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Introduction

This is a Greek Septuagint reader for Jonah and Ruth. It is designed as a useful cost-efficient tool for two groups of people. First, for students or scholars new to the Septuagint, or curious to explore what it is. Second, for students learning Koine Greek after a year's worth of study this series provides the material to grow in reading ability from the primary texts.¹

The books selected for this reader are among the simplest passages of the Septuagint, as such they are often among the first books to be read and studied by students. These are the books of Jonah and Ruth. They are excellent for beginners and intermediate readers to learn and practise reading. I have also included the text in a format similar to how it appears in Codex Vaticanus, and a parallel facing Septuagint – Hebrew Bible.

What is the Septuagint?

The Septuagint basically refers to the Greek translation of the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible. However, this sentence is problematic in many ways and needs unpacking. Properly the Septuagint refers to the first translation of the Hebrew Torah into the Greek Pentateuch. A doubtful legend concerning this trans-

¹ Koine Greek is the common term for what has historically and inaccurately been known as Biblical or New Testament Greek. The best term to describe the language is Post-Classical Greek.

IΩΝΑΣ

1 Καὶ ἐγένετο λόγος κυρίου πρὸς Ἰωνᾶν τὸν τοῦ Ἀμαθεὶ^a λέγων, **2** Ἀνάστηθι καὶ πορεύθητι εἰς Νινευὴ τὴν πόλιν τὴν μεγάλην καὶ κήρυξον^b ἐν αὐτῇ, ὅτι ἀνέβη¹ ἡ κραυγὴ^c τῆς κακίας αὐτῆς πρὸς μέ. **3** καὶ ἀνέστη² Ἰωνᾶς τοῦ φυγεῖν^d εἰς Θαρσεῖς ἐκ προσώπου Κυρίου, καὶ κατέβη⁴ εἰς Ἰόππην· καὶ εὗρεν⁵ πλοῖον^d βαδίζον^e εἰς Θαρσεῖς, καὶ ἔδωκεν⁶ τὸ ναῦλον^f αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐνέβη^g εἰς αὐτὸ τοῦ πλεῦσαι^h μετ' αὐτῶν εἰς Θαρσεῖς ἐκ προσώπου Κυρίου.

4 Καὶ Κύριος ἐξήγειρενⁱ πνεῦμα ἐπὶ τὴν θάλασσαν, καὶ ἐγένετο κλύδων^j μέγας ἐν τῇ θαλάσσῃ, καὶ τὸ πλοῖον^d ἐκινδύνευεν^k συντριβῆναι^l. **5** καὶ ἐφοβήθησαν οἱ ναυτικοὶ^m καὶ ἀνεβόησαν^m ἔκαστος πρὸς τὸν θεὸν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐκβολὴνⁿ ἐποιήσαντο τῶν σκευῶν τῶν ἐν τῷ πλοιώ^d εἰς τὴν θάλασσαν, τοῦ κουφισθῆναι^o ἀπ' αὐτῶν. Ἰωνᾶς δὲ κατέβη⁴ εἰς τὴν κοιλην^p τοῦ πλοίου^d, καὶ ἐκάθευδεν^q καὶ ἔρεγχεν^r. **6** καὶ προσῆλθεν^s

1

- a **Ἀμαθι.** Hamathite. (3)
b **κηρύσσω.** to proclaim, preach. (31)
c **κραυγή,** ἥς, ἥ. crying, outcry, clamour. (65)
d **πλοῖον, ου, τό.** boat, ship. (41)
e **βαδίζω.** to walk, go slowly, proceed. (62)
f **ναῦλον, ου, τό.** fare. (1)
g **ἐμβαίνω.** to step into, embark. (4) aor. act. ind. 3s
h **πλέω.** to sail. (7)
i **ἐξεγείρω.** to raise up, awaken. (78)

j **κλύδων,** ὄνος, ὁ. billow, surge.

(9)

k **κινδυνεύω.** to be in danger.

(7)

l **ναυτικός.** mariner. (2)

m **ἀναβοάω.** to cry out. (44) aor.

act. ind. 3p

n **ἐκβολή,** ἥς, ἥ. throwing out, jettisoning. (2)

o **κουφίζω.** to lighten; be light. (11)

p **κοιλος.** hollow, hollowed. (5)

q **καθεύδω.** to sleep. (33)

r **ρέγχω.** to snore. (2)

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- ¹ **ἀναβαίνω** aor. act. ind. 3s
² **ἀνίστημι** aor. act. ind. 3s
³ **φεύγω** aor. act. inf.
⁴ **καταβαίνω** aor. act. ind. 3s

⁵ **εὑρίσκω** aor. act. ind. 3s

⁶ **δίδωμι** aor. act. ind. 3s

⁷ **συντρίβω** aor. pass. inf.

⁸ **προσέρχομαι** aor. act. ind. 3s

πρὸς αὐτὸν ὁ πρωρεὺς^a καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ Τί σὺ ρέγχεις^b; ἀνάστα¹ καὶ ἐπικαλοῦ τὸν θεόν σου, ὅπως διασώσῃ^c ὁ θεὸς ἡμᾶς καὶ μὴ ἀπολώμεθα². ⁷ καὶ εἶπεν ἔκαστος πρὸς τὸν πλησίον αὐτοῦ Δεῦτε^d βάλωμεν^e κλήρους καὶ ἐπιγινώμεν^f τίνος ἔνεκεν ἡ κακία αὕτη ἐστὶν ἐν ἡμῖν. καὶ ἔβαλον^g κλήρους, καὶ ἔπεσεν^h ὁ κλῆρος ἐπὶ Ἰωνᾶν. ⁸ καὶ εἶπον πρὸς αὐτόν τὸν Ἀπάγγειλον ἡμῖν τίς σου ἡ ἐργασίαⁱ ἐστίν, καὶ πόθεν^j ἔρχῃ, καὶ ἐκ ποίας^k χώρας καὶ ἐκ ποίου^h λαοῦ εἴ σύ; ⁹ καὶ εἶπεν πρὸς αὐτούς Δοῦλος Κυρίου ἐγώ εἰμι, καὶ τὸν κύριον θεὸν τοῦ οὐρανοῦ ἐγὼ σέβομαιⁱ, δις ἐποίησεν τὴν θάλασσαν καὶ τὴν ἔηράν^j. ¹⁰ καὶ ἐφοβήθησαν οἱ ἄνδρες φόβον μέγαν καὶ εἶπαν πρὸς αὐτόν Τί τοῦτο ἐποίησας; διότι ἔγνωσαν^k οἱ ἄνδρες ὅτι ἐκ προσώπου Κυρίου ἦν φεύγων, ὅτι ἀπήγγειλεν αὐτοῖς.

¹¹ Καὶ εἶπαν πρὸς αὐτόν Τί σοι ποιήσομεν, καὶ κοπάσει^k ἡ θάλασσα ἀφ' ἡμῶν; ὅτι ἡ θάλασσα ἐπορεύετο καὶ ἐξήγειρεν^l μᾶλλον^m κλύδωναⁿ. ¹² καὶ εἶπεν Ἰωνᾶς πρὸς αὐτούς Ἀρατέ⁶ με καὶ ἐμβάλετέ^o με εἰς τὴν θάλασσαν, καὶ κοπάσει^k ἡ θάλασσα ἀφ' ὑμῶν. διότι ἔγνωκα⁷ ἐγὼ ὅτι δι' ἐμὲ ὁ κλύδωνⁿ ὁ μέγας οὗτος ἐφ' ὑμᾶς ἐστίν. ¹³ καὶ παρεβιάζοντο^p οἱ ἄνδρες τοῦ ἐπιστρέψαι

a πρωρεύς, ἔως, ὁ. captain. (2)

b ρέγχω. to snore. (2)

c διασώζω. to save. (69)

d δεῦτε. come, come here. (41)

e βάλλω. to throw, cast; put.

(56)

f ἐργασία, ας, ἡ. work, business.
(45)

g πόθεν. from where? how? (42)

h ποῖος, α, ον. of what kind? of
what sort? (40)

i σέβω. to worship, be devout.
(21)

j ἔηρός, ἀ, ὁν. dry, withered, dry
land. (41)

k κοπάζω. to abate, grow weary.
(26)

l ἐξεγείρω. to raise up, awaken.
(78)

m μᾶλλον. more, rather. (46)

n κλύδων, ὄνος, ὁ. billow, surge.
(9)

o ἐμβάλλω. to cast into. (75)
aor. act. impv. 2p

p παραβιάζομαι. to urge,
constrain by entreaty. (7)

¹ ἀνίστημι aor. act. impv. 2s

² ἀπόλλυμι pres. mid. subj. 1p

³ ἐπιγινώσκω aor. act. subj. 1p

⁴ πίπτω aor. act. ind. 3s

⁵ γινώσκω aor. act. ind. 3p

⁶ αἴρω aor. act. impv. 2p

⁷ γινώσκω pf. act. ind. 1s

πρὸς τὴν γῆν, καὶ οὐκ ἡδύναντο, ὅτι ἡ θάλασσα ἐπορεύετο καὶ ἔξηγείρετο^a μᾶλλον^b ἐπ' αὐτούς. **14** καὶ ἀνεβόησαν^c πρὸς Κύριον καὶ εἶπαν Μηδαμῶς, Κύριε· μὴ ἀπολώμεθα^d ἔνεκεν τῆς ψυχῆς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου τούτου, καὶ μὴ δῶς^e ἐφ' ἡμᾶς αἷμα δίκαιον, διότι σύ, Κύριε, ὃν τρόπον ἐβούλου πεποίηκας. **15** καὶ ἔλαβον^f τὸν Ἰωνᾶν καὶ ἔξέβαλον^g αὐτὸν εἰς τὴν θάλασσαν, καὶ ἔστη^h ἡ θάλασσα ἐκ τοῦ σάλουⁱ αὐτῆς. **16** καὶ ἐφοβήθησαν οἱ ἄνδρες φόβῳ μεγάλῳ τὸν κύριον, καὶ ἔθυσαν^j θυσίας τῷ κυρίῳ καὶ εὔξαντο^k εὐχάς^l.

2 Καὶ προσέταξεν^a Κύριος κήτει^b μεγάλῳ καταπιεῖν^c τὸν Ἰωνᾶν· καὶ ἦν Ἰωνᾶς ἐν τῇ κοιλίᾳ τοῦ κήτους^b τρεῖς ἡμέρας καὶ τρεῖς νύκτας^l.

2 Καὶ προσηύξατο Ἰωνᾶς πρὸς Κύριον τὸν θεὸν αὐτοῦ ἐκ τῆς κοιλίας τοῦ κήτους^b, **3** καὶ εἶπεν

Ἐβόησα² ἐν θλίψει μου πρὸς Κύριον τὸν θεόν μου, καὶ εἰσήκουσέν³ μου.

ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου κραυγής^d μου ἤκουσας φωνῆς μου.

4 ἀπέρριψάς^e με εἰς βάθη^f καρδίας θαλάσσης,
καὶ ποταμοί με ἐκύκλωσαν,

a ἔξηγείρω. to raise up, awaken. a προστάσσω. to command, (78) order, appoint. (71) aor. act.

b μᾶλλον. more, rather. (46) ind. 3s

c ἀναβοάω. to cry out. (44) aor. b κῆτος, ους, τό. huge fish, sea act. ind. 3p monster. (12)

d σάλος, ου, δ. tossing. (9) c καταπίνω. to drink down,

e εὔχομαι. to pray, wish. (84) swallow. (40) aor. act. inf.

f εὐχή, ἥς, ἥ. prayer, vow. (89) d κραυγή, ἥς, ἥ. crying, outcry, clamour. (65)

2

e ἀπορρίπτω. to throw away from, throw overboard. (46) aor. act. ind. 2s

f βάθος, ους, τό. depth. (23)

¹ ἀπόλλυμι pres. mid. subj. 1p ⁶ θύω aor. act. ind. 3p

² δίδωμι aor. act. subj. 2s ²

³ λαμβάνω aor. act. ind. 3p

¹ νύξ acc. fp

⁴ ἐκβάλλω aor. act. ind. 3p

² βοάω aor. act. ind. 1s

⁵ ἴστημι aor. act. ind. 3s

³ εἰσακούω aor. act. ind. 3s

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u **δεῦτε.** come, come here. (41)

v **βάλλω.** to throw, cast; put. (56)

יְוָהּ

וַיֹּהּ דִּבֶּר־יְהֹוָה אֶל־יְوֹנָה בֶּן־אַמְתָּה לֹאמֶר:

1 **2** קַוֵּם לְךָ אֶל־גִּינְוֹה הַעֲיר הַגְּדוֹלָה וְקַרְאָ
עַלְיהָ כִּי־עַלְתָּה רָעָתָם לִפְנֵי:**3** וַיֹּקְם יוֹנָה לִבְרָח
תְּرִשְׁיוֹשָׁה מִלְּפָנֵי יְהֹוָה וַיַּרְדֵּן יְפֻוּ וַיַּמְצָא אָנִיה**a** בָּאָה
תְּרִשְׁיוֹשׁ וַיַּתֵּן שְׁכָרָה**c** וַיַּרְדֵּן בָּהּ לְבָוֹא עַמְּךָם תְּרִשְׁיוֹשָׁה
מִלְּפָנֵי יְהֹוָה:

4 **וַיֹּהּ** הַטִּיל רִוח־גְּדוֹלָה אֶל־הָעָם וַיֹּהּ
סָעַר־גְּדוֹלָל בָּim וְהָאַנְיָה**b** חַשְׁבָה לְהַשְׁבָּר:

5 **וַיִּירָאֵי** הַמְּלָחִים אִישׁ אֶל־אֶלְחִיוֹ וַיַּטְלֵל
אַתְּהַכְּלִים אֲשֶׁר בָּאַנְיָה**b** אֶל־הָעָם לְהַקְלָל מַעֲלִיָּהָם
וַיֹּנֶה יַרְדֵן אֶל־יְרִכְתִּין הַסְּפִינָה וַיַּשְׁכַּב וַיַּרְדֵן:**j**

6 **וַיִּקְרַב** אֶלְיוֹן**k** הַחַבֵּל וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ מַה־לִּקְרַב נֶרְדֵן:
קַוֵּם קָרָא אֶל־אֶלְחִיךְ אֱלֹהֵים וַיַּעֲשֵׂה הָאֱלֹהִים
לְנוּ וְלֹא נָאָבֶד:**7** **וַיֹּאמְרוּ** אִישׁ אֶל־רִעָהוּ לְכָל
וְנִפְלֵיהָ גּוֹרְלוֹתָהּ וְגּוֹרְעָה בְּשַׁלְמֵי הָרָעָה הַזֹּאת לְנוּ
וַיַּפְלֵל גּוֹרְלוֹתָהּ וַיַּפְלֵל הַגּוֹרְלָהּ עַל־יְוֹנָה:**8** **וַיֹּאמְרוּ**

a בָּרָח to go through, flee. (65)

b אַנְיָה (f) ship. (31)

c שְׁכָר hire, wages. (28)

d [טוֹלֵ] to hurl, cast. (14)

e סָעַר tempest. (8)

f מַלְחָה mariner. (4)

g יוֹעֵק to cry, cry out. (72)

h יְרָכָה flank, side. (28)

i סְפִינָה (f) vessel, ship. (1)

j [לְדָמָ] to be in, or fall into, heavy sleep. (7)

k לְבָן chief. (28)

l הַכְּבֵל sailor. (5)

m אֹולֵי perhaps. (45)

n עַשְׂתָּה [עַשְׂתָּה] to think. (1)

o גּוֹרֵל lot, portion, share. (77)

κλήρους καὶ ἐπιγνῶμεν τίνος ἔνεκεν ἡ κακία αὕτη ἐστὶν ἐν ἡμῖν. καὶ ἔβαλον^a κλήρους, καὶ ἐπεσεν δὲ κλῆρος ἐπὶ Ἰωνᾶν. ⁸ καὶ εἶπον πρὸς αὐτόν Ἀπάγγειλον ἡμῖν τίς σου ἡ ἐργασία^b ἐστίν, καὶ πόθεν^c ἔρχῃ, καὶ ἐκ ποίας^d χώρας καὶ ἐκ ποίου^d λαοῦ εἴσου; ⁹ καὶ εἶπεν πρὸς αὐτούς Δοῦλος Κυρίου ἐγώ εἰμι, καὶ τὸν κύριον θεὸν τοῦ οὐρανοῦ ἐγὼ σέβομαι^e, δις ἐποίησεν τὴν θάλασσαν καὶ τὴν ξηράν^f. ¹⁰ καὶ ἐφοβήθησαν οἱ ἄνδρες φόβον μέγαν καὶ εἶπαν πρὸς αὐτόν Τί τοῦτο ἐποίησας; διότι ἔγνωσαν οἱ ἄνδρες ὅτι ἐκ προσώπου Κυρίου ἦν φεύγων, ὅτι ἀπήγγειλεν αὐτοῖς.

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g κοπάζω. to abate, grow weary.
(26)

h ἐξεγείρω. to raise up, awaken.
(78)

i μᾶλλον. more, rather. (46)

j κλύδων. billow, surge. (9)

k ἐμβάλλω. to cast into. (75)

l παραβιάζομαι. to urge, constrain by entreaty. (7)

m ἀναβοάω. to cry out. (44)

אָלֵיו הַנִּידָה־נָא לְנוּ בָאָשֶׁר^a לְמַיְהָרָעָה הַזֹּאת לְנוּ
מַה־מֶּלֶאכֶת וּמִן־תְּבוֹא מֵהָאָרֶץ וְאֵם־מִזְהָעָם
אָפָה:⁹ וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵיכֶם עֲבָדִי אָנֹכִי וְאַתִּיחָה אֶלְתִּי
הַשְׁמָוֹם אֲנִי יַרְאָה^d אֲשֶׁר־עָשָׂה אַתִּיךְ וְאַתִּיחָה בִּבְשָׁה:^e
וַיַּירְאָו הָאָנָשִׁים יַרְאָה^d גְּדוּלָה וַיֹּאמְרוּ אָלֵיו^f
מַה־זֹּאת עֲשֵׂית כִּי־יַדְעָו הָאָנָשִׁים כִּי־מִלְפָנֵי יְהוָה
הִיא בִּרְחָה^g כִּי תְגַדֵּל לָהֶם:

וַיֹּאמְרוּ אָלֵיו מַה־בָּנָשָׂה לְךָ וַיֹּשְׁתַק^g הַיּוֹם מִעַלְיוֹ כִּי
הַיּוֹם הַוְלֵךְ וְסַעַר^h: וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵיכֶם שָׁאוֹנִי וְהַטִּילֵנִי
אֶל־הַיּוֹם וַיֹּשְׁתַק^g הַיּוֹם מִעַלְיוֹ כִּי יוֹדֵעַ אָנִי כִּי בְשָׁלִין
הַסֻּעָר^k הַגָּדוֹל הַזֶּה עַלְיכֶם:¹³ וַיַּחֲתַרְיוּ הָאָנָשִׁים
לְהַשִּׁיב אֶל־הַיּוֹשָׁה^e וְלֹא יָכֹלוּ כִּי הַיּוֹם הַוְלֵךְ וְסַעַר^h
עַלְיכֶם:¹⁴ וַיַּקְרָא אֶל־יְהוָה וַיֹּאמְרוּ אָפָה^m יְהוָה
אֶל־גָּןָא נָאָבָדָה בְּנֶפֶשׁ הָאֲישׁ הַזֶּה וְאֶל־תַּתְן עַלְינוּ
דָם נְקִיאָהⁿ כִּי־אַתָּה יְהוָה כִּי־אַשְׁר חָפֵצָה^o עֲשֵׂית:
וַיֹּשָׁאֵל אֶת־יְהוָה וַיְתַלְחוּ אֶל־הַיּוֹם וַיַּעֲמֹד הַיּוֹם
מִזְעֶפֶה^p: וַיַּרְאָו הָאָנָשִׁים יַרְאָה^d גְּדוּלָה אֶת־יְהוָה
וַיַּזְבְּחוּ־זָבֵחַ לִיהְוָה וַיִּזְרְקוּ נְדָרִים^r:

a בָּאָשֶׁר in which. (19)

j שֶׁל who, which, that. (3)

b אֵן from where? (16)

k סַעַר tempest. (8)

c אֵי where? (37)

l חַתֵּר to dig, row. (8)

d יַרְאָה afraid. (54)

m אָפָא ah! now! (13)

e יַבְשָׁה (f) dry land, dry ground. (14)

n נְקִיאָ innocent. (2)

f בָּרָח to go through, flee. (65)

o חָפֵץ to delight in, desire. (74)

g שַׁתַּק to be quiet. (4)

p זְעַר storming, raging, rage. (6)

h סַעַר to storm, rage. (7)

q נְדָר to vow. (31)

i [טוֹל] to hurl, cast. (14)

r נְדָר vow. (60)

Sample Greek uncial text

I have provided the text of Jonah and Ruth in Greek uncial text. The most important major Septuagint manuscripts were written in uncial script. I designed this font based on Codex Vaticanus, the earliest and most important of the great codices. These majuscule scripts have letters of the same height and are generally based on capital letters. There are no spaces between words, and words are often broken across lines. Reading these texts takes some getting used to, but practice is necessary to read ancient manuscripts.

ΙΩΝΑΣΚΑΙΕΓΕΝΕΤ	ΕΙΣΘΑΡΣΕΙΣΕΚΠΡΟΣ
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ΙΩΝΑΝΤΟΝΤΟΥΔ	ΤΕΒΗΕΙΣΙΟΠΠΗΝΚΑ
ΑΘΕΙΑΕΓΩΝΑΝΑСТ	ΙΕΥΡΕΝΠΛΟΙΟΝΒΑΔ
ΗΘΙΚΑΙΠΟΡΕΥΘΗΤΙΕ	ΙΖΟΝΕΙΣΘΑΡΣΕΙСКА
ΙСΝΙΝΕΥΗΤΗΝΠΟΛΙ	ΙΕΔΩΚΕΝΤΟΝΑΥΛΟ
ΝΤΗΝΜΕΓΑΛΗΝΚΑ	ΝΑΥΤΟΥΚΑΙΕΝΕΒΗΕ
ΙΚΗΡΥΣΟΝΕΝΑΥΤΗ	ΙСΑΥΤΟΤΟΥΠΛΕΥС
ΟΤΙΑΝΕΒΗΗΚΡΑΥГН	ΑΙΜΕΤΑУТВНЕІС
ТНСКАКИАСАУТНСП	ΘАРСЕІСЕКПРОСВАП
РОСМЕКАИАНЕСТИ	ОУКУРІОУКАІКУРІОС
ΙΩНАСТОУФҮГЕИН	ЕЗНГЕІРЕНПНЕҮМА

ΕΠΙΤΗΝΘΑΛΑССАΝ	ΥΤΗΕСТИНЕННМИК
ΚΑΙЕГЕНЕТОКЛУД	АІЕВАЛОНКАНРЮС
ѠНМЕГАСЕНТНѲА	КАІЕПЕСЕНОКАНРЮ
ЛАССИКАИТОПЛОЮ	СЕПІШНАНКАІЕІПО
НЕКИДҮНЕҮЕНСҮ	НПРОСАУТОНАЛАГ
НТРІВННАІКАІЕФО	ГЕІЛОННМІНТІССОУ
ВНӨНСАНОІНАҮТІК	НЕРГАСІАЕСТІНКА
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ЕОНАҮТОУКАІЕКВ	ПОІОУЛАДОҮЕІСҮКАІ
ОЛННЕПОІНСАНТО	ЕІПЕНПРОСАУТОУС
ТВНСКЕУШНТВН	ДОУЛАОСКҮРІОҮЕГШ
ЕНТВПЛОІШЕІСТ	ЕІМІКАІТОНКҮРІОН
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ҮТШНІШНАСДЕКА	ОІНСЕНТННӨНДАСС
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НТОУПЛОЮУКАІЕК	АІЕФОВНӨНСАНОІ
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ШННМАСЕСТІНКА	НСМЕТАТШНКОРА
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ҮКАЮКАПАНТНС	ОНКАІГНШСНТОНТ
ОНТАІСОІЕНАГРВ	ОПОНОПОУҚОІМАТ

Glossary

This glossary lists all words occurring 90 or more times in the books. Their familiar nature means that they are not glossed in the main text itself.

A

- ἀγαθός, ἡ, ὁν** good. (526)
ἀγαπάω to love. (271)
ἅγιος, α, ον holy. (794)
ἀγρός, ου, ὁ field,
countryside. (234)
ἀδελφός, ου, ὁ brother. (850)
ἄδης, ου, ὁ Hades. (107)
ἀδικία, ας, ἡ wrongdoing,
unrighteousness. (215)
αἷμα, ατος, τό blood. (396)
αἴρω to take away, lift up.
(281)
αιώνιος, α, ον eternal. (153)
ἀκούω to hear, listen. (1016)

ἄμα at the same time, along
with. (118)

ἀμφότερος both. (127)

ἄν would, could (indefinite).
(615)

ἄνα each, upwards. (349)

ἀναβαίνω to go up, ascend;
mount. (618)

ἀναγγέλλω to report,
announce. (231)

ἀναστρέφω to turn back,
return, live. (103)

ἄνηρ, ἄνδρός, ὁ man,
husband. (1669)

ἄνθρωπος, ου, ὁ human, man.
(1372)