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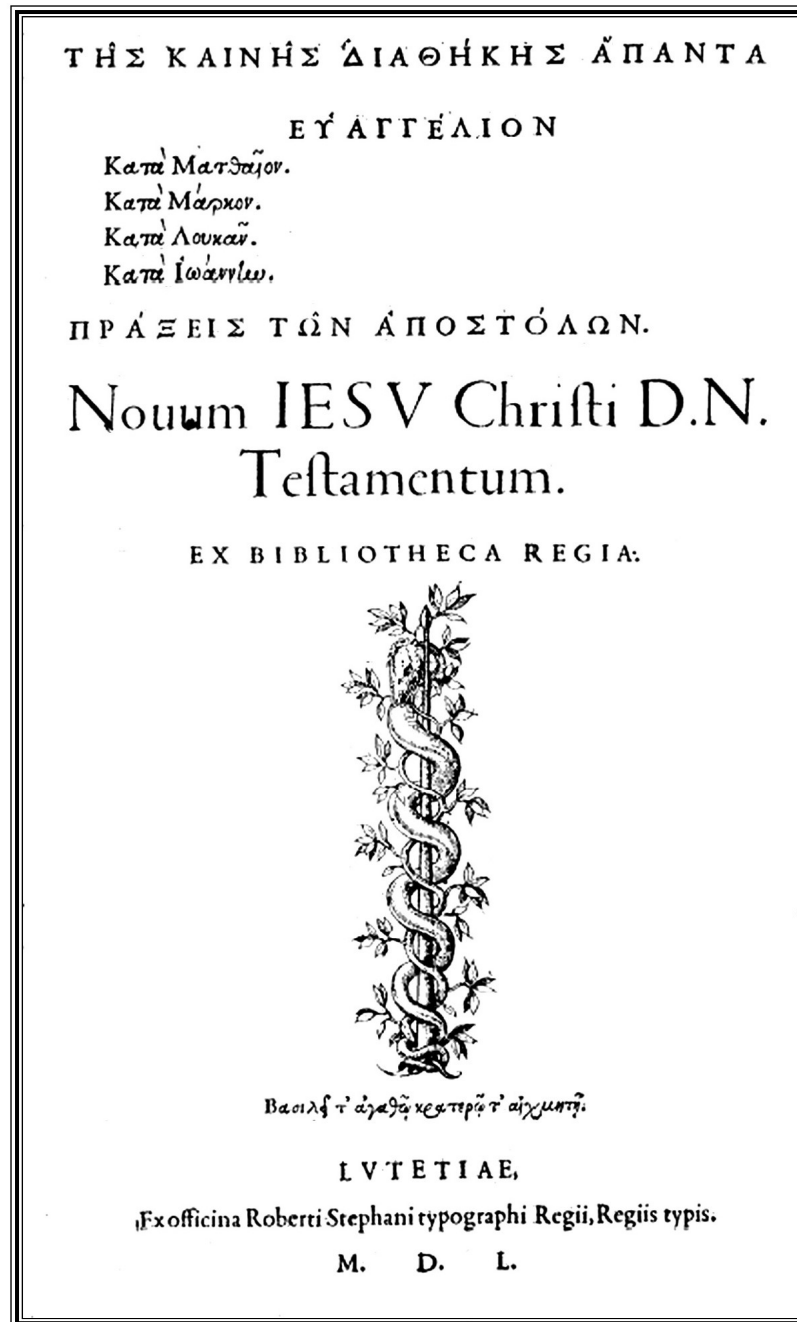
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KOINE GREEK STARTER WORKBOOK

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Dear Christian Parent,

Welcome to Biblical Greek!

This workbook is designed to teach children as young as five—and as old as ninety-five—the Greek alphabet. It's easy and fun!

Koine ("coin-ay") Greek is what we call the Greek of the Bible. It's the version of classical Greek that people spoke in the days of the New Testament. While, at first, you may think the letters seem like strange alien writing, you and your children will quickly learn them—and probably really enjoy it, like you're learning a secret code!

Each page of *Koine for Kids* is self-explanatory; there are instructions for every new letter and exercise as you go along. When you've finished them all, you and your children will know the entire Greek alphabet!

You'll also see some "Extra Greek for Older Kids" activities, designed to teach older students a little biblical Greek vocabulary; these exercises are for older students who are up for an extra challenge. By the end of the book, those students will be able to read and understand five short verses from the Greek New Testament!

You'll begin with the first letter of the Greek alphabet, *alpha*; and you say it like "awl-fa", not "al-fa". You'll see; it's all there. Turn the page and dive in!

I'd love to hear how *Koine For Kids* has blessed your family; write me a note or send me a picture to let me know how it's going!

Grace & peace to you,
Robyn van Eck

KOINE GREEK STARTER WORKBOOK

You are holding an excerpt of *Koine for Kids: A Pre-Primer for Biblical Greek*. You'll learn α through η , and even learn how to start reading a little Greek! I hope you and your kids will *love* this introduction to biblical Greek! Enjoy!

ALPHA

A

α

A

α

SNEAKY GREEK

One sneaky letter doesn't belong on each row. Find and circle it.

What sound do the other letters make? Read them aloud.

EXPLANATION

The name of the letter **A** is pronounced *awl-fa* (not *al-fa*!).

A has two sounds:
Long **A** sounds like *awe*, as in *ball*.
Short **A** sounds like *ah*, as in *what*.*

Majuscule (upper): **A**
Minuscule (lower): **α**

*Use the short **A** sound for exercises in this book.

1	α α α β α
2	A A A A Γ
3	α δ α α α
4	γ α α α α
5	A A B A A
6	Δ A A A A



TRACE THE LETTER

A α A α A α A α A α A α

UPPER OR LOWER

Read the sound the Greek letter makes aloud.

If the letter is uppercase, circle M (for Majuscule); if it is lowercase, circle m (for minuscule).

1	M m	A
2	M m	α
3	M m	α
4	M m	A

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BETA

B β B β

SNEAKY GREEK

One sneaky letter doesn't belong on each row. Find and circle it.

What sound do the other letters make? Read them aloud.

EXPLANATION

The name of the letter **B** is pronounced *bay-ta*.

B sounds like *b*, as in *baby*.

Majuscule: **B**
Minuscule: **β**

1	β	β	β	α	β
2	B	B	A	B	B
3	β	γ	β	β	β
4	δ	β	β	β	β
5	B	B	Γ	B	B
6	β	B	β	B	Δ



TRACE THE LETTER

Bβ

Bβ Bβ Bβ Bβ Bβ

BABY TALK

Read the Greek baby talk words aloud.

Circle the baby talk words that sound the same on each line.

1	βα	Bα	αβ
2	Bα	βα	Aβ
3	βα	αβ	Aβ
4	Aβ	Bα	αβ

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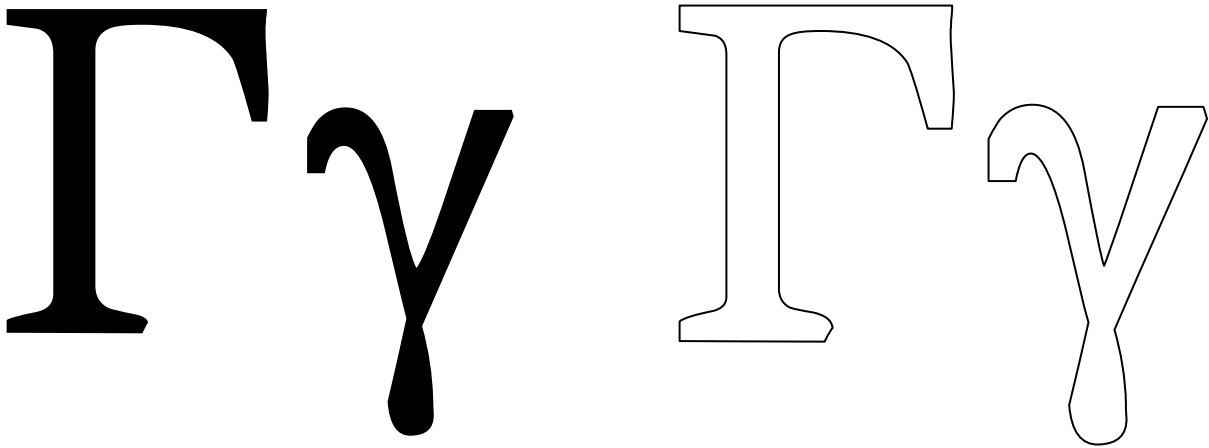
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GAMMA



SNEAKY GREEK

Read the sound each Greek letter makes aloud.

One sneaky letter doesn't belong on each row. Find and circle it.

EXPLANATION

The name of the letter Γ is pronounced *gahm-ma* (not *gam-ma*!).

Γ sounds like *g*, as in *game*. In special situations, it can also sound like *n*, as in *mink*.

Majuscule: Γ

Minuscule: γ

1	γ	γ	γ	γ	α
2	Γ	Γ	Γ	Β	Γ
3	β	γ	γ	γ	γ
4	Γ	Α	Γ	Γ	Γ
5	Γ	γ	Γ	γ	β
6	γ	γ	α	γ	γ



TRACE THE LETTER

Γ γ Γ γ Γ γ Γ γ Γ γ Γ γ

UPPER OR LOWER

Read the sound the Greek letter makes aloud.

If the letter is uppercase, circle M (for Majuscule); if it is lowercase, circle m (for minuscule).

1	M m	Γ
2	M m	γ
3	M m	α
4	M m	β

5	M m	Β
6	M m	Α
7	M m	γ
8	M m	Γ

FIND THE MATCH

Read the sound of the majuscule Greek letter aloud, then read aloud the miniscule Greek letters. Circle the miniscule that matches the majuscule.

1	Γ	α	β	γ
2	Α	β	α	γ
3	Β	β	γ	α
4	Γ	γ	α	β
5	Β	α	γ	β


SAY YOUR ALPHA-BETAS:

A B Γ

PRACTICE WRITING

Read the sound the Greek letter makes aloud.

Copy the letter in the box.



1	Γ	
2	γ	
3	β	
4	α	

5	A	
6	Γ	
7	B	
8	γ	

NAME GAME

Read the sounds the Greek letters make aloud.

Circle the Greek letter named in the box.

1	GAMMA	α	β	γ
2	ALPHA	Γ	A	B
3	BETA	γ	β	α
4	GAMMA	B	A	Γ
5	ALPHA	α	γ	β

COLOR THE LETTERS

A α

B β

Γ γ

BABY TALK

Read the Greek baby talk words aloud.

Circle the baby talk words that sound the same on each line.

1	γα	γα	αβ
2	Γα	Αβ	Γα
3	βα	βαγ	βα
4	γαβ	γαβ	γα
5	Αβ	Αγ	αγ

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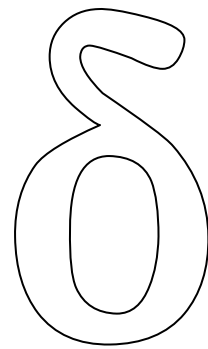
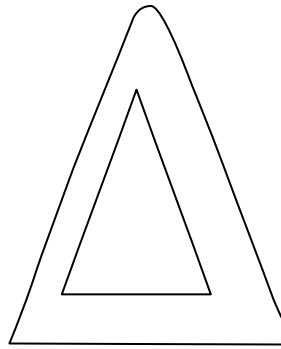
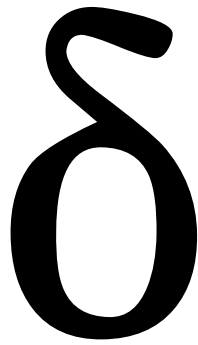
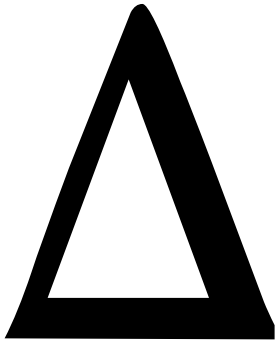
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DELTA



SNEAKY GREEK

Read the sound each Greek letter makes aloud.

One sneaky letter doesn't belong on each row. Find and circle it.

1	δ	δ	α	δ	δ
2	δ	δ	δ	β	δ
3	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	A
4	δ	γ	δ	δ	δ
5	B	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ
6	Δ	Γ	Δ	Δ	Δ

EXPLANATION

The name of the letter **Δ** is pronounced *del-ta*.

Δ sounds like *d*, as in *dandy*.

Majuscule: **Δ**

Minuscule: **δ**



TRACE THE LETTER

Δ δ Δ δ Δ δ Δ δ Δ δ Δ δ

UPPER OR LOWER

Read the sound the Greek letter makes aloud.

If the letter is uppercase, circle M (for Majuscule); if it is lowercase, circle m (for minuscule).

1	M m	Γ
2	M m	α
3	M m	Δ
4	M m	β

5	M m	Β
6	M m	γ
7	M m	δ
8	M m	Α

SAME-DIFFERENT

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5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Γ	δ	δ	Γ	δ

SAY YOUR ALPHA-BETAS:

A B Γ Δ

BABY TALK

Read the Greek baby talk words aloud.

Two baby talk words on each line sound the same. Circle them.

1	δαβ	βαδ	βαδ
2	Γαγ	γαγ	βαγ
3	αββα	βαβ	Αββα
4	Δαγ	Βαγ	δαγ
5	αγα	Αγα	αγ

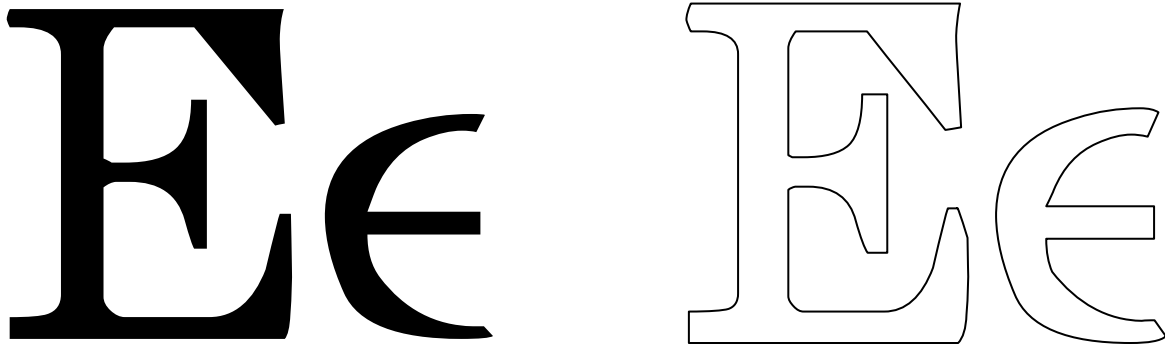
NAME GAME

Read the sounds the Greek letters make aloud.

Circle the Greek letter named in the box.

1	DELTA	Α	Δ	Β
2	ALPHA	α	δ	β
3	GAMMA	Β	Γ	Δ
4	BETA	δ	γ	β

EPSILON



SNEAKY GREEK

Read the sound each Greek letter makes aloud.

One sneaky letter doesn't belong on each row. Find and circle it.

EXPLANATION

The name of the letter **E** is pronounced *ep-si-lone* (not *ep-si-lawn*!).

E sounds like *e*, as in *pet*.

Majuscule: **E**

Minuscule: **ε**

(This vowel only has one sound, but it's related to another vowel: **E** is short **H**; and **H** is long **E**. You'll meet **H** soon.)

1	ε	δ	ε	ε	ε
2	ε	ε	ε	α	ε
3	E	E	Γ	E	E
4	Δ	E	ε	E	ε
5	ε	β	ε	ε	E
6	E	ε	E	E	Δ



TRACE THE LETTER

Ε ε Ε ε Ε ε Ε ε Ε ε Ε ε

PAIRS

Read the sound the Greek letter makes aloud. Then, draw a line from the miniscule letter to its majuscule match.

1	€	Β
2	α	Ε
3	γ	Γ
4	δ	Δ
5	β	Α

PRACTICE WRITING

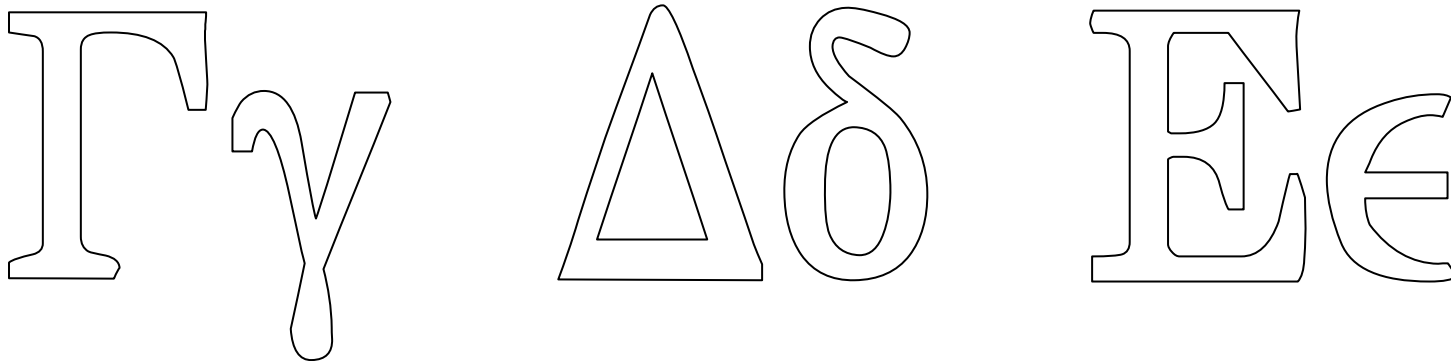
Read the sound the Greek letter makes aloud.

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1	Ε	
2	Γ	
3	Δ	
4	Β	

5	€	
6	γ	
7	δ	
8	β	

COLOR THE LETTERS



SAME-DIFFERENT

Read the sound each Greek letter makes aloud.

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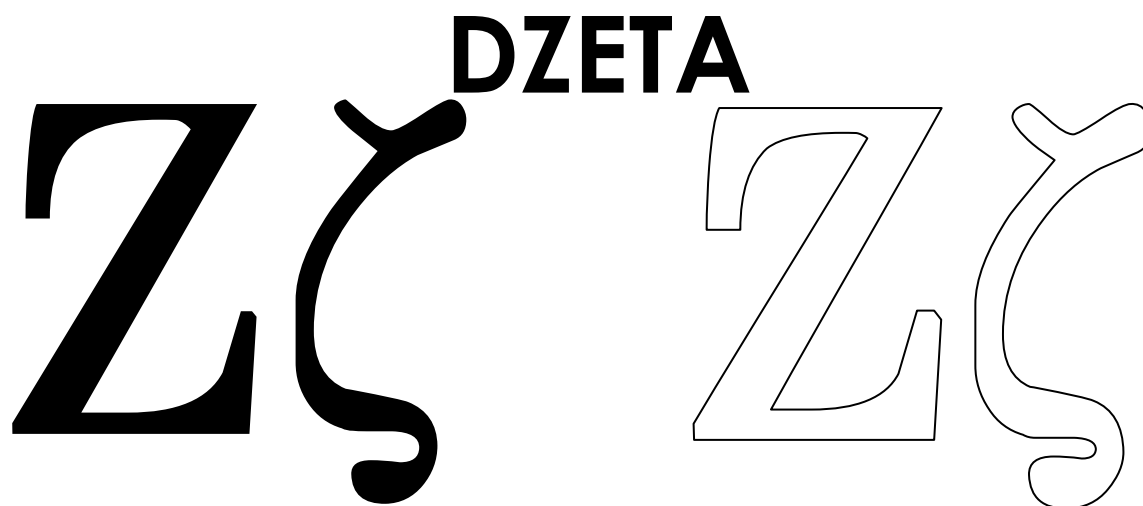
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4 <input type="checkbox"/>	δ	€	€	€	€
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TREEKY GREEKY

Read the English words aloud, then read the tricky Greek baby talk words aloud.

Circle the Greek baby talk word that sounds like the English word.

1	dog	βαγ	δεγ	δαγ
2	beg	δεγ	βεγ	δαγ
3	bed	δεβ	δαβ	βεδ
4	gob	γαβ	γεβ	γεδ
5	God	Γεγ	Γαβ	Γαδ



SNEAKY GREEK

Read the sound each Greek letter makes aloud.

One sneaky letter doesn't belong on each row. Find and circle it.

EXPLANATION

The name of the letter **Z** is pronounced *dzay-ta* (not *zay-ta!*).

Z sounds like *-ds*, as in *kids*.

Majuscule: **Z**

Minuscule: ζ

1	ζ	α	ζ	ζ	ζ
2	β	ζ	ζ	ζ	ζ
3	Z	Z	Δ	Z	Z
4	Z	Z	Z	E	Z
5	ζ	ζ	γ	ζ	ζ
6	ζ	Z	ζ	Z	α



TRACE THE LETTER

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BABY TALK

Read the Greek baby talk words aloud.

Circle the baby talk words that sound the same on each line.

1	Βεζ	βεγ	βεζ
2	δαζ	Ζαζ	Δαζ
3	βεδα	ζεδα	Ζεδα
4	αγαζ	δαγα	Αγαζ
5	Αγα	Εγα	εγα

NAME GAME

Read the sounds the Greek letters make aloud.

Circle the Greek letter named in the box.

1	DZETA	Ε	Δ	Ζ
2	GAMMA	Β	Α	Γ
3	EPSILON	γ	€	ζ
4	DZETA	δ	ζ	γ
5	DELTA	δ	ζ	α

SAY YOUR ALPHA-BETAS:

A B Γ Δ Ε Ζ

UPPER OR LOWER

Read the sound the Greek letter makes aloud.

If the letter is uppercase, circle M (for Majuscule); if it is lowercase, circle m (for minuscule).

1 M m	Α
2 M m	Ε
3 M m	Ζ
4 M m	Δ

5 M m	Ζ
6 M m	Γ
7 M m	Β
8 M m	Ε

WORD SEARCH

Read the Greek baby talk words aloud, then find them in the puzzle.

Word List:

αββα	βαζ
εγα	βεγ
βεζ	γαβ
δεδ	δαγ
ζεβ	γεδ

Ε	Β	Ε	Υ	Ζ	Β	Δ
Υ	Ε	Ζ	Α	Α	Β	Ε
Α	Ζ	Α	Β	Β	Α	Δ
Α	Ε	Δ	Α	Υ	Ζ	Δ
Ζ	Β	Υ	Ε	Δ	Υ	Α

ETA

Η η Η η

SNEAKY GREEK

Read the sound each Greek letter makes aloud.

One sneaky letter doesn't belong on each row. Find and circle it.

EXPLANATION

The name of the letter **Η** is pronounced *ay-ta*.

Η sounds like *-ay*, as in *day*.

Majuscule: **Η**

Minuscule: **η**

(This vowel only has one sound, but it's related to another vowel: **Η** is long **Ε**; and **Ε** is short **Η**.)

1	Η Γ Η Η Η
2	η η η η δ
3	Ε η η η η
4	Η Η Α Η Η
5	Η Β Η Η Η
6	η η η γ η

THE GREEK ALPHABET



Capital letter (Majuscule)	Lowercase letter (miniscule)	English transliteration	English guide word
A	α	alpha	ball (long) what (short)
B	β	beta	baby
Γ	γ	gamma	game mink
Δ	δ	delta	dandy
E	ε	epsilon	pet
Z	ζ	dzeta	kids
H	η	eta	day
Θ	θ	theta	thistle
I	ι	iota	tree (long) dig (short) yell (glide)
K	κ	kappa	kick
Λ	λ	lambda	lily
M	μ	mu	mama

Capital letter (Majuscule)	Lowercase letter (miniscule)	English transliteration	English guide word
N	ν	nu	needle
Ξ	ξ	ksi	ox
O	ο	omicron	boat
Π	π	pi	papa
P	ρ	rho	rare
Σ	σ ς	sigma	sister zoo
T	τ	tau	turtle
Υ	υ	upsilon	fruit (long) put (short) quick (glide)
Φ	φ	phi	frog
X	χ	chi	Bach (as in, Johann Sebastian)
Ψ	ψ	psi	whoops
Ω	ω	omega	bone

ROUGH BREATHER			SMOOTH BREATHER		
ϝ	sounds like English <i>h</i>	guide word: hone	Ϟ	sounds like (<i>silent</i>)	guide word: honor

Ἡ χάρις τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ
μετα πάντων ὑμῶν. Ἀμήν.
ΑΠΟΚΑΛΥΨΙΣ ΙΩΑΝΝΟΥ 22:21

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
be with you all, AMEN.
Revelation 22:21