

Lesson Five

Πρω ἄμαρ ἴον
The Letters of The Two Sounds

These are the letters which are pronounced in two ways :

***B *Λ θ* *Χ**

The sign (*) indicates the starting point in writing the letter.

i. Letter B

1 - Is pronounced (**V**) when it is followed by a vowel.

e.g. **Bα Βε Βι Βη Βο Βω Βον**

Ex. Read, write and memorize the following words :

Βαλ : eye

Βωκ : servant

Ποβι : sin

2 - Is pronounced (**B**) when it is at the end of the word :

e.g. **Πηβ** : master

or if it is followed by a consonant :

e.g. **Λωβω** : explanation / exposition.

or if it is in proper names (name of person, city ... etc.)

e.g. **Βασιλι** : Basil

∴ **B** + Vowel pronounced (**V**) except in proper names.

B + Consonant → pronounced → (**B**)

B at the end → pronounced → (**B**)

ii. Letter Δ :

1 - Is pronounced **(D)** in proper names :

e.g. ΔΙΝΑ : Dina

Read : Δα Δε Δι ΔΗ Δο Δω Δοϣ

2 - Is pronounced **(TH)** ...as in " The "

e.g. Δωρον : present

Read : Δα Δε Δι ΔΗ Δο Δω Δοϣ

iii. Letter Θ :

1 - Generally it is pronounced **(TH)** as in " thanks "

e.g. ΘΩΚ : yours

εΘβε : for the sake of

2 - Pronounced **(T)** when it is preceded by **Ϣ, Ϙ, Ϛ**

e.g. ϢΘοι : smell

ϘΘαυ : shut , close

υαϚΘεοϢ : Matthew

iv. Letter Χ :

1 -Is pronounced **(J)**as in " Joy " when it is followed by **Ϣ, Ι, Η**

Read : Χε Χι Χη

e.g. Χε : because

Χηρ : to be examined

2 -Is pronounced **(G)** ...as in " go " in any other case.

Read : Χα Χο Χω Χοϣ

e.g. Χαχι : enemy

Χω : say

αχιπ : watch (N)

Χου : power

EXERCISE:

Read, write and memorize the following words:

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| ⲧⲏⲃ : finger | ⲉⲓⲁⲕⲱⲛ : deacon |
| ⲉⲓⲏⲃ : lamp | ⲉ : but , and |
| ⲃⲁⲕⲓ : city | ⲥⲟⲉⲣⲧⲉⲣ : trembling |
| ⲧⲉⲃⲓ : fifty (50) | ⲱⲟⲉⲗ : street |
| ⲱⲃⲉ : seventy (70) | ⲙⲁⲧⲟⲓⲁⲥ : Matthias |
| ⲕⲱⲙ : book | ⲉⲓⲕⲉⲛ : on |
| ⲕⲱⲃⲓ : leaf | ⲉⲃⲙⲕ : vinegar |
| ⲕⲟⲩⲧ : twenty (20) | ⲕⲓⲕ : hand |