

Lesson Eleven

Πρω ἄμαρ μητ ορα

The Similar Coptic Sounds

Some Coptic letters give the same sound under certain conditions which are summarized in the following table :

Sound	Coptic letter & condition	Examples
1. V	B + vowel α / ε + ϣ	βα, βε, βη, βι, βο, βω αϣ, εϣ
2. G as go	ϥ + ε, ι, η, ϣ ϥ + α, ο, ω	ϥε, ϥι, ϥη, ϥϣ ϥα, ϥο, ϥω
3. N	Ν ϣ + ϥ, κ, ζ, χ	e.g. αϥϥελοϥ, ϥαλπισϥ, αναϥκη, εϥχοϥ
4. T	Ϯ ϣ, ψ, ϥ + θ	e.g. ϥθοι, ψθαμ, ματθεοϥ
5. F	Ϥ ϥ	
6. D	Δ in proper nouns N + Ϯ in Greek words	Δαυιδ : David οντωϥ : likewise
7. Z	Ζ ϥ + μ in Greek words	κοϥμοϥ : world