeat of first consonant ... followed by ‘ε’
  - **Perfect Active** tense (“I am telling the story as if you are still there at that time”)
  - Weird case occurs in Acts 10:44 επεπεν ... (while) fell upon
    - It could be stutter tense as word play or more likely plain old past tense:
      - ε (past tense) + πιπτω (root) + σεν (past tense)
    - From πιπτω = I fall ... this oddball verb yields highly **irregular** verb tenses
- Stutter **When I had** spoken...
  - **Perfect Passive** tense (“This event is a done deal, but at that time...”)
  - Weird case occurs Acts 10:44 λαλουντος ... (when) spoken –or- (while) speaking
    - From λαλεω = (when/while) I speak ... from λεγω = I speak.

I reformatted in color and commented from **Elements of New Testament Greek** (ENTG)  
By J. Wenham (1965) from earlier work by H. Nunn, 1984 Reprint, Cambridge University Press  
English is more concerned with **TIME** tenses ... but Greek is more concerned with **STATE** tenses.  
The **12 English Tenses** - ENTG Introduction (page 11)

State V/Time >	Past	Present	Future
Simple	PAST SIMPLE (3) I loved	PRESENT SIMPLE (1) I love	FUTURE SIMPLE I shall love
Continuous	IMPERFECT I was loving I used to love	PRESENT CONTINUOUS (2) I am loving	FUTURE CONTINUOUS I shall be loving
Complete	PLUPERFECT (6) I had loved	PERFECT (4) I have loved	FUTURE PERFECT I shall have loved
Continuous Complete	PLUPERFECT CONTINUOUS (7) I had been loving	PERFECT CONTINUOUS (5) I have been loving	FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS I shall have been loving

These numbered cases and colors match the following slides.

The “**happening-now**” tense does **not** define whether the action might continue (2) or stop (1)  
Present Indicative Active– ENTG Lesson 3 (page 25)

<b>Singular</b>		<b>Plural</b>	
λυ–ω luO	I am loosing I loose	λυ–ομεν luomen	we are loosing we loose
λυ–εις lueis	you are loosing you loose	λυ–ετε luete	you’all are loosing you’all loose
λυ–ει luei	he is loosing he loses	λυ–ουσι(ν) luousi(n)	they are loosing they loose

The “**once-in-the-past**” tense (3) has epsilon ε– prefix and –**σα**– augments the declension.

If two vowels occur where the augment –**σα**– is inserted, at least one vowel is **dropped**.

First Aorist Indicative Active - ENTG Lesson 24 (page 96)

<b>Singular</b>	<b>σα augment</b>	<b>Plural</b>	
ε–λυ–σα	I loosed	ε–λυ–σαμεν	we loosed
ε–λυ–σας	you loosed	ε–λυ–σατε	you’all loosed
ε–λυ–σε(ν)	he loosed	ε–λυ–σαν	they loosed

Two “**way-back-when**” tenses do **not** define whether action stopped (4) or continues (5).

The signals are reduplication (“stutter”) syllable **λε** + root + **κα** augment + declension

## Perfect and Pluperfect Indicative Active - ENTG Lesson 34 (page 136)

“Stutter” perfect (4/5) appears a lot:

“Stutter” pluperfect (6/7) with leading ε- is rare:

	Perfect Indicative	<b>κα augment</b>	Pluperfect Indicative	<b>κει augment</b>
	<b>SINGULAR</b>	<b>PLURAL</b>	<b>SINGULAR</b>	<b>PLURAL</b>
<i>I</i>	λε-λυ-κα	λε-λυ-καμεν	(ε)λε-λυ-κειν	(ε)λε-λυ-κειμεν
<i>you</i>	λε-λυ-κας	λε-λυ-κατε	(ε)λε-λυ-κεις	(ε)λε-λυ-κειτε
<i>he</i>	λε-λυ-κε(ν)	λε-λυ-κασι(ν)	(ε)λε-λυ-κει	(ε)λε-λυ-κεισαν

# The other three regular verb endings

Here is how  $-\alpha\omega$ ,  $-\varepsilon\omega$ ,  $-\omicron\omega$ ,  $-\upsilon\omega$  regular verb suffixes vary:

$-\alpha\omega$  verbs have these pattern rules for suffixes.

$\alpha + (\omicron, \omega, \omicron\upsilon)$  becomes  $-\omega$

$\alpha + (\varepsilon, \eta)$  becomes  $-\alpha$  (thus, drops  $\varepsilon$  or  $\eta$ )

$\alpha +$  any combo with  $\iota$  becomes  $-\alpha$  with  $\iota$  subscript (thus, becomes an improper diphthong)

$-\varepsilon\omega$  verbs have these pattern rules for suffixes.

$\varepsilon + \varepsilon$  becomes  $-\varepsilon\iota$

$\varepsilon + \omicron$  becomes  $-\omicron\upsilon$

$\varepsilon$  is dropped if a long vowel or diphthong follows

$-\omicron\omega$  verbs have these pattern rules for suffixes.

$\omicron +$  long vowel becomes  $-\omega$

$\omicron +$  (short vowel,  $\omicron\upsilon$ ) becomes  $-\omicron\upsilon$

$\omicron +$  any combo with  $\iota$  becomes  $-\omicron\iota$  (with one tense exception)

$-\upsilon\omega$  verbs follow the  $-\omega$  pattern for suffixes.  $\lambda\upsilon\omega$  and  $\beta\alpha\lambda\lambda\omega$  use identical declension pattern for suffixes.



# Scholar Shorthand for Greek Sources

**Portion** = A papyrus containing a portion of New Testament. Usually a portion contains just gospels, just letters of Paul, just Acts, or just Revelation. Part of this segmentation is due to copied text written on scrolls and the New Testament could not fit on one hand-held scroll.

**UBS5/NA28** = United Bible Societies/Nestle-Aland. This is latest PUBLISHED scholarly version for archeological finds and matching thousands of fragments in footnotes (where most changes occur). NA27 has identical text as NA26 but did a full review of footnotes. They are working on NA29.

**Nestle 1904** = Treat this as NA1 which reflected new field of archeology (mostly treasure hunters until 1920s ... making dating of “uninteresting” scrolls difficult). The NA series identifies papyrus found since last edition. If new finds are fragmentary (a chapter or few verses), it will be checked against the Majority Text and if it adds nothing new, remains numbered (out of 10,000 or so such fragments) but has less value than complete Portions.

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**Majority Text** = The published text where majority of 2560 complete portions (as of NA25) agree. The variants appear in footnotes, or as in case of last chapter of Mark, included in an addendum. Nothing is omitted if you read footnotes. People complain that the Majority Text is "hiding" truth. That conflicts with the term since the footnotes go to great pains to list every variant and typical age of that variant. If 2000 copies spell 'son' as υἱος and 150 copies spell it as υἱε, what would you do?? There is safety in sheer volume and age close to authorship. This literary miracle drowns us in a wealth of copies unlike any Greek or Roman author (Aristotle, Plato, Euripides, Pliny, etc.) NA puts affirmed variants in footnotes because it is rare with over 2560 portions in hand that anything new will overrule the Majority Text.

**Byzantine** = This is text used by Eastern Orthodox written in Syriac language. It may (or may not) affect your translations. The NA footnotes print these variants and note whether the Byzantine version has enough weight to give the Majority Text a run for its money. In lesson 10, you examined variants of the last verse in Revelation (e.g. words vary, some added, some omitted). If a given text is unusually significant to you, then explore those footnotes.

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**Textus Receptus** = This text (as received from Byzantine sources) was used by Erasmus and the later King James New Testament (1611) prior to tomb raider finds after 1850. Even so, NA25 through NA27 show that KJV translators did an admirable job. The KJV team added words not in the Greek text to expose perceived meaning. They italicized these words in most editions but chose them with great care.

**Westcott and Hort** = (Per Wikipedia) Westcott and Hort (WH) worked from 1853 until publishing in 1881. WH began a new epoch in textual analysis. WH distinguished four text types. The most modern was [Syrian or Byzantine](#) (eastern), of which newest version was Textus Receptus, and thus too modern. The [Western](#) type was much older, but tended to paraphrase [across copies], so lacked dependability. The [Alexandrian](#) type, Codex Ephraemi, exhibited polished Greek. WH identified their favorite type as "[Neutral](#)", exemplified by [4th-century](#) Codex Vaticanus (known since 15th century), and Codex Sinaiticus (discovered in 1859 by Tischendorf). All NA editions remain close in textual character to the 1881 WH.

# **21B. Greek for:**

## **Romans 9:30 – 10:2**

### Key Words for this passage:

αδελφος	a-del-phos	brother	(Philadelphia)
δικαιος	di-kai-os	just, upright, righteous	
δικαιοσυνης	dikaio-sun-Es	“righteous-with” = righteousness	
διωκω	diO-kO	I pursue, I chase	
εργον	er-gon	work	(ergonomics)
γραφω	gra-phO	I write	(graphics, phonograph. monograph)
λαμβάνω	lam-ba-nO	I take/catch	
λιθος	li-thos	stone	(lithography)
νομος	no-mos	law	(Deuteronomy)
τις, τι	tis, ti	any	(if optional accent tilted <b>left</b> and context)
τις, τι	tis, ti	who? what?	(if accent tilted <b>right</b> and context)

### Three synonyms

αλλ, αλλα	all, all-a	but	( <b>synonym</b> of δε), nevertheless
ουκ, ου	ouk, ou	not	( <b>synonym</b> of μητι, μη), no
ουν	oun	then	( <b>synonym</b> of τοτε), therefore

### Give-away word:

σκανδαλου	skan-da-lou	The ου and ουν look similar but do not mean the same. Means what it sounds like! (ου suffix = of)	
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**Key Words for this passage:**

αδελφος

δικαιος

δικαιοσυνης

διωκω

εργον

γραφω

λαμβάνω

λιθος

νομος

τις, τι

τις, τι

**Three synonyms**

αλλ, αλλα

ουκ, ου

ουν

**Give-away word:**

σκανδαλου

Cover up the English

Pronounce the Words

Translate the Words

**30** Τί οὖν ἐροῦμεν; ὅτι ἔθνη τὰ μὴ διώκοντα δικαιοσύνην κατέλαβεν δικαιοσύνην, δικαιοσύνην δὲ τὴν ἐκ πίστεως, **31** Ἰσραὴλ δὲ διώκων νόμον δικαιοσύνης εἰς νόμον οὐκ ἔφθασεν. **32** διὰ τί; ὅτι οὐκ ἐκ πίστεως ἀλλ' ὡς ἐξ ἔργων<sup>4</sup>· προσέκοψαν τῷ λίθῳ τοῦ προσκόμματος, **33** καθὼς γέγραπται,

What then shall-we-say? Such that ethnic the not pursue rightness-  
30 Τί οὖν ἐροῦμεν; ὅτι ἔθνη τὰ μὴ διώκοντα δικαιο-  
σύνην κατέλαβεν δικαιοσύνην, δικαιοσύνην δὲ τὴν ἐκ  
with (past) down-caught rightness-with, rightness-with but the out  
captured

faith, Israel but pursue law rightness-with into  
πίστεως, 31 Ἰσραὴλ δὲ διώκων νόμον δικαιοσύνης εἰς  
νόμον οὐκ ἔφθασεν. 32 διὰ τί; ὅτι οὐκ ἐκ πίστεως ἀλλ'  
law not (past) arrived. through what? Such that not out faith but  
Why?

as out of-many-works: facing-stubbing-toe for-the for-stone of the facing-stubbing (place)  
ὡς ἐξ ἔργων<sup>4</sup> προσέκοψαν τῷ λίθῳ τοῦ προσκόμματος,  
33 καθὼς γέγραπται,  
just as (past) written,



Ἴδου τίθημι ἐν Σιών λίθον προσκόμματος καὶ πέτραν  
σκανδάλου,  
καὶ<sup>5</sup> ὁ πιστεύων ἐπ' αὐτῷ οὐ καταισχυνηθήσεται.<sup>ο</sup>

**10** Ἀδελφοί, ἡ μὲν εὐδοκία τῆς ἐμῆς καρδίας καὶ ἡ  
δέησις πρὸς τὸν θεὸν ὑπὲρ αὐτῶν<sup>1</sup> εἰς σωτηρίαν.

**2** μαρτυρῶ γὰρ αὐτοῖς ὅτι ζῆλον θεοῦ ἔχουσιν ἀλλ' οὐ κατ'  
ἐπίγνωσιν· **3** ἀγνοοῦντες γὰρ τὴν τοῦ θεοῦ δικαιοσύνην

Lo! I lay in Zion stone facing- stubbing(place) and rock  
 Ἰδοὺ τίθημι ἐν Σιών λίθον προσκόμματος καὶ πέτραν  
 σκανδάλου,  
 καὶ<sup>5</sup> ὁ πιστεύων ἐπ' αὐτῷ οὐ καταισχυνηθήσεται.<sup>ο</sup>  
 and the faith upon for-him not down-shame.

10 Brothers, the indeed good-thought for-the-many mine heart and the  
 Ἀδελφοί, ἡ μὲν εὐδοκία τῆς ἐμῆς καρδίας καὶ ἡ  
 δέησις πρὸς τὸν θεὸν ὑπὲρ αὐτῶν<sup>1</sup> εἰς σωτηρίαν.  
 supplication facing the god above for-them into savior.

I witness for to-many-them such-that zeal of-god they-have but not down  
 2 μαρτυρῶ γὰρ αὐτοῖς ὅτι ζῆλον θεοῦ ἔχουσιν ἄλλ' οὐ κατ'  
 ἐπίγνωσιν· 3 ἀγνοοῦντες γὰρ τὴν τοῦ θεοῦ δικαιοσύνην  
 upon-knowledge: unaware/ignorant for the (one) of the of-god rightness-with

# **22. Greek for: Galatians 1:1-5**

## Key Words for this passage:

αιωνος	aiOn-os	eon, an age	(equivalent to an era)
δοξα	dox-a	glory	(doxology = words about glory)
ειρηνη	ei-rE-nE	peace	(name: Irene)
εκκλησια	ek-klE-sia	called out (ones)	(church, iglesia in Spanish)
θελημα	the-lE-ma	intention, purpose, plan	
ουδε	ou-de	nor, neither, not even	
πονηρος	po-nE-ros	evil	("bad to the bone")
χαρις	kha-ris	grace	(charismata)

## Pesky Personal Pronouns Revisited

εμοι	emoi	to/for me	( <b>not</b> plural, a rare case like σοι)
‘ημας	hE-mas	us	
‘ημων	hE-mOn	of us all (our)	
‘υμιν	hu-min	to you all	

**1** Παῦλος ἀπόστολος οὐκ ἀπ' ἀνθρώπων οὐδὲ δι' ἀνθρώπου ἀλλὰ διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ καὶ θεοῦ πατρὸς τοῦ

ἐγείραντος αὐτὸν ἐκ νεκρῶν, **2** καὶ οἱ σὺν ἐμοὶ πάντες ἀδελφοὶ<sup>α</sup> ταῖς ἐκκλησίαις τῆς Γαλατίας,<sup>β</sup> **3** χάρις ὑμῖν

<sup>Paul</sup> **1** <sup>apostle</sup> Παῦλος <sup>away-from-robed(one)</sup> ἀπόστολος <sup>not</sup> οὐκ <sup>away-from</sup> ἀπ' <sup>of-many-humans</sup> ἀνθρώπων <sup>neither</sup> οὐδὲ <sup>through</sup> δι' <sup>(a) of-human</sup> ἀνθρώπου <sup>but</sup> ἀλλὰ <sup>through</sup> διὰ <sup>of-Jesus</sup> Ἰησοῦ <sup>of-Christ</sup> Χριστοῦ <sup>and</sup> καὶ <sup>of-god</sup> θεοῦ <sup>father</sup> πατρὸς <sup>of-the</sup> τοῦ

<sup>(past)-raised</sup> ἐγείραντος <sup>him</sup> αὐτὸν <sup>out</sup> ἐκ <sup>of-many-dead (ones),</sup> νεκρῶν, **2** <sup>and the-many with</sup> καὶ οἱ <sup>for-me</sup> σὺν ἐμοὶ <sup>all</sup> πάντες <sup>many-siblings</sup> ἀδελφοὶ<sup>a</sup> <sup>for-the-many</sup> ταῖς <sup>many-out-called (ones)</sup> ἐκκλησίαις <sup>of-the</sup> τῆς <sup>Galatia,</sup> Γαλατίας,<sup>b</sup> **3** <sup>Grace</sup> χάρις <sup>to-you-all</sup> ὑμῖν

καὶ εἰρήνη ἀπὸ θεοῦ πατρὸς ἡμῶν καὶ κυρίου<sup>1</sup> Ἰησοῦ  
Χριστοῦ<sup>c</sup> 4 τοῦ δόντος ἑαυτὸν ὑπὲρ τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν

ἡμῶν, ὅπως ἐξέλῃται ἡμᾶς ἐκ τοῦ αἰῶνος τοῦ ἐνεστῶτος  
πονηροῦ κατὰ τὸ θέλημα τοῦ θεοῦ καὶ πατρὸς ἡμῶν,  
5 ᾧ ἡ δόξα εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων, ἀμήν.<sup>d</sup>



and peace away-from of-god father of-us and of Lord of-Jesus  
 καὶ εἰρήνη ἀπὸ θεοῦ πατρὸς ἡμῶν καὶ κυρίου<sup>1</sup> Ἰησοῦ  
 Χριστοῦ<sup>c</sup> 4 τοῦ δόντος ἑαυτὸν ὑπὲρ τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν  
 of-Christ of-the gave himself above of-the-many of-many-sins

of-us, so-that (past) out- came us out of-the eon of-the current (age)  
 ἡμῶν, ὅπως ἐξέληται ἡμᾶς ἐκ τοῦ αἰῶνος τοῦ ἐνεστῶτος  
 πονηροῦ κατὰ τὸ θέλημα τοῦ θεοῦ καὶ πατρὸς ἡμῶν,  
 of-evil (age) down-from the will of-the of-god and father of-us,  
 5 ᾧ ἡ δόξα εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων, ἀμήν.<sup>d</sup>  
 to-whom the glory into the-many eons of-the-many many-eons, amen.  
 ----- eternity, -----



**23. Greek for:**

**I Corinthians 15:12-19**

## Key Words for this passage:

αρα	ara	then	
ει	ei	if, since	
ελπις	elpis	hope	
εστιν	estin	is	
‘ευρισκω	heu-riskO	I find, I search	(heuristics)
ηγειρεν	Egei-ren	raise	
κηρυγμα	kErug-ma	preaching	(noun) – spelled as ‘kerygma’
κηρυσσω	kErus-sO	I preach	(verb)
‘υμων	humOn	of you all, your	
ψευδο	pseu-do	false	

## Look-alikes – Be careful!

πως	pOs	how	(usually as a question)
τως	tOs	of the many	

## Key Words for this passage:

αρα

ει

ελπις

εστιν

Cover up the English

‘ευρισκω

Pronounce the Words

ηγειρεν

κηρυγμα

Translate the Words

κηρυσσω

‘υμων

ψευδο

## Look-alikes – Be careful!

πως

τως

This final passage is a self-exam. Phonetically read the passage aloud without breaking cadence. Two exceptions of past-tense stutter-words defy American tangled tongues.

## Resolve to have fun!

Create a stiff wooden translation with words you know before checking how one Interlinear translated it. Use cautiously, as it sometimes translates a whole sub-phrase at once.

When ready, translate next two pages **without help for 20 minutes**. You may be surprised at how much you can read. Next, open your book, to find **missed words for 15 minutes**.

How much did your stiff wooden translation differ from a Greek Interlinear by George Berry.

How many words did you translate **in first pass** (how many of 110 words **without help**)? Give yourself 1 point for each word and ½ point for each prefix (or root) of unknown word.

**12** Εἰ δὲ Χριστὸς κηρύσσεται ὅτι ἐκ νεκρῶν ἐγήγερται, πῶς λέγουσιν ἐν ὑμῖν τινες ὅτι ἀνάστασις νεκρῶν οὐκ

ἔστιν; **13** εἰ δὲ ἀνάστασις νεκρῶν οὐκ ἔστιν, οὐδὲ Χριστὸς ἐγήγερται· **14** εἰ δὲ Χριστὸς οὐκ ἐγήγερται,

κενὸν ἄρα [καὶ] τὸ κήρυγμα ἡμῶν, κενὴ καὶ ἡ πίστις ὑμῶν<sup>2</sup>. **15** εὐρισκόμεθα δὲ καὶ ψευδομάρτυρες τοῦ θεοῦ,

ὅτι ἐμαρτυρήσαμεν κατὰ τοῦ θεοῦ ὅτι ἡγείρεν τὸν Χριστόν, ὃν οὐκ ἡγείρεν εἴπερ ἄρα νεκροὶ οὐκ ἐγείρονται.

**16** εἰ γὰρ νεκροὶ οὐκ ἐγείρονται, οὐδὲ Χριστὸς ἐγήγερται·  
**17** εἰ δὲ Χριστὸς οὐκ ἐγήγερται, ματαία ἡ πίστις ὑμῶν,

ἔτι ἐστὲ ἐν ταῖς ἁμαρτίαις ὑμῶν, **18** ἄρα καὶ οἱ κοιμη-  
θέντες ἐν Χριστῷ ἀπώλοντο. **19** εἰ ἐν τῇ ζωῇ ταύτῃ

ἐν Χριστῷ ἡλπικότες ἐσμέν μόνον, ἐλεεινότεροι πάντων  
ἀνθρώπων ἐσμέν.<sup>h</sup>

If but Christ preached/proclaimed such-that out from-dead (ones) (past) raised,  
**12** Εἰ δὲ Χριστὸς κηρύσσεται ὅτι ἐκ νεκρῶν ἐγήγερται,  
 how said in to-you-all some such-that up-static resurrected from-dead (ones) not  
 is ? **13** εἰ δὲ ἀνάστασις νεκρῶν οὐκ ἔστιν, οὐδὲ  
 If but up-static resurrected from-dead (ones) not is, neither  
 Χριστὸς ἐγήγερται· **14** εἰ δὲ Χριστὸς οὐκ ἐγήγερται,  
 Christ (past) raised: if but Christ not (past) raised ,  
 void/empty then and the preaching of-us, void/empty and the faith  
 κενὸν ἄρα [καὶ] τὸ κήρυγμα ἡμῶν, κενὴ καὶ ἡ πίστις  
 of-you-all: **15** εὕρισκόμεθα δὲ καὶ ψευδομάρτυρες τοῦ θεοῦ,  
 heuristic search/found but and false-witness of-the of-god,  
 such-that (past)witness down-from of the of-god such-that (past) raised the  
 ὅτι ἐμαρτυρήσαμεν κατὰ τοῦ θεοῦ ὅτι ἡγείρεν τὸν  
 Christ, whom not (past) raised if /since then dead (ones) not (past) raised.  
 Χριστόν, ὃν οὐκ ἡγείρεν εἴπερ ἄρα νεκροὶ οὐκ ἐγείρονται.



If for dead (ones) not (past) raised, neither Christ (past) raised:  
**16** εἰ γὰρ νεκροὶ οὐκ ἐγείρονται, οὐδὲ Χριστὸς ἐγήγερται.  
**17** εἰ δὲ Χριστὸς οὐκ ἐγήγερται, ματαία ἡ πίστις ὑμῶν,  
 If but Christ not (past) raised, futile /empty-talk the faith of-you-all

yet/still is in the-many many-sins of-you all, then and the-many (ones)  
 ἔτι ἐστὲ ἐν ταῖς ἀμαρτίαις ὑμῶν, **18** ἄρα καὶ οἱ κοιμη-  
 θέντες ἐν Χριστῷ ἀπώλοντο. **19** εἰ ἐν τῇ ζωῇ ταύτῃ  
 fell asleep in Christ away-from-perished. are long past lost. if in for-the for-life for-this

in Christ (past) hope is/are only/alone, (past) miserable (ones) of-many-all  
 ἐν Χριστῷ ἡλπικότες ἐσμέν μόνον, ἐλεεινότεροι πάντων  
 ἀνθρώπων ἐσμέν.<sup>h</sup>  
 of-many-humans is/are.



2532 3779 4100 1487 1161 5547 2784  
 σομεν, καὶ οὕτως ἐπιστεύσατε. 12 Εἰδὲ χριστὸς κηρύσσεται,  
 preach, and so ye believed. Now if Christ is preached,  
 3754 1537 3498 1453 4459 3004† 5100  
 ὅτι ἐκ νεκρῶν ἐγήγερται, πῶς λέγουσιν <sup>κ</sup>τινες  
 that from among [the] dead he has been raised, how say some  
 1722 5213 3754 386 3498 3756 2076 1487 1161 386  
 ἐν ὑμῖν ὅτι ἀνάστασις νεκρῶν οὐκ ἔστιν; 13 εἰδὲ ἀνά-  
 among you that a resurrection of [the] dead there is not? But if a resur-  
 3498 3756 2076 3761 5547 1453 1487 ★  
 στασις νεκρῶν οὐκ ἔστιν, οὐδὲ χριστὸς ἐγήγερται. 14 εἰδὲ  
 rection of [the] dead there is not, neither Christ has been raised: but if  
 5547 3756 1453 2756† 686 3588 2782 2257 2756†  
 χριστὸς οὐκ ἐγήγερται, κενὸν ἄρα <sup>1</sup> τὸ κήρυγμα ἡμῶν, κενὴ  
 Christ has not been raised, then void [is] our proclamation, <sup>2</sup>void  
 1161 2532 ★ 4102 5216 2147 1161 2532 5575  
<sup>κ</sup>δὲ καὶ ἡ πίστις ὑμῶν. 15 εὕρισκόμεθα δὲ καὶ ψευδομάρτυρες  
 and also your faith. And we are found also false witnesses  
 3588 2316 3754 3140 2596 3588 2316 3754 1453  
 τοῦ θεοῦ, ὅτι ἐμαρτυρήσαμεν κατὰ τοῦ θεοῦ ὅτι ἤγειρεν  
 of God; for we witnessed concerning God that he raised up

3588 5547 3739 3756 1453 1512 686 3498 3756  
 τὸν χριστὸν, ὃν οὐκ ἤγειρεν εἴπερ ἄρα νεκροὶ οὐκ  
 the Christ, whom he raised not if then [the] dead <sup>2</sup>not  
 1453 1487 1063 3498 3756 1453 3761 5547  
 ἐγείρονται· 16 εἰ γὰρ νεκροὶ οὐκ ἐγείρονται, οὐδὲ χριστὸς  
<sup>1</sup>are raised. For if [the] dead are not raised, neither Christ  
 1453 1487 1161 5547 3756 1453 3152† 3588 4102  
 ἐγήγερται· 17 εἰ δὲ χριστὸς οὐκ ἐγήγερται, ματαία ἡ πίστις  
 has been raised: but if Christ has not been raised, vain <sup>2</sup>faith  
 5216 2089 2075 1722 3588 256† 5216 686 2532 3588  
 ὑμῶν<sup>ο</sup>· ἔτι ἐστὲ ἐν ταῖς ἁμαρτίαις ὑμῶν· 18 ἄρα καὶ οἱ  
<sup>1</sup>your [is]; still ye are in your sins. And then those that  
 2837 1722 5547 622 1487 1722 3588 ★ 5026  
 κοιμηθέντες ἐκ χριστῷ ἀπώλοντο. 19 εἰ ἐν τῇ ζωῇ ταύτῃ  
 fell asleep in Christ perished. If in this life  
 1679 2070 1722 5547 3440 1652 3956 444  
 ῥηλπικότες ἐσμέν ἐν χριστῷ<sup>η</sup> μόνον, ἐλεεινότεροι πάντων ἀν-  
<sup>2</sup>we <sup>3</sup>have <sup>4</sup>hope <sup>5</sup>in <sup>6</sup>Christ <sup>1</sup>only, more miserable than all  
 2070  
 θρώπων ἐσμέν.  
 men we are.

Verses: 15b-19

Interlinear of I Cor.15:12-19  
(Textus Receptus, George Berry)

# Summary

We covered in this introductory course:

- rudiments of a working vocabulary of New Testament words
- lower-case alphabet (and glimpsed briefly at upper case)
- a few of most common grammatical rules and tenses
- common suffixes that designate a verb (-ω) ... from a noun (-ος)
- common diphthongs (αι, οι, ου, υι)
- four cases: nominative (actor), accusative (acted upon), genitive (of/from), dative (to/for)
- prepositional prefixes with a friendly λεον (up/down, above/below, in/out, etc)
- six personal pronouns (I/us, you/you-all, he/they)
- twenty four ways to say “the” (which drives meaning of many sentences)
- four pronoun case tables (personal, demonstrative, relative)
- panicked at 288 verb declensions yet to learn (regular verb tenses)
- ten sample Koine Greek New Testament passages

We teased out unknown words with roots, preposition, and common suffixes.

Each passage had rare words needing a dictionary or Interlinear. Our small vocabulary is only a portion needed. Yet, these few opens up large swatches of the New Testament.

Greek state-based grammar does not satisfy time-based English. Only study of verb declensions among time tenses can define those subtle differences. This limitation does not block you as a reader, but use judicious caution!

*Thank you for joining me in this introductory Koine' Greek adventure.*

Εν αρχη ην 'ο λογορ,  
και 'ο λογορ ην προρ τον θεον,  
και θεορ ην 'ο λογορ