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## **Preface**

IN dealing with the Septuagint in and for itself we feel that we are in a humble way acting as pioneers. For hitherto the Septuagint has been regarded only as an aid to the understanding of the Hebrew. We have reversed that procedure and have regarded the Hebrew only as an aid to the understanding of the Septuagint. This would be in a strict sense preposterous, were it not for the admitted fact that the Greek translation of the Old Testament has occasionally preserved traces of readings which are manifestly superior to those of the Massoretic text. That text, it should be remembered, was constituted centuries after the Septuagint was already in vogue in the Greek-speaking portion of the Jewish and Christian world.

For permission to use Dr. Swete's text we beg to offer our respectful thanks to the Syndics of the Cambridge Pitt Press and to Dr. Swete himself. To our own university also we owe a debt of gratitude. The Concordance to the Septuagint, edited by Dr. Hatch and Dr. Redpath, is a magnificent work worthy of a university press. Without this aid it would be impossible to speak, with the precision demanded by modern scholarship, about the usage of words in the Septuagint. It is greatly to be regretted that the list of contributors to this work should somehow have got lost owing to the lamented death of Dr. Edwin Hatch. The labour of many good men, such as the Rev. W. H. Seddon, now Vicar of Painswick, and the Rev. Osmond Archer, to name two who happen to fall under our own knowledge, has thus been left without acknowledgement. They toiled silently for the advancement of learning, like the coral insects who play their part beneath the waters in rearing a fair island for the abode of man.

No one can well touch on Old Testament studies without being indebted to Professor Driver, but our obligations in that and other directions have been acknowledged in the body of the work.

In composing the Grammar of Septuagint Greek we have had before us as a model Dr. Swete's short chapter on that subject in his Introduction to the Septuagint. Help has also been derived from the grammars of New Testament Greek by Winer and by Blass, and from the great historical grammar of the Greek language by Jannaris. But in the main our work in that department is the direct result of our own observation.

To come now to more personal debts, our common friend, Walter Scott, sometime Professor of Greek in the University of Sydney, not merely gave us the benefit of his critical judgement in the early stages of the work, but directly contributed to the subject-matter. We have accepted his aid as freely as it was offered. No Higher Critic is likely to trouble himself about disentangling the different strands of authorship in our Introductions and Notes. Still, if anyone should be tempted to exercise his wits in that direction by way of

practice for the Pentateuch, we will give him one clue: If anything should strike him as being not merely sound but brilliant, he may confidently set it down to this third source.

To the Rev. Samuel Holmes, M. A., Kennicott Scholar in the University of Oxford, our thanks are due for guarding us against mistakes in relation to the Hebrew: but he is not to be held responsible for any weakness that may be detected in that direction.

It remains now only to express our sincere gratitude to Professor Thomas D. Seymour for his vigilant and scholarly care of our work during its passage through the press; and to tender our thanks to Messrs. Ginn & Company for extending their patronage to a book produced in the old country. May the United Kingdom and the United States ever form a Republic of Letters one and indivisible!

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## Introduction

THE work of the Bible Society may be said to have been begun at Alexandria under the Ptolemies: for there the first translation of the Bible, so far as it then existed, was made.

Under the old kings of Egypt there was no city on the site of Alexandria, but only a coast-guard station for the exclusion of foreigners, and a few scattered huts of herdsmen. These monarchs had no enlightened appreciation of the benefits of commerce, and cherished a profound distrust of strangers, especially of Greeks, whom they regarded as land-grabbers.<sup>1</sup> But when the Greeks knocked at the doors of Egypt in a way that admitted of no refusal, the lonely coast-guard station saw a great change come over itself. Founded by Alexander the Great in B.C. 331, Alexandria became the capital of the new Greek kingdom of Egypt and took its place as a great centre both of commerce and of literature, the rival of Carthage in the one, of Athens in the other.

Alexander is credited with having perceived the advantages of situation which conferred upon Alexandria its rapid rise to prosperity. With the Mediterranean on the north and Lake Mareia or Mareotis on the south, it received the products of the inland, which came down the Nile and were conveyed into the lake by canal-boats, and then exported them from its harbours. Under the Romans it became of still greater commercial importance as the emporium of the trade then developed between the East and the West, of which it had a practical monopoly.

The vicinity of sea and lake had advantages also in the way of health: for in the summer the etesian winds set in from the north, and the lake, instead of stagnating, was kept full and sweet by the rise of the Nile at that season. The kings too by their successive enclosures secured those breathing-places which are so necessary for the health of a great city. It is estimated by Strabo that a quarter, or even a third, of the whole area was occupied by parks and palaces.

Among the royal buildings was the famous Museum with its covered walk and arcades, and its hall for the “fellows” of the Museum, as Professor Mahaffy aptly calls them, to dine in.<sup>2</sup> This institution had endowments of its own, and was presided over by a priest, who was appointed by the King, and, at a later period, by the Emperor.

What relation, if any, the Alexandrian Library, which was the great glory of the Ptolemies, bore to the Museum, is not clear. The Museum stood there in Roman times, and became known as “the old Museum,” when the emperor Claudius reared a new structure by its side, and ordained that his own immortal histories of the Etruscans and Carthaginians should

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1 Strabo XVII § 6, p. 792 πορθηταὶ γὰρ ἦσαν καὶ ἐπιθυμηταὶ κατὰ σπάνιν γῆς.

2 Strabo XVII § 8, p.794 τῶν δὲ βασιλείων μέρος ἐστὶ καὶ τὸ Μουσεῖον, ἔχον περίπατον καὶ ἐξέδραν καὶ οἶκον μέγαν, ἐν ᾧ το σψιστίων τῶν μετεχόντων τοῦ Μουσείου φιλολόγων ἀνδρῶν.

be publicly read aloud once every year, one in the old building and the other in the new (Suet. *Claud.* 42). The library however is related to have been burnt during Caesar's operations in Alexandria. Not a word is said on this subject by the historian of the Alexandrian War, but Seneca<sup>3</sup> incidentally refers to the loss of 400,000 volumes.

The inhabitants of Alexandria are described by Polybius, who visited the city under the reign of the second Euergetes, commonly known as Physcon (B.C. 146-117), as falling into three classes. There were first the native Egyptians, whom he describes as intelligent and civilised; secondly the mercenary soldiers, who were many and unmannerly; and thirdly the Alexandrian citizens, who were better behaved than the military element, for though of mixed origin they were mainly of Greek blood.<sup>4</sup>

Polybius makes no mention of Jews in Alexandria, but we know from other sources that there was a large colony of that people there. Their presence in Egypt was partly compulsory and partly voluntary. The first Ptolemy, surnamed Soter, who had a long and prosperous reign (B.C. 323-285), had invaded Palestine and captured Jerusalem on the sabbath-day, on which the Jews offered no defence.<sup>5</sup> He carried away with him many captives from the hill country of Judaea and from the parts about Jerusalem, and also from Samaria. These were all planted in Egypt, where they carried on their quarrel as to which was the true temple, whither yearly offerings should be sent--that at Jerusalem or the one on Gerizim. (Cp. [Jn. 4:20.](#)) Soter, recognising the fidelity of the Jew to his oath, employed many of these captives to garrison important posts, and gave them equal citizenship with the Macedonians. This liberal treatment of their countrymen induced many more Jews to immigrate voluntarily into Egypt, in spite of the prohibition in the Mosaic law — “Ye shall henceforth return no more that way” ([Dt. 17:18](#)). There were also Jews in Egypt before this time, who came there under the Persian domination, and others before them who had been sent to fight with Psammetichus (B.C. 671-617) against the king of the Ethiopians ([Aristeas](#) § 13). Jeremiah, it will be remembered, was carried perforce by his countrymen into Egypt ([Jer. 43:5-7, 44:1](#)), some of whom may have escaped the destruction which he prophesied against them ([Jer. 42:16](#)). This was shortly after the reign of Psammetichus. Thus the return of the Jews to Egypt was no new thing, and there they again multiplied exceedingly, even as they are recor-

3 *De Tranq. An.* 9 — *Quadringenta millia librorum Alexandriae arserunt: pulcherrimum regiae opulentiae monumentum.* According to Tertullian (*Apol.* 18) the MS. of the translators of the Old Testament was still to be seen in his day in the Serapeum along with the Hebrew original.

4 Polyb. XXXIV 14, being a fragment quoted by Strabo XVII 1 § 12, p. 797.

5 Josephus *Ant.* XII. 1 confirms his statement of this fact by a quotation from Agatharchides of Cnidos, who wrote the history of the successors of Alexander — “Ἔστιν ἔθνος Ἰουδαίων λεγόμενον, οἱ πόλιν ὀχυρὰν καὶ μεγάλην ἔχοντες Ἱεροσόλυμα, ταύτην ὑπερεῖδον ὑπὸ Πτολεμαίῳ γενομένην, ὄπλα λαβεῖν οὐ θελήσαντες, ἀλλὰ διὰ τὴν ἄκαιρον δεσπομονίαν χαλεπὸν ὑπέμειναν ἔχειν δεσπότην.

ded to have done at the first. Philo, who was a contemporary of Jesus Christ, but lived into the reign of Claudius, declares that of the five districts of Alexandria, which were named according to the first five letters of the alphabet, two were especially known as Jewish quarters, and that the Jews were not confined to these (*Lib. in Flac.* § 8, II 525).

With this large Jewish population in Alexandria, whose native language was now Greek, and to whom Hebrew had ceased to be intelligible, we see an obvious reason why the first translation of the Bible should have been made in that city. Arguing a priori we should certainly be inclined to assume that it was the necessities of the Alexandrian synagogue that brought about the translation. This however is not the account which has come down to us, and which worked its way into the fabric of Christian belief. That account represents the desire of the second Ptolemy for the completeness of his library, and Pagan curiosity about the sacred books of the Jews, as having been the motives which led to their translation into Greek. It is contained in a letter purporting to be written by one Aristeas to his brother Philocrates.

Aristeas, we gather, was a person of high account at the court of Ptolemy Philadelphus (B.C. 285-247), probably one of the three captains of the royal body-guard, Sosibius of Tarentum and Andreas (§§ 12, 40) being the other two.<sup>6</sup> He was a warm admirer of the Jewish religion, but not himself a Jew by race.<sup>7</sup> Rather we are invited to think of him as a philosophic Pagan interested in the national customs of the Jews (§ 306). On one occasion he was present when King Ptolemy addressed a question to his librarian, Demetrius of Phalerum, the Athenian statesman and philosopher, as to the progress of the library. Demetrius replied that it already contained more than 200,000 volumes, and that he hoped in a short time to bring the number up to 500,000; at the same time he mentioned that there were some books of the Jewish law which it would be worth while to have transcribed and placed in the library. 'Then why not have it done?' said the king. 'You have full powers in the matter.' Demetrius mentioned a difficulty about translation, and the king came to the conclusion that he must write to the High-priest of the Jews in order to have his purpose effected. Hereupon Aristeas seized an opportunity, for which he had long been waiting. He represented to the king that he could hardly with any grace ask a favour of the High-priest while so many of his countrymen were in bondage in Egypt. This suggestion being seconded by silent prayer on the part of Aristeas and by the concurrence of Sosibius and Andreas, the result was an immense act of emancipation, by which all the Jewish slaves in Egypt,

6 That Aristeas was himself captain of the body-guard is not stated in the letter, but it is not unnaturally inferred from it by Josephus.

7 This again, while only implied in the letter, is explicitly stated by Josephus, who makes Aristeas say (*Ant.* XII 2 § 2) ἴσθι μέντοι γε, ὃ βασιλεῦ, ὡς οὔτε γένει προσήκων αὐτοῖς, οὔτε ὁμόφυλος αὐτῶν ὦν ταῦτα περὶ αὐτῶν ἀξιῶ.

amounting to over 100,000, regained their freedom, at a cost to the king of more than 660 talents. The way was now clear for the contemplated accession to the library. The king called upon the librarian to send in his report, which is quoted as from the royal archives. In it Demetrius recommended that the king should write to the High-priest at Jerusalem, asking him to send to Egypt six elders from each of the twelve tribes, men of approved life and well versed in their own law, in order that the exact meaning of it might be obtained from the agreement among the majority (§ 32). Not content with his munificence in the redemption of the slaves, the king further displayed his magnificence in the handsome presents he prepared for the Temple, consisting of a table inlaid with precious stones together with gold and silver vessels for the use of the sanctuary.<sup>8</sup> The conduct of the embassy was intrusted to Andreas and to Aristeas himself, who gives his brother an interesting account of the Temple and its services and the magnificent vestments of the High-priest, the conjoint effect of which he declares is enough to convert the heart of any man.<sup>9</sup> Notices are also given of the citadel and of the city and country — its cultivation, its commerce, its harbours, and its population — which in some respects show the temerity of the tourist, for the writer speaks of the Jordan as flowing ‘at the country of the Ptolemaeans’ (§ 117) into another river, which in its turn empties itself into the sea.

The High-priest Eleazar, in compliance with the request of Pbiladelphus, selected seventy-two venerable elders, six from each tribe, whose names are given, men not only learned in the law, but also skilled in the language and literature of the Greeks,<sup>10</sup> who were to accompany the ambassadors to Egypt on the understanding that they were to be sent back when their work was done. Before their departure Eleazar held a conversation with his guests, in which he offered a defence of the ceremonial ordinances of the Jewish law, and expounded views on the symbolic meaning of clean and unclean animals, resembling those set forth in the Epistle which goes under the name of Barnabas.

When the deputation arrived in Egypt, the king waived the requirements of court ceremonial and received the elders in audience at once. He first paid reverence to the volume of the law written in letters of gold, which they carried with them, and then extended a welcome to its bearers. After this they were entertained for a week at banquets, at which everything was arranged by a special court functionary in accordance with their own customs, so that there might be nothing to offend their susceptibilities. Elisha, the eldest of the Seventy-two, was asked to say grace, the ordinary court-chaplains being superseded for the occasion. The grace he pronounced was as follows: ‘May God almighty fill thee, O King, with all the

8 The description of these presents occupies a considerable portion of the letter, §§ 51-82.

9 § 99 καὶ διαβεβαιοῦμαι πάντα ἄνθρωπον προσελθόντα τῇ θεωρίᾳ τῶν προειρημένων εἰς ἔκκληξιν ἤξειν καὶ θαυμασμὸν ἀδιήγητον, μετατραπέντα τῇ διανοίᾳ διὰ τὴν περὶ ἑκάστην ἀγίαν κατασκευήν.

10 § 121: cp. Philo *Vita Mosis* II § 6, p. 139.

good things which he hath created; and grant to thee and to thy wife and to thy children and to those who think with thee to have these things without fail all the days of thy life!' (§ 185). The delivery of this benediction was followed by a round of applause and clapping of hands.

The feast of reason was added to the enjoyment of the royal fare. For at a certain point in the proceedings the king addressed questions of a vaguely ethico-political character to the elders, which were answered by them to the admiration of all, especially of the philosophers who had been invited to meet them, among whom was Menedemus of Eretria.<sup>11</sup> Each evening for five days ten elders were interrogated, but on the sixth and seventh evenings eleven were taken, so as to complete the whole number. The questions were elaborated by the king beforehand, but the answers were given impromptu by the elders. The record of them occupies a considerable portion of the letter (§§ 187-294). The law of the answer, if we may so put it, seems to be that each should contain a reference to God and a compliment to the king. We are assured that we have them as they were taken down by the royal recorders.

At the close of this week's festivities an interval of three days was allowed, after which the elders were conducted by Demetrius to the island of Pharos, which was connected with the mainland by a dam nearly a mile long<sup>12</sup> and a bridge. At the north end of this island they were lodged in a building overlooking the sea, where they would enjoy absolute quiet. Demetrius then called upon them to perform their work of translation. We have particulars of their habit of life while it was going on. Early in the morning every day they presented themselves at court and, having paid their respects to the king, returned to their own quarters. Then they washed their hands in the sea, offered up a prayer to God, and betook themselves to the task of reading and translating. Their work was harmonized by collation, and the joint result was taken down by Demetrius (§ 302). After the ninth hour they were free to betake themselves to recreation. It so happened, we are told, that the work of transcription was accomplished in seventy-two days, just as though it had been done on purpose (§ 307).

When the whole was finished, Demetrius summoned all the Jews in Alexandria to the island of Pharos, and read the translation aloud to them all in the presence of the interpreters, after which a solemn curse was pronounced upon any one who altered it. Then the whole work was read over to the king, who expressed much admiration at the deep insight of the law-giver and asked how it was that historians and poets had combined to ignore his legislation. Demetrius of Phalerum replied that this was because of its sacred character. He had heard from Theopompus<sup>13</sup> that that historian had once wished to avail himself in his history

11 Diog. Laert. 11 § 140 Ἐπρέσβευσε δὲ καὶ πρὸς Πτολεμαῖον (probably Soter) καὶ Λυσίμαχον.

12 § 301. τὸ τῶν ἑπτὰ σταδίων ἀνάχωμα τῆς θαλάσσης cp. Strabo XVII § 6, p. 792 τῷ ἑπτασταδίῳ καλουμένῳ χώματι.

13 Theopompus came to Egypt during the reign of Ptolemy Soter.

of some inaccurate renderings from the Jewish law, and had suffered from mental disturbance for more than thirty days. In a lucid interval he prayed that it might be revealed to him why he was thus afflicted. Thereupon he was informed in a dream that it was because he had presumed to divulge divine things to ‘common’ men (§ 315: cp. Acts 10:15). ‘I have also,’ added Demetrius, ‘received information from Theodectes, the tragic poet,<sup>14</sup> that, when he wished to transfer some of the contents of the Bible into a play of his own, he found himself suffering from cataract on the eyes, from which he only recovered after a long time, when he had propitiated the god.’ On hearing this the king paid reverence to the books, and ordered them to be kept with religious care.

The elders, having now accomplished the work for which they had come, were dismissed by the king with handsome presents both to themselves and to Eleazar, to whom Philadelphus at the same time wrote a letter begging that, if any of the elders purposed to come and see him again, the High-priest would not prevent it.

Such is the traditional account of the origin of the Septuagint, of which we have next to consider the value. But first there are a few points to be noted.

To begin with, we see the reason of the name. The Seventy (Lat. LXX: Gk. οἱ Ο΄) is a round number for the Seventy-two. There were seventy-two interpreters, who took seventy-two days over their work.

Next we see that the name is a misnomer as applied to the Greek version of the Old Testament generally. There is no word in Aristeas as to a translation by the Elders of anything but the Law.<sup>15</sup> But the name, having once been applied to the Greek translation, was gradually extended, as the Prophets and the Books were added in a Greek dress to the Law.

Thirdly we have to notice that in the Letter of Aristeas no claim to inspiration is advanced on behalf of the translators.

That the Bible, as we have it in English, is inspired, has often been tacitly assumed, but seldom laid down as a doctrine. But the inspiration of the Greek version was a point of belief with those who used it, and presumably is so to the present day in the Greek church. Already in Philo we find this claim advanced. He says that the interpreters all agreed in employing exactly the same words, ‘as though by the whispering of some unseen prompter’ *Vita Mosis* II § 7, II 140), and that a comparison of the original with the translation by those who are acquainted with both tongues will clearly show that they were not mere translators, but inspired hierophants and prophets.

14 Theodectes died at the age of forty-one, about B.C. 334, *i.e.* at least half a century before the time of speaking: but the expression *παρὰ θεοδέκτου . . . μετέλαβον ἐγώ* (§ 318), as contrasted with *ἔφησεν ἀκηκοέναι θεοπόμπου* (§ 314), seems to imply that the communication was not direct.

15 See §§ 30, 38, 309, 312: *Jos. Ant. Proœm.* § 3 οὐδὲ γὰρ πᾶσαν ἐκεῖνος (*sc.* Ἐλεάζαρος) ἔφθη λαβεῖν τὴν ἀναγραφὴν, ἀλλ’ αὐτὰ μόνα τὰ τοῦ νόμου παρέδωσαν οἱ πεμφθέντες ἐπὶ τὴν ἐξήγησιν εἰς τὴν Ἀλεξάνδρειαν.

Josephus (*Ant.* XII 2), presumably because he was not a Hellenist, and could read his Bible in the Hebrew, does not see the necessity for this doctrine of the inspiration of the Septuagint. He follows Aristeas closely, except at the end, where he actually turns the curse pronounced on alteration into an invitation to retrench superfluities or supply defects!<sup>16</sup>

The early Christian Fathers gave play to their imagination over the story of the Septuagint. Justin Martyr (*Apol.* I 31 §§ 2-5) has a brief allusion to it, but the amount of credit which is due to him in this connexion may be judged from the fact that he makes Ptolemy send to King *Herod* for interpreters of the sacred books!

Irenaeus about a quarter of a century later (A.D. 175) says that Ptolemy, being afraid lest the translators might combine to conceal the truth in some matter by their interpretation, had them isolated, and ordered each to translate the whole. When it was found that they all agreed word for word, then of a truth the Gentiles knew that the Scriptures were interpreted by inspiration of God. But this, he adds, was nothing surprising, seeing that, when the Scriptures had been lost during the captivity in Babylon, God inspired Ezra to rewrite them.<sup>17</sup>

Clement of Alexandria (about A.D. 190) follows to the same effect as to literal inspiration, and adds the prophetic writings to the work of the first interpreters (*Strom.* I § 148, p. 409 P).

Eusebius, with his exceptional regard for truth, is content to give us an epitome of Aristeas.<sup>18</sup>

Epiphanius however (died A.D. 402) is lavish of details. He tells us that the king had thirty-six houses constructed on the island of Pharos, in which he shut up the interpreters two together. In these houses, which had no windows in the wall, but only skylights, the interpreters worked from morning till evening under lock and key. In the evening they were taken over in thirty-six different boats to the palace of Ptolemy Philadelphus, to dine with him. Then they slept two together in thirty-six different bedrooms. All these precautions were taken to prevent communication between the pairs, and yet when the thirty-six copies of each book of the Bible were compared together, they were found to be identical. 'So manifestly were these men inspired by the Holy Ghost, and where there was an addition made to the original, it was made by all, and where there was something taken away, it was taken away by all; and what they took away is not needed, and what they added is needed.'

16 Cp. Aristeas § 211 with Jos. *Ant.* XII 2 § 13 *ad fin.*

17 Irenaeus quoted by Eus. *H. E.* V 8.

18 *Praep. Ev.* VIII 2-5 and 9. Josephus, Tertullian, Eusebius, and most subsequent writers with the exception of St. Jerome call Aristeas Ἀριστᾶριος. The two forms would appear not to have differed appreciably in pronunciation. In the names of two of the interpreters there is a similar variation, Βασείας and Βανείας appearing also as Βασαίας and Βαναίας, whence it is an easy step to the more familiar Greek termination -ᾶριος.

This explicit assertion of the plenary inspiration of the Septuagint is manifestly prompted by the craving for an infallible Bible, which was felt in ancient as in modern times. St. Jerome, who, unlike the bulk of the Christian Fathers, made himself acquainted with the text of the original, nailed this false coin to the counter;<sup>19</sup> nevertheless his younger<sup>20</sup> contemporary Augustine gave it full currency again, declaring that the same Spirit which spoke through the prophets spoke also through their interpreters, and that any diversities there may be between the translation and the original are due to 'prophetic depth.'<sup>21</sup>

These later embellishments of the story of the Septuagint may unhesitatingly be set aside as the outcome of pious imagination. But what of the original narrative which goes under the name of Aristeas? Is that to be regarded as fact or fiction?

At first sight we seem to have strong external evidence for its truth. There was an Alexandrian Jew named Aristobulus, who is mentioned at the beginning of Second Maccabees as 'the teacher of king Ptolemy' (1:10). The Ptolemy in question was the sixth, surnamed Philometor (B.C. 180-145). Aristobulus, though a Jew, was also a Peripatetic philosopher, and anticipated Philo as an exponent of the allegorical method of interpreting Scripture. So at least we gather from Eusebius, who in his *Praeparatio Evangelica* several times quotes a work on the 'Interpretation of the Holy Laws'<sup>22</sup> addressed by Aristobulus to Philometor. The interest of this work to us is that in it Aristobulus refers to the translation made in the reign of his majesty's ancestor Philadelphus under the superintendence of Demetrius Phalereus. This seems decisive in favour of the historic character of the main facts recorded in the Letter of Aristeas. And there is another piece of external evidence to be added. For Philo, who himself lived at Alexandria, tells us that a festival was held every year on the island of Pharos in honour of the place whence the blessing of the Greek Bible first shone forth (*Vita Mosis* II § 7, II 141).

The external evidence being thus favourable, let us now examine the internal.

Time is the great revealer of secrets, and it is also, in another sense, the great detector of forgeries. We have therefore first to inquire whether the document is consistent in point of chronology with its own claims. Who are the persons mentioned, and did they live together? With regard to what may be called the minor characters there is no difficulty. Aristeas himself, Andreas, and Sosibius are otherwise unknown, while in the case of Menedemus of Eretria, Theodectes, and Theopompus, we are not debarred by considerations of time from

19 *Preface to the Pentateuch*— et nescio quia primus auctor septuaginta cellulas Alexandriae mendacio suo exstruxerit, quibus divisi eadem scripturarint, cum Aristeas eiusdem Ptolemaei ὑπερασπιστῆς et multo post tempore Iosephus Nihil tale retulerint, sed in una basilica congregatos contulisse scribant, non prophetasse.

20 Jerome died A.D. 420, Augustine A.D. 430.

21 Aug. *de Civ. Dei* XVIII 42 and 43.

22 Eus. *Pr. Ev.* VII 13, 14 : VIII 9, 10 : IX 6 : XIII 11, 12.

accepting what is said of them, though it would fit in better with the reign of the first than of the second Ptolemy. But the relations between Ptolemy Philadelphus and Demetrius of Phalerum, as represented in the Letter, are inconsistent with what we know from other sources. Demetrius was expelled from Athens in B.C.307 by his namesake Demetrius the Besieger of Cities. Having subsequently found his way to Egypt, he became the chief friend of Ptolemy Soter, by whom he was even intrusted with legislation.<sup>23</sup> Unfortunately for himself he advised that monarch to leave the kingdom to his children by his first wife Eurydice. Soter however left it to Philadelphus, the son of Berenice, on whose accession Demetrius was disgraced. He died soon after owing to a snake-bite received during his sleep.<sup>24</sup> This account is given by Diogenes Laertius (V § 78) on the authority of Hermippus, whom Josephus<sup>25</sup> declares to have been a very exact historian. If his authority is good in favour of the Jews, it must be equally good against them.

It would seem then that, if Demetrius of Phalerum had anything to do with the translation of the Jewish Scriptures, that translation must have been made under the first Ptolemy. This is actually asserted by Irenaeus,<sup>26</sup> who seems here to have followed some account independent of Aristeeas. And in another respect this alternative version of the facts is intrinsically more credible. For, whereas the Letter of Aristeeas represents Eleazar as an independent potentate, Irenaeus expressly says that the Jews were then subject to the Macedonians, by whom he doubtless means Ptolemy Soter, who is recorded to have subdued the country. But, if the Letter of Aristeeas is wrong on so vital a point of chronology, it is plain that it cannot have been written by its assumed author, who can hardly be supposed to have been mistaken as to whose reign he was living under. In that case its historical character is gone, and we are at liberty to believe as much or as little of it as we please.

There are some minor points which have been urged as proofs of historical inaccuracy in the Letter, which do not seem to us to have any weight. One is connected with the letter of Eleazar, which begins thus (§ 41) — ‘If thou thyself art well, and the queen Arsinoe, thy sister, and the children, it will be well, and as we would have it.’ Now Philadelphus had two wives in succession, both named Arsinoe. By the first, who was the daughter of Lysimachus, he had three children, Ptolemy, Lysimachus, and Berenice; by the second, who was his own sister, he had none. But then, as Eleazar was addressing Ptolemy, who was aware of these facts, it would have been superfluous for him to guard himself against misconstruction (cp.

23 Aelian *V.H.* : III 17: Plut. *de Exsilio* p. 602.

24 Cicero *pro Bab. Post.* § 23 implies that Demetrius was intentionally got rid of in this way — Demetrius et ex republica, quam optime gesserat, et ex doctrina nobilem et clarum, qui Phalereus vocitatus est, in eodem isto AEgyptio regno aspide ad corpus admota vita esse privatum.

25 *Against Apion* I 22 ἀνὴρ περὶ πᾶσαν ἱστορίαν ἐπιμελής.

26 Quoted in Eusebius V 8.

§ 45). Again (§ 180) Philadelphus is made to speak of his victory 'in the sea fight against Antigonus.' It is asserted that Philadelphus was really defeated in this battle: but, if so, this falsification of fact is not inappropriate in the monarch's own mouth. Who does not know the elasticity of the term 'victory'?

More important than the preceding are two passages in which the author, despite his cleverness, seems to forget that he is Aristeeas, and to speak from the standpoint of his own later age. For in § 28, in commenting on the systematic administration of the Ptolemies, he says 'for all things were done *by these kings* by means of decrees and in a very safe manner.' Now it is conceivable that Aristeeas might say this with reference to Philadelphus and his father Soter, but it seems more like the expression of one who could already look back upon a dynasty. Again in § 182, in recording how the national customs of the Jews were complied with in the banquet, he says 'for it was so appointed by the king, as you can still see now.' This could hardly be said by a person writing in the reign of which he is speaking.

Our inquiries then seem to have landed us in this rather anomalous situation, that, while external evidence attests the genuineness of the Letter, internal evidence forbids us to accept it. But what if the chief witness be himself found to be an impostor? This is the view taken by those who are careful to speak of the pseudoAristobulus. Aristobulus, the teacher of Ptolemy, would be a tempting godfather to a Jewish author wishing to enforce his own opinions. One thing is certain, namely, that the Orphic verses quoted by Aristobulus (*Eus. Pr. Ev.* XIII 12) are not of Greek but of Jewish origin. This however does not prove much. For since they were employed by some Jew, why not by one as well as by another? The Jewish Sibylline verses also go back to the reign of Ptolemy Philometor. There is another thing which may be affirmed with safety, namely, that the closest parallel to the Greek of Aristeeas is to be found in the Greek of Aristobulus. Indeed it might well be believed that both works were by the same hand. We incline therefore to think that whatever was the date of the 'Interpretation of the Holy Laws' was the date also of the Letter of Aristeeas. If the former work is really by Aristobulus writing under Ptolemy Philometor, then we assign the Letter to the same period. But, if the Jewish love of pseudonymity deludes us here also, then we are unmoored from our anchorage, and can be certain of nothing except that the Letter was accepted as history by the time of Josephus, who paraphrases a great part of it, and mentions the name of the supposed author. Philo's evidence is not so clear. He agrees with the author of the Letter in making the translation take place under Philadelphus, but he diverges from him, as we have seen, in asserting its inspiration, nor does he anywhere refer to the writer as his authority in the way Josephus does.

The Teubner editor of the Letter, Paul Wendland, puts its composition later than the time of the Maccabees (say after B.C. 96) and before the invasion of Palestine by the Romans, B.C. 63. The earlier limit is determined by arguments from names, which might be disputed, and the later is taken for granted. We ourselves think that the work was composed before

the Jews had any close acquaintance with the Romans: but there is a point which might be urged against this view. Among the questions asked lay Philadelphus of the Elders there are two in immediate succession — (1) What kind of men ought to be appointed στρατηγοί? (2) What kind of men ought to be appointed ‘commanders of the forces?’ (§§ 280, 281). One or other of these questions seems superfluous until we inquire into the meaning of στρατηγοί in this context. The answer to the question in the text clearly shows that the word here stands for ‘judges.’ Now, if we remember that στρατηγός was the Greek equivalent for the Roman praetor, it might at first seem that it could only have been under the Romans that στρατηγός acquired the meaning of ‘judge.’ But this leaves out of sight, the question how στρατηγός came to be selected as the equivalent of the Roman praetor. -The word must already in Greek have connoted civil as well as military functions before it could have seemed to be a fit translation of praetor. And this we know to have been the case. The στρατηγοί at Athens were judges as well as generals. At Alexandria they seem to have become judges instead of generals.

Turning now from the date of the Letter of Aristeas to that of the Septuagint itself, we have already found that there were two forms of the tradition with regard to its origin, one putting it under the reign of the second, the other under that of the first Ptolemy. The latter comes to us through Irenaeus and is compatible with the part assigned to Demetrius of Phalerum in getting the Law of Moses translated, whereas the former is not. Both versions of the story were known to Clement of Alexandria, who gives the preference to the former. They were combined by Anatolius (Eus. *H.E.* VII 32), who declares that Aristobulus himself was one of the Seventy, and addressed his books on the Interpretation of the Law of Moses to the first two Ptolemies. This however is out of keeping with the fragments of Aristobulus themselves.

From the Prologue to Ecclesiasticus we may fairly infer that ‘the Law, the Prophecies, and the rest of the Books,’ so far as the last were then written, already existed in Greek at the time of writing, and the text itself shows acquaintance with the phraseology of the Septuagint version of the Pentateuch. That Prologue cannot have been written later than 132 B.C., and may have been written as early as the reign of the first Euergetes, who succeeded Philadelphus (B.C. 247-222).<sup>27</sup>

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27 In that case the words ‘In the eight and thirtieth year in the reign of Euergetes I came into Egypt’ may mean simply ‘When I was thirty-eight years old,’ etc., which is the sense in which Professor Mahaffy takes them. Wendland has pointed out a resemblance of expression which might seem to imply that the writer of the Letter was acquainted with the Prologue to Ecclesiasticus. Cp. Aristeas § 7 with the words in the Prologue — καὶ ὡς οὐ μόνον . . . χρησίμους εἶναι.

Philo displays an acquaintance through the Greek with all the books of the Old Testament, except Esther, Ecclesiastes, the Song of Songs, and Daniel. But he quotes the Prophets and Psalms sparsely, and seems to regard them as inferior in authority to the Law.

The making of the Septuagint, as we have it, was not a single act, but a long process, extending perhaps from the reign of the first Ptolemy down to the second century after Christ: for the translation of Ecclesiastes looks as if it had been incorporated from the version of Aquila, of which we shall speak presently. Tradition is perhaps right in connecting the original translation of the Law with the desire of the early Ptolemies for the completeness of their library. Eusebius sees in this the hand of Providence preparing the world for the coming of Christ by the diffusion of the Scriptures, a boon which could not otherwise have been wrung from Jewish exclusiveness (*Pr. Ev.* VIII 1).

We need not doubt Tertullian's word when he says that the Old Testament Scriptures in Greek were to be seen in the Serapeum in his own day along with their originals. But the question is how they got there. Were they really translated for the library? Or, having been translated by the Jews for their own use was a copy demanded for the library? On this question each must judge for himself. To us the story of the Seventy-two Interpreters carries no conviction. For why should the king send to Judaea for interpreters, when there was so large a Jewish population in his own kingdom? The seventy-two interpreters, six from each tribe, savour strongly of the same motive which dictated the subsequent embellishments of the story, namely, the desire to confer authority upon the Hellenist Scriptures. We lay no stress in this connexion on the loss of the ten tribes, which has been supposed to render the story impossible from the commencement. If it had been an utter impossibility to find six men from each tribe at Jerusalem, no Jew would have been likely to invent such a story. Moreover in New Testament times the ten tribes were not regarded as utterly lost ([Acts 26:7](#), [James 1:1](#)). Though they never came back as a body, probably many of them returned individually to Palestine; and the Jews were so careful of their genealogies that it would be known to what tribe they belonged. The wholesale emancipation of Jewish slaves by Philadelphus at his own cost is so noble an example to kings that it is a pity to attack its historicity: but it is necessary to point out that the price recorded to have been paid for each, namely twenty drachmas, is utterly below the market-value, so that the soldiers and subjects of Philadelphus would have had a right to complain of his being generous at their expense.<sup>28</sup> Josephus is so conscious of this flaw in the story, that in two places he quietly inserts 'a hundred' before the 'twenty drachmas,' notwithstanding that this sixfold, but still modest, price does not square with the total.

Of any attempt prior to the Septuagint to translate the Hebrew Scriptures we have no authentic information. It is true that the writer of the Letter speaks of previous incorrect

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28 On the price of slaves see Xen. *Mem.* 115 § 2 : Plato *Anterastae* 136 C : Lucian *Vit. Auct.* 27.

translations of the Law (§ 314) as having been used by Theopompus: but his motive seems to be a desire to exalt the correctness of what may be called the authorised version. Similarly Aristobulus (*Eus. Pr. Ev.* IX 6, XIII 12) speaks of parts of the Pentateuch as having been translated ‘before Demetrius of Phalerum’ and before ‘the supremacy of Alexander and the Persians.’ But again there is a definite motive to be found for this vague chronological statement in the attempt which was made at Alexandria to show that Plato and before him Pythagoras were deeply indebted to Moses.<sup>29</sup> For when the Alexandrian Jews paid Greek philosophy the compliment of finding that in it lay the inner meaning of their own Scriptures, they endeavoured at the same time to redress the balance by proving that Greek philosophy was originally derived from Jewish religion, so that, if in Moses one should find Plato, that was only because Plato was inspired by Moses. The motto of this school is conveyed in the question of Numenius ‘What is Plato but Moses Atticizing?’ One of its methods, we regret to add, was the fabrication of Orphic and Sibylline verses, to which we have already had occasion to allude. This industry was carried on by the Christians, and affords a reason why in the vision of Hermas (*Herm. Past. Vis.* 114 § 1) the Sibyl could at first sight be confounded with the Church. In Lactantius the Sibylline verses form one of the chief evidences of Christianity.

Of translations of the Old Testament subsequent to the Septuagint the three most famous are those of Aquila, Theodotion, and Symmachus. Aquila, like his namesake, the husband of Priscilla, was a native of Pontus, and though not a Jew by birth was a proselyte to the Jewish religion. His version is distinguished by the total sacrifice of the Greek to the letter of the Hebrew text. So much is this the case that a Hebrew prefix which is both a sign of the accusative and has also the meaning ‘with’ is represented, where it occurs in the former sense, by σύν, so that we are presented with the phenomenon of σύν with the accusative. This peculiarity presents itself in the Greek version of Ecclesiastes<sup>30</sup> alone among the books of the Septuagint, so that the rendering of that late work may be conjectured to be due to Aquila. This translator lived during the reign of Hadrian (A.D. 117-138).

Theodotion of Ephesus is said to have lived towards the close of the same century, under Commodus (A.D. 180-192). He also was a Jewish proselyte. His work was rather a revision of the Septuagint than an independent translation. So far as the book of Daniel is concerned, it was accepted by the Christian Church, and the older Septuagint version was discarded.

29 Aristobulus in *Eus. Pr. Ev.* XIII 12 § 1 — Φανερόν ὅτι κατηκολούθησεν ὁ Πλάτων τῇ καθ’ ἡμᾶς νομοθεσίᾳ, καὶ φανερός ἐστὶ περιειργασμένος ἕκαστα τῶν ἐν αὐτῇ. Διερμίνευται γὰρ πρὸ Δημητρίου τοῦ Φαληρέως δι’ ἐτέρων πρὸ τῆς Ἀλεξάνδρου καὶ Περσῶν ἐπικρατήσεως κτλ. . . . Γέγονε γὰρ πολυμαθῆς, καθὼς καὶ Πυθαγόρας πολλὰ τῶν παρ’ ἡμῖν μετενέγκας εἰς τὴν ἑαυτοῦ δογματοποιίαν κατεχώρισεν.

30 *E.g.* 2:17 καὶ ἐμίσησα σὺν τὴν ζωὴν.

Symmachus of Samaria, who, according to Eusebius (*H.E.* VI 17), was an Ebionite Christian, flourished in the next reign, that of Septimius Severus (A.D. 193-211). His version was more literary in form than that of Aquila.

The reader will observe that all three of these versions come from the side of Judaism. The Christian Church was content with the Septuagint, whereon to found its claim as to the witness of the Old Testament to Christ. Eusebius points to the providential nature of the fact that the prophecies which foretold his coming were stored in a public library under the auspices of a Pagan king centuries before his appearance, so that the coincidence between prediction and fulfilment could not be ascribed to any fraud on the part of the Christians. The Jews however were not so well satisfied with this aspect of things. The question of the Virgin birth divided the religions world then, as it does now. Aquila and Theodotion were at one in substituting νεᾶνις for παρθένοϛ in [Isaiah 7:14](#), and the Ebionites found support in this for their declaration that Jesus was the son of Joseph. There were writings of Symmachus still extant in the time of Eusebius, which were directed against the Gospel according to St. Matthew (*H.E.* VI17).

Besides these well-known versions there were two other anonymous ones, which were brought to light through the industry and good fortune of Origen, the most scholarly of the Christian Fathers. One of these, which was called the Fifth Edition, was found hidden in an old wine-cask at Jericho in the reign of that Antoninus who is better known as Caracalla (A.D. 211-217); the other, which was called the Sixth Edition, was discovered in the subsequent reign of Alexander Severus (A.D. 222-235) concealed in a similar receptacle at Nicopolis in Epirus, where we may presume St. Paul to have spent his last winter ([Tit. 3:12](#)). Who knows but that it may have been one of the books which he was so urgent upon Timothy to bring with him? We do not think the chances very strongly in favour of this hypothesis: but it would account for some things, if we knew St. Paul to have had access to another version besides the Septuagint.

The renderings of the four main versions were arranged by Origen in parallel columns along with the original both in Hebrew and Greek characters, in a work which was consequently known as the Hexapla. For the Psalms Eusebius tells us Origen employed 'not only a fifth, but also a sixth and seventh interpretation' (*H.E.* VI 16). There was another work published by Origen called the Tetrapla, which contained only the Septuagint along with the versions of Aquila, Symmachus, and Theodotion. What the 'seventh interpretation' spoken of by Eusebius was, it would be hard to say. What is called by Theodoret the Seventh Edition was the recension of Lucian, which was later than the work of Origen. Lucian was martyred under Diocletian (284-305 A.D.).

The work of Origen might enlighten the learned, but it did not affect the unique position held in the Christian Church by the Septuagint ever since it was taken over from the Hellenist Jews. We are familiar with the constant appeal made by the writers of the New Testament

to 'Scripture,' an appeal couched in such words as 'It is written' or 'As the Scripture saith.' In the great majority of cases the Scripture thus appealed to is undoubtedly the Septuagint; seldom, if ever, is it the Hebrew original. We have seen how, even before the Christian era, the Septuagint had acquired for itself the position of an inspired book. Some four centuries after that era St. Augustine remarks that the Greek-speaking Christians for the most part did not even know whether there was any other word of God than the Septuagint (*C.D.* XVIII, 43). So when other nations became converted to Christianity and wanted the Scriptures in their own tongues, it was almost always the Septuagint which formed the basis of the translation. This was so in the case of the early Latin version, which was in use before the Vulgate; and it was so also in the case of the translations made into Coptic, Ethiopic, Armenian, Georgian, Gothic, and other languages. The only exception to the rule is the first Syriac version, which was made direct from the Hebrew. When at the close of the fourth century St. Jerome had recourse to the Hebrew original in revising the accepted Latin text, the authority of the Septuagint stood in the way of the immediate acceptance of his work. 'The Churches of Christ,' said St. Augustine, 'do not think that anyone is to be preferred to the authority of so many men chosen out by the High-priest Eleazar for the accomplishment of so great a work.'

Nevertheless Jerome's revision did triumph in the end, and under the name of the Vulgate became the accepted text of the Western Church. But the Vulgate itself is deeply tinged by the Septuagint and has in its turn influenced our English Bible. Many of the names of Scripture characters, e.g. Balaam and Samson, come to us from the Septuagint, not from the Hebrew; our Bible often follows the verse-division of the Septuagint as against that of the Hebrew; the titles of the five books of Moses are derived from the Septuagint, not from the Hebrew. Thus the Septuagint, while it still survives in the East, continued its reign even in the West through the Vulgate; nor was it until the time of the Reformation that the Hebrew Scriptures themselves began to be generally studied in Western Europe.

Never surely has a translation of any book exercised so profound an influence upon the world as the Septuagint version of the Old Testament. This work has had more bearing upon ourselves than we are perhaps inclined to think. For it was the first step towards that fusion of the Hebraic with the Hellenic strain, which has issued in the mind and heart of modern Christendom. Like the opening of the Suez Canal, it let the waters of the East mingle with those of the West, bearing with them many a freight of precious merchandise. Without the Septuagint there could have been, humanly speaking, no New Testament: for the former provided to the latter not only its vehicle of language, but to a great extent also its moulds of thought. These last were of course ultimately Semitic, but when religious ideas had to be expressed in Greek, it was difficult for them to escape change in the process.

So long as the New Testament is of interest to mankind, the Septuagint must share that interest with it. The true meaning of the former can only be arrived at by correct interpret-

ation of the language, and such correct interpretation is well-nigh impossible to those who come to the Jewish Greek of the reign of Nero and later with notions derived from the age of Pericles. Not only had the literary language itself, even as used by the most correct writers, undergone great changes during the interval, but, further than this, the New Testament is not written in literary, but rather in colloquial Greek, and in the colloquial Greek of men whose original language and ways of thinking were Semitic, and whose expression was influenced at every turn by the phraseology of the Old Testament. If we wish then to understand the Greek of the New Testament, it is plain that we must compare it with the Greek of the Old, which belongs, like it, to post-classical times, is colloquial rather than literary, and is so deeply affected by Semitic influence as often to be hardly Greek at all, but rather Hebrew in disguise. That everything should be compared in the first instance with that to which it is most like is an obvious principle of scientific method, but one which hitherto can hardly be said to have been generally applied to the study of the New Testament. Now however there are manifold signs that scholars are beginning to realise the importance of the study of the Greek Old Testament in its bearing upon the interpretation of the New.

Attic Greek was like a vintage of rare flavour which would only grow on a circumscribed soil. When Greek became a world-language, as it did after the conquests of Alexander, it had to surrender much of its delicacy, but it still remained an effective instrument of thought and a fit vehicle for philosophy and history. The cosmopolitan form of literary Greek which then came into use among men of non-Attic, often of non-Hellenic origin, was known as the Common (κοινή, sc. διάλεκτος) or Hellenic dialect. Aristotle may be considered the first of the Hellenists, though, as a disciple of Plato, he is far nearer to Attic purity than the Stoics, Epicureans, and Academics who followed him.

Hellenistic Greek we may regard as the genus, of which Alexandrian Greek is a species. Now the language of the Septuagint is a variety of Alexandrian Greek, but a very peculiar variety. It is no fair specimen either of the colloquial or of the literary language of Alexandria.

The interesting light thrown upon the vocabulary of the Septuagint by the recent publication of Egyptian Papyri has led some writers to suppose that the language of the Septuagint has nothing to distinguish it from Greek as spoken daily in the kingdom of the Ptolemies. Hence some fine scorn has been wasted on the 'myth' of a 'Biblical' Greek. 'Biblical Greek' was a term aptly applied by the late Dr. Hatch to the language of the Septuagint and New Testament conjointly. It is a serviceable word, which it would be unwise to discard. For, viewed as Greek, these two books have features in common which are shared with them by no other documents. These features arise from the strong Semitic infusion that is contained in both. The Septuagint is, except on occasions, a literal translation from the Hebrew. Now a literal translation is only half a translation. It changes the vocabulary, while it leaves unchanged the syntax. But the life of a language lies rather in the syntax than in the vocabulary. So, while the vocabulary of the Septuagint is that of the market-place of Alexandria, the

modes of thought are purely Hebraic. This is a rough statement concerning the Septuagint as a whole: but, as the whole is not homogeneous, it does not apply to all the parts. The Septuagint does contain writing, especially in the books of the Maccabees, which is Greek, not Hebrew, in spirit, and which may fairly be compared with the Alexandrian Greek of Philo.

The New Testament, having itself been written in Greek, is not so saturated with Hebrew as the Septuagint: still the resemblance in this respect is close enough to warrant the two being classed together under the title of Biblical Greek. Hence we must dissent from the language of Deissmann, when he says ‘The linguistic unity of the Greek Bible appears only against the background of classical, not of contemporary “profane,” Greek.’ Biblical Greek does appear to us to have a linguistic unity, whether as compared with the current Alexandrian of the Papyri or with the literary language of such fairly contemporary authors as Aristaeus, Aristobulus, and Philo, not to add others who might more justly be called ‘profane.’

The language of the Septuagint, so far as it is Greek at all, is the colloquial Greek of Alexandria, but it is Biblical Greek, because it contains so large an element, which is not Hellenic, but Semitic.

Josephus, it has been asserted, employs only one Hebraism, namely, the use of προστίθεσθαι with another verb in the sense of ‘doing something again’ (see *Gram. of Sept. Gk.* § 113). For the accuracy of this statement it would be hazardous to vouch, but the possibility of its being made serves to show the broad difference that there is between Hellenistic Greek, even as employed by a Jew, who, we know, had to learn the language, and the Biblical Greek of the Septuagint.

The uncompromising Hebraism of the Septuagint is doubtless due in part to the reverence felt by the translators for the Sacred Text. It was their business to give the very words of the Hebrew Bible to the Greek world, or to those of their own countrymen who lived in it and used its speech; as to the genius of the Greek language, that was entirely ignored. Take for instance [Numbers 9:10](#) Ἄνθρωπος ἄνθρωπος ὃ ἐὰν γένηται ἀκάθαρτος ἐπὶ ψυχῇ ἀνθρώπου, ἢ ἐν ὁδῷ μακρὰν ὑμῖν ἢ ἐν ταῖς γενεαῖς ὑμῶν, καὶ ποιήσει τὸ πάσχα Κυρίου. Does anyone suppose that stuff of that sort was ever spoken at Alexandria? It might as well be maintained that a schoolboy’s translation of Euripides represents English as spoken in America.

One of our difficulties in explaining the meaning of the Greek in the Septuagint is that it is often doubtful whether the Greek *had* a meaning to those who wrote it. One often cannot be sure that they did not write down, without attaching any significance to them, the Greek words which seemed to be the nearest equivalents to the Hebrew before them. This is especially the case in the poetical passages, of which [Deuteronomy 33:10b](#) will serve for an instance — ἐπιθήσουσιν θυμίαμα ἐν ὄργῃ σου, διὰ παντὸς ἐπὶ τὸ θυσιαστήριόν σου. We can account for this by aid of the original: but what did it mean to the translator?

Another obvious cause of difference between Biblical and Alexandrian Greek is the necessity under which the translators found themselves of inventing terms to express ideas which were wholly foreign to the Greek mind.

The result of these various causes is often such as to cause disgust to the classical student. Indeed a learned Jesuit Father has confessed to us what a shock he received on first making acquaintance with the Greek of the Septuagint. But the fastidiousness of the classical scholar must not be nourished at the expense of narrowing the bounds of thought. The Greek language did not die with Plato; it is not dead yet; like the Roman Empire it is interesting in all stages of its growth and its decline. One important stage of its life-history is the ecclesiastical Greek, which followed the introduction of Christianity. This would never have been but for the New Testament. But neither, as we have said before, would the New Testament itself have been but for the Septuagint.

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## Abbreviations

1 Clem.	1 Clement
2 Clem.	2 Clement
Acc.	Accusative
Ant.	Antiquities.
B	(Codex) Vaticanus
B. J.	Wars of the Jews (Josephus)
Barn.	Barnabas
Ep.	Epistle
Gen.	Genitive (sometimes Genesis)
Herm.	Hermas
Hes.	Hesiod
Hom.	Homer
Il	Iliad
Isocr.	Isocrates
Jos.	Josephus
L. & S.	Liddell and Scott.
Mart.	Martyrdom of Polycarp
Mss.	Manuscripts
N.T.	New Testament
O'	Origen
Od	Odyssey
Past. Mdt.	Shepherd, Mandate.
Past. Sim.	Shepherd, Similitudes.
Past. Vis.	Shepherd, Visions.
Plat.	Plato
Plaut.	Plautinus
Θ	Theodotion
S. Ign.	Ignatius

Sim.	Similitudes
Xen	Xenophon
Ec	Economics
Eur	Euripides
I.T.	Iphigenia in Tauris
Phaedr	Phaedrus
Thuc	Thucydides
Cyrop	Cyropedia

# GRAMMAR OF SEPTUAGINT GREEK

# ACCIDENCE

## NOUNS, 1-14

**1. Disuse of the Dual.** The Greek of the LXX has two numbers, the singular and the plural. The dual, which was already falling into disuse in the time of Homer, and which is seldom adhered to systematically in classical writers, has disappeared altogether.

**Gen. 40:2** ἐπὶ τοῖς δυσὶν εὐνούχοις αὐτοῦ. **Ex. 4:9** τοῖς δυσὶ σημείοις τούτοις.

Contrast with the above—

Plat. *Rep.* 470 B ἐπὶ δυοῖν διαφοραῖν. Isocr. *Paneg.* 55 c περὶ τοῖν πολέοιν τούτοις.

**2. Εἷς as Article.** Under the influence of Hebrew idiom we find the numeral εἷς turning into an indefinite pronoun in the Greek of the LXX, as in **Gen. 42:27** λύσας δὲ εἷς τὸν μάρσιππον αὐτοῦ, and then subsiding into a mere article, as –

**Jdg. 13:2** [Codex B] ἀνήρ εἷς, 9:53 γυνή μία. 2 K. [2 Sam.] 2:18 ὡσεὶ μία δορκὰς ἐν ἀγρῶ. 2 Esd. [Ezra] 4:8 ἔγραψαν ἐπιστολὴν μίαν. Ezk. 4:9 ἄγγος ἐν ὄστράκινον.

There are instances of the same usage in the two most Hebraistic books of the N. T.

**Mt. 8:19** εἷς γραμματεὺς, 9:18 ἄρχων εἷς, 21:19 συκὴν μίαν, 26:69 μία παιδίσκη, **Rev. 8:13** ἐνὸς ἀετοῦ, 9:13 φωνὴν μίαν, 18:21 εἷς ἄγγελος, 19:17 ἓνα ἄγγελον.

Our own indefinite article ‘a’ or ‘an’ (Scotch *ane*) is originally the same as ‘one.’ We can also see the beginning of the French article in the colloquial language of the Latin comedians.

Ter. *And.* 118 forte unam aspicio adulescentulam.

Plaut. *Most.* 990 unum vidi mortuum efferrī foras.

Apart from the influence of the Hebrew, εἷς is occasionally found in good Greek on the way to becoming an article. See L. & S. under εἷς 4. In German the indefinite article and the first of the numerals coincide, and so a German, in beginning to speak English, frequently puts ‘one’ for ‘a.’ In the same way a Hebrew learning to speak Greek said εἷς ἀετός and so on.

**3. First Declension.** In classical Greek there is a tendency for proper names, especially those of foreign origin, which end in the nominative in -α preceded by a consonant other than ρ, to retain the α in the genitive, e.g. Λήδας, Ἀνδρομέδας, Κομπλέγας (name of a Spanish town, App. VI *De Reb. Hisp.* 43). In pursuance of this analogy we have such genitives as Βάλλας and Ζέλφας (**Gen. 37:2**), Σουσάννας (Sus. Ο΄ 30).

On the other hand, nouns in -α pure, or -α preceded by ρ, are in a few instances found in the LXX to take the Ionic form of the genitive and dative in -ης and -η.

**Ex. 8:21**[20] κυνόμυϊαν . . . κυνομυῖης, 15:9 τῆ μαχαίρη. and **Gen. 27:40**. 1K. [1 Sam.] 25:20 αὐτῆς ἐπιβεβηκυῖης ἐπὶ τὴν ὄνον. **2 Mac. 8:23**, **12:22** σπείρης.

It is said that in the Papyri σπείρης is always used, never σπείρας.

The plural of γῆ is found in the LXX

Acc. γᾶς 4 K. [2 Kings] 18:35. Gen γαιῶν 4 K. [2 Kings] 18:35; Ps. 48:11; Ezk. 36:24; 2 Esd. [Ezra] 9:1 and three other passages. Dat. γαῖς 4 K. [2 Kings] 10:11. γᾶς 4 K. [2 Kings] 19:11. γαίαις Dan. O' 11:42.

**4. Second Declension.** θεός has a vocative θεέ. Dt. 3:24; Jdg. 21:3, 16:28; Wisd. 9:1. Usually, however the nominative is employed for the vocative, as in—

Ps. 21:1 [21:2] ὁ Θεὸς ὁ Θεός μου πρόσχες μοι ἵνατί ἐγκατέλιπές με;

But in Matthew 27:46 this passage assumes the form—

Θεέ μου Θεέ μου ἵνατί με ἐγκατέλιπες;

The Attic form of this declension is of rare occurrence in the LXX. λαός and ναός are the regular forms. Λεώς does not occur at all, and νεώς only in Second Maccabees. ἄλως is common: but for that there is no non-Attic form, as it does not arise, like the others, on the principle of transposition of quantity.

**5. Third Declension.** The word σκνίψ (Ex. 8:16) is interesting, as adding another instance of a noun-stem in -φ to the rare word κατῆλιψ and νίφα, which occurs only in the accusative in Hes. *Op.* 533. Σκνίψ is also found in the LXX with the stem σκνιπ-.

**6. Absence of Contraction.** Many words are left uncontracted in the LXX which in Attic Greek would be contracted, e.g.—

Dt. 18:11 ἐπαίδων ἐπαιοιδήν. Prov. 3:8 ὀστέοις. Sir. 6:30 χρύσεος. Ps. 73:17 ἔαρ.

**7. Feminine Forms of Movable Substantives.** The form βασίλισσα for βασίλεια was not approved by Atticists. It is common in the LXX, whereas βασίλεια does not occur. Cf. Acts 8:27. On the analogy of it we have Ἀράβισσα in Job 42:17, φυλάκισσα in Song 1:6. The following also may be noted:—

γενέτις Wisd 7:12 A, τεχνίτις 7:22, μύστις 8:4. ὑβρίστρια Jer. 27:31

#### 8. Heteroclite Nouns.

αἰθάλη (Ex. 9:8, 10) for αἶθαλος, which does not occur.

ἄλων (Hos. 9:2), ἄωνος (Jdg. 15:5) for ἄλως, ἄλω. Cf. Mt. 3:12, Lk 3:17 τὴν ἄλωνα. In the LXX both ἄλων and ἄλως are of common gender. Thus Ruth 3:2 τὸν ἄλωνα, 3:14 τὴν ἄλωνα; Jug. 6:37 τῆ ἄλωνι; 1 Chr. 21:15 ἐν τῷ ἄλω, 21:21 ἐκ τῆς ἄλω. Josephus (*Ant.* 5.9.3) has τῆς ἄλωος.

γήρους, γήρει for γήρως, γήρα, but nominative always γήρας. For γήρους, see Gen. 37:3; Ps. 70:9, 18; but in Gen 44:20 γήρως. For γήρει see Gen. 15:15, Ps. 91:15, Sir. 8:6, Dan. O' 6:1. When one form is used, the other generally occurs as a variant. In Clement 1 Cor. 63:3 we have ἕως γήρους.

ἔλεος, τό for ἔλεος, ὁ. Plural τὰ ἐλέη (Ps. 16:7). The masculine form occurs in some dozen and a half passages (e.g. Ps. 83:11; Prov. 3:16, 14:22). In N.T. also and in the Apostolic Fathers the neuter is the prevailing form, e.g. 2 Tim 1:16, 18; Tit. 3:5; Hb. 4:16; Herm. *Past. Vis.* 2.2.3, 3.9.1, *Sim.* 4.2; 1 Clem. 9:1, 14:1; 2 Clem 3:1, 16:2; Barn. *Ep.* 15:2. In

Mt. 9:13, 12:7, 23:23 the masculine form occurs, the two former being quotations from Hos. 6:6, where the LXX has the neuter.

ἐνεδρον (Jdg. 16:2) for ἐνέδρα. The former is quite common, the latter occurs only in Josh. 8:7, 9; Ps. 9:28.

λύχνος, τό (Dan. O' 5:0).

νίκος, τό (1 Esdras 3:9) for νίκη. Cp. 1 Cor 15:55, 57; Herm. Past. Mdt. 12.2.5.

σκότος, τό for ὄ, occurs in the best Attic prose as well as in the LXX (e.g. Is. 42:16) and in the N.T. (e.g. 1 Thes. 5:5). Cp. Barn Ep. 14:6, 18:1.

The N. T. and the Apostolic Fathers afford other instances of heteroclitics, which do not occur in the LXX. Thus —

ζῆλος, τό (Phil. 3:6; 1 Clem. 4:8, 11, 13; 6:1, 2; 9:1; 63:2, but in 5:2, 5 διὰ ζῆλον; Ignat. Ad Tral. 4:2).

πλοῦς declined like βουῖς (Acts 27:9; Mart. S. Ign. 3 εἶχετο τοῦ πλοός).

πλοῦτος, τό (2 Cor. 8:2; Eph. 1:7; 2:7; 3:8, 16; Phil. 4:19; Col. 1:27; 2:2).

τυφός, τό (1 Clem. 13:1).

### 9. Verbal Nouns in -μα.

a. The Abundance of verbal nouns in -μα is characteristic of Hellenistic Greek from Aristotle onwards. The following instances from the LXX are taken at random—

ἀγνόημα Gen. 43:12 (6 times in all).

ἀνόμημα 1 Ki. [1 Sam.] 25:28 (17 times in all).

διχοτόμημα Gen. 15:11 (5 times in all).

κατάλειμμα Gen. 45:7 (20 times in all).

ὑψωμα . . . γαυρίαμα . . . καύχημα Judith 15:9

b. A point better worth noting is the preference for the short radical vowel in their formation, e.g. —

ἀνάθεμα Lvt. 27:28 etc. So in the N.T. Acts 23:14; Rom. 9:3; 1 Cor. 12:3, 16:22; Gal. 1:8,

9. In Judith 16:19 we have the classical form ἀνάθημα. For the short vowel in the LXX, cp. θέμα, ἔκθεμα, ἐπίθεμα, παράθεμα, πρόσθεμα, σύνθεμα.

ἀφαίρεμα Ex. 29:27; Lvt. 7:4, 24 etc.

ἄφεμα 1 Mac. 9:28. So κάθεμα, Is. 3:19, Ezk. 16:11.

Gen. 25:6 etc. So in N.T.

εὔρεμα Sir. 20:9; 29:4.

ἔψεμα Gen. 25:29 etc.

σύστημα Gen. 1:10 etc. So ἄνάστημα. In Judith 12:9 ἀνάστημα.

χύμα (for) 2 Mac. 2:24.

### 10. Non-Attic Forms of Substantives.

ἀλώπηκας accusative plural (Jdg. 15:4) for ἀλώπεκας.

ἄρκος (1 K. [1 Sam.] 17:34) for ἄρκτος, which does not occur. Cp. [Rev. 13:2](#) ἄρκου.  
 δῖνα ([Job 13:11](#); 28:10) for δίνη.  
 ἔυστρον ([Dt. 18:3](#)) for ἤνυστρον. So in Jos. *Ant.* 4.4.4.  
 ἐπαιδός ([Ex. 7:11](#)) for ἐπωδός, which does not occur.  
 κλίβανος ([Ex. 7:28](#)) for κρίβανος. So also in N.T.  
 μόλιβος ([Ex. 15:10](#)), the Homeric form, for μόλυβδος.  
 ταμεῖον ([Ex. 7:28](#); [Jdg. 3:24](#), [15:1](#), [16:12](#)) for ταμιεῖον, which also occurs frequently. The shorter form is common in the Papyri.  
 ὑψεία ([Tob. 8:21](#)) for ὑγεία. In later Greek generally ὑγεία is usual, but the fuller form prevails in the LXX.

χειμάρρος (1 K. [1 Sam.] 17:40) for χειμάρρους.

### 11. Non-Attic Forms of Adjectives.

εὐθής, εὐθές, for εὐθύς, εὐθειᾶ, εὐθύ, which also occurs frequently.  
 ἥμισυς, -υ is an adjective of two terminations in the LXX. ἡμίσεια does not occur. Cp. Nb. 34:14 τὸ ἥμισυ φυλῆς Μανασσή with Jos. *Ant.* 4.7.3 καὶ τῆς Μανασσίτιδος ἡμίσεια.  
 χάλκειος, -α, -ον, the Homeric form, occurs in [Jdg. 16:21](#), [1 Esd. 1:38](#), 5 times in Job, and in [Sir. 28:20](#) for χαλκοῦς, χαλκῆ, χαλκοῦν, which is very common.  
 ἀργυρικός [1 Esd. 8:24](#) only. Cp. Aristeas.37, who has also ἐλαϊκός, σιτικός, χαριστικός (112, 37, 227).

αἰσχυνηρός [Sir. 26:15](#), [35:10](#), [42:1](#) only.

σιγηρός [Prov. 18:18](#), [Sir. 26:14](#) only.

κλεψιμαῖος [Tob. 2:13](#) only.

Θνησιμαῖος often used in the neuter for ‘a corpse,’ e.g. 3 K. [2 Kings] 13:25.

### 12. Comparison of Adjectives.

ἀγαθώτερος ([Jdg. 11:25](#), [15:2](#)) is perhaps an instance of that tendency to regularisation in the later stages of a language, which results from its being spoken by foreigners.  
 αἰσχροτέρος ([Gen. 41:19](#)) is good Greek, though not Attic. Ἀισχίων does not seem to occur in the LXX.

ἐγγίων and ἔγγιστος are usual in the LXX, e.g. [Ruth 3:12](#), 3 K. [2 Kings] 20:2, Ἐγγύτερος does not seem to occur at all, and ἐγγύτατος only in [Job 6:15](#), [19:14](#).

πλησιέστερον adv. for πλησιαίτερον (4 Mac. 12:3).

**13. Pronouns.** a. Classical Greek has no equivalent for our unemphatic pronoun ‘he.’ One cannot say exactly ‘he said’ in the Attic idiom. Αὐτὸς ἔφη is something more, and ἔφη something less, for it may equally mean ‘she said.’ The Greek of the LXX gets over this difficulty by the use of αὐτός as an unemphatic pronoun of the 3d person.

1 K. [1 Sam.] 17:42 καὶ εἶδεν Γολιάδ τὸν Δαυεῖδ καὶ ἠτίμασεν αὐτόν, ὅτι αὐτὸς ἦν παιδάριον καὶ αὐτὸς πυρράκης μετὰ κάλλους ὀφθαλμῶν.

In the above the repeated αὐτός is simply the nominative of the αὐτόν preceding. In a classical writer αὐτός so used would necessarily refer to Goliath himself. For other instances see [Gen. 3:15, 16, 39:23](#): Nb. 17:5, 22:22: [Jdg. 13:5, 16, 14:4, 17: 1 K. \[1 Sam.\] 17:2, 18:16](#). Winer denied that this use of αὐτός is to be found in the N.T. But here we must dissent from his authority. See [Mt. 5:5](#) and following: [Lk. 6:20: 1 Cor. 7:12](#).

b. As usual in later Greek the compound reflexive pronoun of the 3d person is used for those of the 1st and 2d.

[Gen. 43:22](#) καὶ ἀργύριον ἕτερον ἠνέγκαμεν μεθ' ἑαυτῶν. [Dt. 3:7](#) καὶ τὰ σκῦλα τῶν πόλεων ἐπρονομεύσαμεν ἑαυτοῖς. 1 K. [1 Sam.] 17:8 ἐκλέξασθε ἑαυτοῖς ἄνδρα.

So also in Aristeas 3, 213, 217, 228 (ἑαυτόν = σεαυτόν), 248. This usage had already begun in the best Attic. Take for instance -

Plat. *Phaedo* 91 C ὅπως μὴ ἐγώ... ἅμα ἑαυτόν τε καὶ ὑμᾶς ἐξαπατήσας, 78 B δεῖ ἡμᾶς ἐρέσθαι ἑαυτοῦς, 101 D σὺ δὲ δεδιῶς ἄν... τὴν ἑαυτοῦ σκίαν.

Instances abound in N.T.

[Acts 23:14](#) ἀνεθεματίσαμεν ἑαυτοῦς, 5:35 προσέχετε ἑαυτοῖς.

c. A feature more peculiar to LXX Greek is the use of the personal pronoun along with the reflexive, like the English 'me myself,' 'you yourselves,' etc.

[Ex. 6:7](#) καὶ λήμψομαι ἑμαυτῷ ὑμᾶς λαὸν ἐμοί, 20:23 οὐ ποιήσετε ὑμῖν ἑαυτοῖς.

So also [Dt. 4:16, 23: Josh. 22:16](#).

As there is nothing in the Hebrew to warrant this duplication of the pronoun, it may be set down as a piece of colloquial Greek.

d. The use of ἴδιος as a mere possessive pronoun is common to the LXX with the N.T. e.g. -

[Job 7:10](#) οὐδ' οὐ μὴ ἐπιστρέψῃ εἰς τὸν ἴδιον οἶκον. [Mt. 22:5](#) ἀπῆλθον, ὁ μὲν εἰς τὸν ἴδιον ἀγρόν, ὁ δὲ ἐπὶ τὴν ἐμπορίαν αὐτοῦ.

**14. Numerals.** a. *δυσί(ν)* is the regular form for the dative of δύο. So also in N.T. e.g. [Mt. 6:24, 22:40: Lk. 16:13: Acts 12:6](#). *δυεῖν* occurs in [Job 13:20](#), *δυοῖν* in 4 Mac. 1:28, 15:2. Sometimes δύο is indeclinable, e.g. [Jdg. 16:28](#) τῶν δύο ὀφθαλμῶν.

b. The following forms of numerals differ from those in classical use: -

δέκα δύο [Ex. 28:21: Josh. 21:40, 18:24: 1 Chr. 6:23, 15:10, 25:10ff](#). So in N.T. [Acts 19:7, 24:11](#). Cp. Aristeas 97.

δέκα τρεῖς [Gen. 17:25: Josh. 19:6](#).

δέκα τέσσαρες [Josh. 15:36: Tob. 8:20](#). So in N.T. [2 Cor. 12:2, Gal. 2:1](#). Cp. Diog. Laert. 7.55.

δέκα πέντε [Ex. 27:15: Jdg. 8:10: 2 K. \[2 Sam.\] 19:17](#). So in N.T. [Gal. 1:18](#).

δέκα ἕξ [Gen. 46:18: Ex. 26:25: Josh. 15:41](#).

δέκα ἐπτὰ [Gen. 37:2, 47:28](#).

δέκα ὀκτώ [Gen. 46:22: Josh. 24:33b: Jdg. 3:14, 10:8, 20:44: 1 Chr. 12:31: 2 Chr. 11:21](#).

The above numerals occur also in the regular forms -  
 δώδεκα [Gen. 5:8](#).

τρεῖς καὶ δέκα, τρισκαίδεκα Nb. 29:13, 14

τέσσαρες καὶ δέκα Nb. 16:49.

πέντε καὶ δέκα Lvt. 27:7: 2 K. [2 Sam.] 9:10

έκκαίδεκα, ἕξ καὶ δέκα Nb. 31:40, 46, 52

ἑπτὰ καὶ δέκα [Jer. 39:9](#).

ὀκτώ καὶ δέκα 2 K. [2 Sam.] 8:13.

έννέα καὶ δέκα 2 K. [2 Sam.] 2:30 only.

c. The forms just given may be written separately or as one word. This led to the τέσσαρες in τεσσαρεσκαίδεκα becoming indeclinable, e.g. -

[2 Chr. 25:5](#) υἱὸς τεσσαρεσκαίδεκα.

The same license is extended in the LXX to δέκα τέσσαρες.

Nb. 29:29 ἀμνοὺς ένιαυσίους δέκα τέσσαρες ἀμώμους.

The indeclinable use of τεσσαρεσκαίδεκα is not peculiar to the LXX.

Hdt. 7.36 τεσσαρεσκαίδεκα (τριήρας). Epict. *Ench.* 40 ἀπὸ τεσσαρεσκαίδεκα ἑτῶν. Strabo p. 177, 4.1.1 προσέθηκε δὲ τεσσαρεσκαίδεκα ἔθνη, 189, 4.2.1 ἑθνῶν τεσσαρεσκαίδεκα.

d. The alternative expressions ὀει-ς καὶ εἰκοστός ([2 Chr. 24:17](#)) and ὀεἰκοστός πρῶτος ([2 Chr. 25:28](#)) are quite classical: but the following way of expressing days of the month may be noted -

[Haggai 2:1](#) μιᾷ καὶ εἰκάδι τοῦ μηνός. [1 Mac. 1:59](#) πέμπτη καὶ εἰκάδι τοῦ μηνός. Cp. [4:59](#). [2 Mac. 10:5](#) τῇ πέμπτῃ καὶ εἰκάδι τοῦ αὐτοῦ μηνός.

## VERBS, 15-33

**15. The Verb** εἶναι. ἤμην the 1st person singular of the imperfect, which is condemned by Phrynichus, occurs frequently in the LXX. It is found also in the N.T. --

1 Cor. 13:11: Gal. 1:10, 22: Acts 10:30, 11:5, 17, 22:19, 20: Mt. 25:35: Jn. 11:15. According to the text of Dindorf it occurs even in Eur. *Hel.* 931. It is a familiar feature of Hellenistic Greek, being common in Philo and Josephus, also in the *Pastor* of Hermas, and occurring moreover in such authors as Epictetus (*Diss.* 1.16.19), Plutarch (*Pomp.* 74), Diogenes Laertius (6.56), Lucian (*Asinus* 46).

ἦς for ἦσθα, which is condemned by the same authority, occurs in Jdg. 11:35: Ruth 3:2: Job 38:4: Obd. 1:11. Cp. Epict. *Diss.* 4.1.132.

ἔστωσαν is the only form for the 3d person plural imperative, neither ἔστων nor ὄντων being used. This form is found in Plato (*Meno* 92 D). See 16 d.

ἦτω or ἔστω occurs in Ps. 103:31: 1 Mac. 10:31, 16:3. So in N.T. 1 Cor. 16:22: James 5:12. Cp. Herm. *Past. Vis.* 3.3.4: 1 Clem. 48:5, where it occurs four times.

ἦμεθα for ἦμεν occurs in 1 K. [1 Sam.] 25:16: Baruch 1:19. This form appears in the Revisers' text in Eph. 2:3.

**16. The Termination** -σαν. a. Probably the thing which will first arrest the attention of the student who is new to the Greek of the LXX is the termination in -σαν of the 3d person plural of the historical tenses of the active voice other than the pluperfect.

There are in Greek two terminations of the 3d person plural of the historic tenses --

(1) in -ν, (2) in -σαν. Thus in Homer we have ἔβαν and also ἔβησαν. In Attic Greek the rule is that thematic aorists (*i.e.* those which have a connecting vowel between the stem and the termination) and imperfects take ν, e.g. --

ἔ-λυσ-α-ν, ἔ-λαβ-ο-ν, ἐλάμβαν-ο-ν,

while non-thematic tenses and the pluperfect take -σαν, e.g. --

ἔ-δο-σαν, ἐ-τί-θε-σαν, ἐ-λε-λύκ-ε-σαν

In the Greek of the LXX, which in this point represents the Alexandrian vernacular, thematic 2d aorists and imperfects may equally take -σαν.

Of 2d aorists we may take the following examples --

εἶδσαν or ἴδσαν, εἶποσαν, ἐκρίνοσαν, ἐλάβοσαν, ἐπίοσαν, εὔροσαν, ἐφέροσαν (=2d aor.), ἐφάγοσαν, ἐφύγοσαν, ἦλθοσαν, ἡμάρτοσαν, ἦροσαν (*Josh.* 3:14).

Compounds of these and others abound, e.g. -

ἀπήλθοσαν, διήλθοσαν, εἰσήλθοσαν, ἐξήλθοσαν, παρήλθοσαν, περιήλθοσαν, προσήλθοσαν, συνήθοσαν, ἐνεβάλοσαν, παρενεβάλοσαν, ἐξελίποσαν, κατελίποσαν, ἀπεθάνοσαν, εἰσηγάγοσαν.

b. Instances of imperfects, which, for our present purpose, mean historic tenses formed from a strengthened present stem, do not come so readily to hand. But here are two -

ἐλαμβάνουσιν Ezk. 22:12. ἐφαίνουσιν 1 Mac. 4:50.

These seem to be more common in the case of contracted vowel verbs --

ἐγεννώσαν Gen. 6:4	εὐθηνούσαν Lam. 1:5.
ἐπηξονούσαν Nb. 1:18.	ἠνομοούσαν Ezk. 22:11.
ἐποιούσαν Job 1:4.	κατενοούσαν Ex. 33:8.
ἐταπεινούσαν Judith 4:9.	οἰκοδομούσαν 2 Esd. [Ezra] 14:18.
εὐλογοούσαν Ps. 61:5.	παρητηρούσαν Sus. Θ:12.
ἐδολιούσαν Ps. 5:9, 13:3.	

Cp. Herm. *Past. Sim.* 6.2.7 εὐσταθοῦσαν, 9.9.5 ἐδοκοῦσαν.

Such forms occur plentifully in Mss. of the N.T., but the Revisers' text has only ἐδολιούσαν in Romans 3:13 (a quotation from Ps. 13:3) and παρελάβοσαν in 2 Thes. 3:6.

c. The same termination -σαν sometimes takes the place of -εν in the 3d person plural of the optative.

αἰνέσαισαν Gen. 49:8.	θηρεύσαισαν Job 18:7.
εἴποισαν Ps. 34:25.	ἴδοισαν Job 21:20.
ἐκκόψαισαν Prov. 24:52	καταφάγοισαν Prov. 30:17.
ἐκλείποισαν Ps. 103:35.	ὀλέσαισαν Job 18:11, 20:10.
ἔλθοισαν Dt. 33:16; Job 18:9, 11.	περιπατήσαισαν Job 20:26.
ἐνέγκαισαν Is. 66:20.	ποιήσαισαν Dt. 1:44.
εὐλογήσαισαν Ps. 34:25.	πυρσεύσαισαν Job 20:10.
εὔροισαν Sir. 33:9.	ψηλαφήσαισαν Job 5:14, 12:25.

d. In Hellenistic Greek generally -σαν is also the termination of the 3d person plural of the imperative in all voices, e.g. --

1 K. [1 Sam.] 30:22 ἀπαγέσθωσαν καὶ ἀποστρέφétωσαν.

For instances in N.T. see 1 Cor. 7:9, 36; 1 Tim. 5:4; Tit. 3:14, Acts 24:20, 25:5.

#### 17. Termination of the 2d Person Singular of Primary Tenses Middle and Passive.

In the LXX, as in Attic, the 2d person singular of the present and futures, middle and passive, ends in -η, e.g. ἄρξη, φάγη, λυπηθήση. The only exceptions to this rule in Attic are βούλει, οἶει, ὄψει, and ἔσει, of which the last is only used occasionally. In the LXX we have ὄψει in Nb. 23:13.

The full termination of the 2d person singular of primary tenses middle and passive (-σαι), which in Attic Greek appears only in the perfect of all verbs and in the present of -μι verbs, as λέ-λυ-σαι, δίδο-σαι, is occasionally to be found in the LXX in other cases.

ἀπεξενούσαι 3 K. [2 Kings] 14:6.  
 κοιμᾶσαι Dt. 31:16 (A).  
 κτᾶσαι Sir. 6:7.  
 πίεσαι Dt. 28:39; Ruth 2:9, 14; 3 K. [2 Kings] 17:4; Ps. 127:2; Jer. 29:13 (A); Ezk. 4:11, 12:18, 23:32, 34.  
 φάγεσαι Ruth 2:14; Ezk. 12:18.  
 So in N.T. --  
 καυχᾶσαι Rom. 2:17, 23; 1 Cor. 4:7.  
 κατακαυχᾶσαι Rom. 9:18.  
 ὀδυνᾶσαι Lk. 16:25.  
 φάγεσαι καὶ πίεσαι σύ Lk. 17:8.

The *Pastor* of Hermas yields us ἐπισπᾶσαι, πλανᾶσαι, χρᾶσαι. Such forms are still used in Modern Greek.

In theory -σαι is the termination of every 2d person singular in the middle and passive voices, as in δί-δο-σαι, λέ-λυ-σαι, so that πί-ε-σαι, is a perfectly regular formation. But in Attic Greek the σ has dropped out wherever there is a connecting vowel, and then contraction has ensued. Thus πίεσαι becomes first πίεαι, and finally πίη. Confirmation of this theory is to be found in Homer, where there are many examples of the intermediate form, e.g. ἀναίρσαι, δευήσαι, ἔρχσαι, εὔχσαι, ἴδησαι, κέλαι, λέξσαι, λιλαίαι, μαίνσαι, νέμσαι, ὀδύρσαι, πώλσαι. It is an interesting question whether πίεσαι and φάγεσαι are survivals in the popular speech of pre-Homeric forms, or rather revivals, as Jannaris and others think, on the analogy of the perfect middle and passive of all verbs and of the present middle and passive of -μι verbs.

In καυχᾶσαι and the like, contraction has taken place in the vowels preceding the σ (καυχάσαι = καυχάσαι). ἀπεχενούσαι (3 K. [2 Kings] 14:6) looks like a barbarism for ἀπεξένωσαι.

As against these fuller forms, we sometimes find contracted forms in the LXX, where the -σαι is usual in Attic.

δύνη for δύνασαι. Dan. O' 5:16. So in N.T. Lk. 16:2; Rev. 2:2. In Eur. *Hec.* 253 Porson substituted δύνᾳ for δύνη, as being more Attic. δύνασαι itself occurs in Job 10:13, 35:6, 14, 42:2; Wisd. 11:23; Dan. Θ 2:26, 4:15, 5:16; Bel Θ:24.

ἐπίστη for ἐπίστασαι. Nb. 20:14; Dt. 22:2; Josh. 14:6; Job 38:4; Jer. 17:16; Ezk. 37:4.

**18. Aorist in -α.** a. Another inflexional form for the frequency of which the classical student will hardly be prepared is the aorist in -α in other than semivowel verbs. Attic Greek offers some rare instances of this formation, as εἶπ-α, ἦνεγκ-α, ἔχε-α, and in Homer we have such stray forms as κήαντες (*Od.* 4.231), ἀλέασθαι (*Od.* 9.274), σεῦα (*Il.* 20.189). Nevertheless this is the type which has prevailed in the modern language.

b. In Attic the aorist εἶπα occurs more frequently in the other moods than in the indicative (e.g. Plat. *Soph.* 240 D εἵπαμεν, *Prot.* 353 A εἵπατον imperative, *Phileb.* 60 D εἰπάτω, *Meno* 71 D εἶπον imperative).

In the LXX this aorist is equally common in the indicative.

εἶπα Dt. 1:20; Ps. 40:5.

εἶπας Gen. 44:23; Judith 16:14. Cp. Hom. *Il.* 1 106, 108.

εἵπαμεν Gen. 42:31, 44:22, 26.

εἵπατε Gen. 43:29, 44:28, 45:9.

εἶπαν Jdg. 14:15, 18: 1 K. [1 Sam.] 10:14; 2 K. [2 Sam.] 17:20, 19:42; 4 K. [2 Kings] 1:6; Tob. 7:5; Jer. 49:2.

εἰπόν Gen. 45:17; Dan. O' 2:7.

εἰπάτω Dan. Θ 2:7.

εἵπατε (imperative) Gen. 50:7. Cp. Hom. *Od.* 3.427.

εἶπας Gen. 46:2.

c. While the classical aorist ἦλθον is common in the LXX, the form with -α also occurs, especially in the plural.

ἦλθαμεν Nb. 13:28.

ἦλθατε Gen. 26:27, 42:12; Dt. 1:20; Jdg. 11:7.

ἦλθαν Gen. 47:18; Jdg. 12:1; 2 K. [2 Sam.] 17:20, 24:7; 2 Chr. 25:18; Dan. Q 2:2.

ἐλάττω Esther 5:4, 8; Is. 5:19; Jer. 17:15.

ἔλθατε Prov. 9:5.

εἰσελάττωσαν Ex. 14:6.

This aorist is common in Mss. of the N.T., but has not been admitted into the Revisers' text. Cp. Herm. *Past. Vis.* 1.4.1 ἦλθαν, .3 ἀπῆλθαν; 1 Clem. 38:3 εἰσήλθαμεν.

d. By the side of εἶδον we have an aorist in -α, especially in the 3d person plural, where its advantage is obvious. (See *h* below.)

εἶδαμεν 1 K. [1 Sam.] 10:14.

εἶδαν Jdg. 6:28, 16:24; 1 K. [1 Sam.] 6:19; 2 K. [2 Sam.] 10:14, 19.

e. Similarly by the side of εἰ-λον we have parts formed as though from εἰ-λα.

καθεἶλαν Gen. 44:11; 3 K. [2 Kings] 19:14.

εἶλατο Dt. 26:18.

ἀνείλατο Ex. 2:5.

ἀπείλατο 1 K. [1 Sam.] 30:18.

διείλαντο Josh. 22:8.

ἐξειλάμην 1 K. [1 Sam.] 10:18.

ἐξείλατο Ex. 18:4, 8; Josh. 24:10; 1 K. [1 Sam.] 12:11, 17:37, 30:18.

παρείλατο Nb. 11:25.

f. The aorist ἔπεσα occurs frequently in the 3d person plural, but is rare in other parts.  
ἔπεσα Dan. Ο΄ 8:17. πεσάτω Jer. 44:20 (AS), 49:2 (AS).

ἔπεσας 2 K. [2 Sam.] 3:34. πέσατε Hos. 10:8.

Among compounds we find ἀπεπεσάτωσαν, διέπεσαν, ἐνέπεσαν, ἐπέπεσαν.

So in N.T. --

ἔπεσα Rev. 1:17.

ἔπεσαν Rev. 5:14, 6:13, 11:16, 17:10; Hb. 11:30.

ἐξεπέσατε Gal. 5:4.

Cp. Polyb. 3.19.5 ἀντέπεσαν.

g. Other aorists of the same type are -

ἀπέθαναν Tob. 3:9. ἔλαβαν 2 K. [2 Sam.] 23:16.

ἐγκατέλιπαν 2 Chr. 29:6. ἐφάγαμεν 2 K. [2 Sam.] 19:42.

ἔβαλαν 3 K. [2 Kings] 6:3. ἔφυγαν Jdg. 7:21.

ἐμβάλατε Gen. 44:1.

h. The frequency of the 3d person plural in this form is no doubt due to a desire to differentiate the 3d person plural from the 1st person singular, which are confounded in the historic tenses ending in -ov. It also secured uniformity of ending with the aorist in -σα. In 2 K. [2 Sam.] 10:14 we have this collocation -

εἶδαν . . . ἔφυγαν . . . εἰσῆλθαν . . . ἀνέστρεψαν.

In Jdg. 6:3 we find the anomalous form ἀνέβαιναν followed by συνανέβαινον.

**19. Augment.** a. The augment with the pluperfect is at times omitted by Plato and the best Attic writers. Instances in the LXX are -

βεβρώκει 1 K. [1 Sam.] 30:12.

ἐνδεδύκει Lvt. 16:23.

δεδώκειν 2 K. [2 Sam.] 18:11.

ἐπεβεβήκει Nb. 22:22.

δεδώκει 3 K. [2 Kings] 10:13

πεπώκει 1 K. [1 Sam.] 30:12.

ἐνδεδύκειν Job 29:14.

So in N.T. --

δεδώκει Mk. 14:44.

μεμενήκεισαν 1 Jn. 2:19.

δεδώκεισαν Jn. 11:57; cp. Mk. 15:10.

πεπιστεύκεισαν Acts 14:23.

ἐκβεβλήκει Mk. 16:9.

πεποιήκεισαν Mk. 15:7.

κεκρίκει Acts 20:16.

But in the LXX we occasionally find other historic tenses without the augment, e.g. 2 Esd. [Ezra] 14:18 οἰκοδομοῦσαν. This is especially the case with εἶδον.

ἴδες Lam. 3:59.

ἴδον Gen. 37:25, 40:5.

ἶδεν [Gen. 37:9](#), [40:6](#).

πρόιδον [Gen. 37:18](#).

b. In Attic Greek, when a preposition had lost its force and was felt as part of the verb, the augment was placed before, instead of after, it, as ἐκάθευδον, ἐκάθιζον, ἐκαθήμην.

The same law holds in the Greek of the LXX, but is naturally extended to fresh cases, e.g. to προνομεύειν, which in the Alexandrian dialect seems to have been the common word for 'to ravage.'

ἐπρονομεύσαμεν [Dt. 2:35](#), [3:7](#).

ἤνεχύρασαν [Job 24:3](#).

ἐπρονόμευσαν Nb. [31:9](#).

c. The aorist ἦνοιξα is already found in Xenophon. In the LXX it is common, though by no means to the exclusion of the form with internal augment. Besides ἦνοιξα itself, which is conjugated throughout the singular and plural, we have also the following --

ἠνοίχθη Nb. [16:32](#); [Ps. 105:17](#), [108:1](#).

ἦνοιγον [1 Mac. 11:2](#).

ἠνοίχθησαν [Ezk. 1:1](#).

ἠνοίγετο [3 K. \[2 Kings\] 7:21](#).

ἠνοιγμένα [Is. 42:20](#).

So also in N.T. --

ἦνοιξε [Acts 12:14](#), [14:27](#); [Rev. 8:1](#).

διηνοιγμένους [Acts 7:56](#).

διήνοιξε [Acts 16:14](#).

ἠνοίγη [Rev. 11:19](#).

Besides the Attic form with double internal augment, ἀνέωξα, the LXX has also forms which augment the initial vowel of this, and so display a triple augment. --

ἠνέωξε [Gen. 8:6](#); [3 Mac. 6:18](#).

ἠνεώχθησαν [Gen. 7:11](#); [Sir. 43:14](#); [Dan. 7:10](#).

ἠνεωγμένους [3 K. \[2 Kings\] 8:29](#); [2 Chr. 6:20](#), [40](#), [7:15](#); [Neh. 1:6](#).

ἠνεωγμένα [3 K. \[2 Kings\] 8:52](#).

So in N.T. --

ἠνεωγμένον [Rev. 10:8](#).

d. In προφητεύειν the internal augment is wrong, since the verb is formed on the noun προφήτης. In the LXX προεφήτευσεν occurs only in [1 K. \[1 Sam.\] 18:10 \(A\)](#) and [Sir. 46:20](#). Nevertheless this is the form which has been everywhere preferred in the Revisers' text of the N.T.

προεφήτευσον [Acts 19:6](#).

προεφήτευσε [Mt. 15:7](#); [Mk. 7:6](#); [Lk. 1:67](#); [Jn. 11:51](#); [Jude 14](#).

προεφήτεύσαμεν [Mt. 7:22](#).

προεφήτευσαν [Mt. 11:18](#).

e. Instances of double augment in the LXX are --

ἀπεκατέστη [Ex. 15:27](#).

ἀπεκατέστησεν 1 Esd. 1:33.

ἦνωχλήθην 1 K. [1 Sam.] 30:13. Cp. Dan. 3:50: Dan. O' 6:18.

**20. Reduplication** a. In verbs compounded with a preposition reduplication is sometimes applied to the preposition.

κεκαταραμένος Dt. 21:23: Sir. 3:16. Cp. Enoch 27:2.

πεπρονομευμένος Is. 42:2. Cp. 19.b.

b. In the form κεκατήρανται (Nb. 22:6, 24:9. Cp. Enoch 27:1,2.) we have what may be called double reduplication.

c. With ῥεριμμένος (Jdg. 4:22) and ἐκρεριμμένην (Jdg. 15:15) may be compared Homer's ῥερυπωμένα (Od. 6.59). ῥερίφθαι [ῥερίφθαι] is cited from Pindar by Choeroboscus.

d. The reduplicated present ἐκιδύσκειν occurs in four passages --

1 K. [1 Sam.] 31:8: 2 K. [2 Sam.] 23:10: Neh. 4:23: Hos. 7:1. It is used also by Josephus. Κιχρᾶν, 'to lend,' occurs in three passages --

1 K. [1 Sam.] 1:28: Prov. 13:11: Ps. 111:5. κίχρημι is used in this sense by Demosthenes.

e. The verb κράζειν has a reduplicated weak aorist, ἐκέκραξα, which is very common, especially in the Psalms; also a reduplicated strong aorist, though this is very rare.

ἐκέκραγεν Is. 6:3. ἐκέκραγον Is. 6:4.

**21. Attic Future.** a. What is called the Attic future, *i.e.* the future out of which σ has dropped, is more common in the LXX than in Attic Greek. Thus the future of ἐλπίζειν, so far as it appears in Attic authors at all, is ἐλπίσω: but in the LXX it is always ἐλπιδῶ. Among verbs in -ίζω which take this form of future are --

αἰχμαλωτίζειν	ἐγγίζειν	κερατίζειν	οἰωνίζειν
ἀποσκορακίζειν	ἐπιστηρίζειν	κομίζειν	σαββατίζειν
ἀφαγνίζειν	εὐαγγελίζειν	μελίζειν	συλλογίζειν
ἀφανίζειν	καθαρίζειν	μερίζειν	συνετίζειν
ἀφορίζειν	καθίζειν		

There is no apparent reason for the contradiction in the future of verbs in -ίζειν. The retention of σ in the future of such verbs is quite exceptional, as in Eccl. 11:4 θερίσει (mid.), Lvt. 25:5 ἐκθερίσεις. Of the two versions of Daniel O' has in 4:29 ψωμίσουσι, while Θ has ψωμιοῦσιν. Μηνίειν has a future in the LXX of the same sort as verbs in -ίζειν.

μηνιδῶ Jer. 3:12.

μηνιεῖς Lvt. 19:18.

μηνιεῖ Ps. 102:9.

b. In Attic Greek there are a few instances of verbs in -άζειν dropping the σ and contracting in the future. Thus βιβάζειν, ἐξετάζειν have the futures βιβῶ, ἐξετῶ in addition to the full forms. In the LXX the former of these sometimes retains the σ in the future (Dt. 6:7:

Ps. 31:8; Is. 40:13; Wisd. 6:3; Sir. 13:11), the latter always: but the tendency which they exemplify is carried out in the case of other verbs in -άζειν. Hence we meet with the following futures --

άρπᾶ Lvt. 19:13.

άρπῶμαι Hos. 5:14.

ἐκδικᾶται Lvt. 19:18; Dt. 32:43; Judith 11:10.

ἐργᾶ Gen. 4:12, 29:27; Ex. 20:9, 34:21; Lvt. 25:40; Dt. 5:13, 15:19; 2 K. [2 Sam.] 9:10.

ἐργᾶται Lvt. 25:40; Job 33:29.

ἐργῶνται Is. 5:10; Jer. 37:8, 9, 22:13, 41:14; Ezk. 48:19.

κατεργᾶ Dt. 28:39.

κοιμᾶ Dt. 31:16.

κοιμᾶται Job 8:17.

c. Both in the LXX and in the N.T. semivowel verbs, *i.e.* those with λ, ρ, μ, ν, have a contracted future, as in Attic, *e.g.* ψαλῶ, σπερεῖς, τεμεῖς, ῥανεῖ.

d. In Attic Greek the future of χέω is still χέω and indistinguishable from the present. In the LXX the future is distinguished by being treated as a contracted tense. Thus we have --

ἐκχεῶ,

ἐχεεῖς,

ἐκχεεῖ,

ἐκχεεῖτε,

ἐκχεοῦσι.

The 1st person plural does not seem to occur.

e. To the contracted futures the LXX adds the post-classical ἐλῶ, from the same stem as εἰ-λον. This future occurs both in the active and the middle voices, *e.g.* ἀφελῶ (Nb. 11:17), ἐξελεῖσθε (Josh. 2:13).

So in N.T. --

ἀνελεῖ 2 Th. 2:8.

f. In Attic τελεῖν and καλεῖν are in the future indistinguishable from the present. In the later Greek of the LXX this ambiguity is avoided by the retention of the full form of the future. Thus we have --

συντελέσω,

συντελέσεις,

συντελέσει,

συντελέσετε,

συντελέσουσιν,

and

καλέσω,

καλέσεις,

καλέσει,

καλέσετε,

καλέσουσιν.

g. The future ὀλέσω, which is common in Homer but rare in Attic, does not occur in the LXX, which has only the contracted forms --

ὄλεϊ [Prov. 1:32](#).

ὄλουονται [Prov. 2:22](#), [13:2](#), [15:5](#), [16:33](#), [25:19](#).

ὄλεϊται [Job 8:13](#).

h. On the other hand, ἐλάσεις in [Ex. 25:11](#) is the only instance of the future of ἐλάυνω in the LXX.

i. In Attic σκεδάννυμι has future σκεδῶ, but in the LXX it retains the σ, e.g. διασκεδάσω [Jdg. 2:1](#).

**22. Retention of Short Vowel in the Future.** As a rule in Greek α and ε verbs lengthen the vowel in forming the future. Exceptions are σπάω and χαλάω among α verbs, and among ε verbs αίνέω, καλέω, τελέω. When the vowel is short in the future, it is also short in the 1st aorist.

To the ε verbs which have the vowel short in the future and 1st aorist we may add from the LXX πονεῖν, φθονεῖν, φορεῖν.

So in N.T. --

ἐφορέσαμεν . . . . φορέσομεν [1 Cor. 15:49](#).

Cp. Herm. *Past. Sim.* 9.13.3, 15.6 ἐφόρεσαν.

**23. Aorist of Semivowel Verbs.** In Attic Greek semivowel verbs with ᾱ in their stem lengthen the ᾱ into η in forming the 1st aorist (as φαν-, ἔφηνα), except after ι or ρ, when they lengthen into ᾱ (as μιαν-, ἐμίᾱνα, περαν-, ἐπέρᾱνα). See G. .672.

In the LXX many such verbs lengthen into ᾱ when the ᾱ of the stem is preceded by a consonant. Hence we meet with such forms as ἐγλύκανας, ἐκκάθαρων, ἐξεκάθαρα, ἐπέχαρας, ἐπίφανον, ἐποίμανεν, ἐσήμανεν, σημάνη, ὑφᾱναι, ὑφανεν, ὑφάνης, ψάλατε. In [Amos 5:2](#) ἔσφαλεν is ambiguous, as it might be 2d aorist.

The form καθάρης is read in Dindorf's text of Xen. *Ec.* 18.8, and in Hermann's text of Plato *Laws* 735 we have καθάρη in B followed by καθήρειεν in D. The aorist ἐσήμανα is found as early as Xenophon. Cp. *Aristeas* 16, 33. Ἐκέρδανα was always regarded as good Attic.

Such forms are also to be found in the N.T., e.g. --

ἐβάσκανεν [Gal. 3:1](#).

ἐσήμανεν [Rev. 1:1](#).

**24. The Strong Tenses of the Passive.** The Greek of the LXX displays a preference for the strong over the weak tenses of the passive, *i.e.* for the tenses which are formed directly from the verbal stem, namely, the 2d aorist and the 2d future. Thus ἠγγέλην, which is not to be found in classical authors, except in a disputed reading of Eur. *I.T.* 932, occurs frequently (in compounds) in the LXX, and the future passive, when employed, is the corresponding form in -ήσομαι, e.g. [Ps. 21:81](#) ἀναγγελήσεται, [Ps. 58:13](#) διαγγελήσονται.

So again from ῥίπτω we find only the 2d aorist and 2d future passive, e.g. [Ezk. 19:12](#) ἐρρίφη, 2 K. [2 Sam.] 20:21 ῥιφήσεται.

The following are other instances of the same formation: -

βραχίσεται (Βρέχω) [Is. 34:3](#).  
 γραφήσονται [Ezk. 13:9](#). Cp. [Aristeas 32](#).  
 διεθρύβησαν [Nahum 1:6](#).  
 ἐκλεγήναι [Dan. O' 11:35](#).  
 ἐλιγίσεται [Is. 34:4](#).  
 ἐνεφράγη [Ps. 62:12](#).  
 ἐξαλιφῆναι [1 Chr. 29:4](#). Cp. [Plat. Phaedr. 258 B](#).  
 ἐπεσκέπησαν [1 Chr. 26:31](#).  
 ἠκαταστάτησαν [Tobit 1:15](#).  
 ὀρυγῆ [Ps. 93:18](#).  
 περιεπλάκησαν [Ps. 118:61](#).  
 συνεφρύγησαν [Ps. 101:4](#).  
 ὑπετάγησαν [Ps. 59:10](#).

**25. The Verbs** πεινᾶν **and** διψᾶν. In Attic Greek these two verbs contract into η instead of ᾱ. In the LXX they contract into ᾱ, and πεινάω further forms its future and aorist in ᾱ instead of η.

ἐὰν πεινᾶ . . . ἐὰν διψᾶ [Prov. 25:21](#).            ἐπέινας [Dt. 25:18](#).

διψᾶ (ind.) [Is. 29:8](#).

The parts of πεινᾶν which occur in the future and aorist are πεινάσει, πεινάσετε, πεινάσουσι, ἐπέινασεν, ἐπέινασαν, πεινάσω (subj.), πεινάσωμεν, πεινάσητε.

So also in N.T. --

πεινᾶν [Phil. 4:12](#).

πεινᾶ (ind.) [1 Cor. 11:21](#).

πεινᾶ . . . . διψᾶ (subj.) [Rom. 12:20](#) (quoted from [Prov. 25:21](#)).

ἐὰν τις διψᾶ [Jn. 7:37](#).

For the future and aorist of πεινᾶν in N.T. see [Mt. 12:1, 3, 25:35](#); [Lk. 4:2](#); [Jn. 6:35](#); [Rev. 7:16](#).

**26. The Perfect of** ἤκειν. Ἦκειν in the LXX has a perfect ἦκα, which occurs however only in the plural.

ἦκαμεν [Gen. 47:4](#); [Josh. 9:12](#).

ἦκατε [Gen. 42:7, 9](#); [Dt. 12:9](#); [1 Chr. 12:17](#).

ἦκασι(ν) 18 times.

This form occurs once in the N.T. --

ἦκασι [Mk. 8:3](#).

Cp. [1 Clem. 12:2](#) in a quotation from [Josh. 2:3](#).

The aorist ἦξα, which is found in late authors, is not used in the LXX.

Wherever the form ἦκε occurs, it is either imperative, as in 2 K. [2 Sam.] 14:32, or imperfect, as in 2 Mac. 4:31, 8:35, 14:4, 26.

**27. Presents formed from Perfects.** a. From the perfect ἔστηκα there was formed a new present στήκει, which occurs in two or three passages of the LXX.

στήκει Jdg. 16:26.

στήκειν 3 K. [2 Kings] 8:11.

στήκετε (imper.) Ex. 14:13 (A).

So in N.T. --

στήκει Rom. 14:4.

στήκετε (ind.) Phil. 1:27.

στήκετε (imper.) 1 Cor. 16:13: Gal. 5:1: Phil. 4:1: 2 Thes. 2:15.

στήκητε 1 Th. 3:8: Mk. 11:25.

b. Similar to this is the verb γρηγορεῖν, formed from ἐγρήγορα. We may conjecture that the pluperfect ἐγγόρει came to be regarded as a contracted imperfect, and so gave rise to γρηγορῶ.

ἐγρηγόρουν Jer. 38:28.

γρηγορεῖν 1 Mac. 12:27.

γρηγορούντων Neh. 7:3.

γρηγορήσω Jer. 38:28.

ἐγρηγορησε(ν) Jer. 5:6: Bar. 2:9: Dan. Θ 9:14.

ἐγρηγορήθη Lam. 1:14.

From this verb in its turn was formed a new verbal noun γρηγόρησις Dan. Θ 5:11, 14.

Cp. also the proper name Γρηγόριος.

So in N.T. --

γρηγορῶμεν 1 Th. 5:6.

γρηγορεῖτε (imper.) 1 Cor. 16:13: Mk. 13:37.

γρηγορήσατε 1 Pet. 5:8.

c. Of like origin is the aorist ἐπεποίθησα, which occurs in Job 31:24. From πεποιθεῖν again we have the noun πεποίθησις 4 K. [2 Kings] 18:19.

d. The tendency to form new presents from perfects is already exhibited in Homer. Thus we have ἀνώγει (*Od.* 5.139 *etc.*) formed from ἄνωγα, and γεγωνεῖν (*Il.* 12.337) from γέγωνα; also the imperfect ἐμέμηκον (*Od.* 9.439) from μέμηκα.

**28. The Verb ἰσάναι and its Cognates.** By the side of the forms in -μι there existed from Homer downwards alternative forms in -ω. Some of these present themselves in the LXX. Thus we have the following parts of the transitive verb ἰσάω.

ἰσῶσιν 1 Mac. 8:1.

ἰσῶν 2 K. [2 Sam.] 22:34: Job 6:2: Ps. 17:33: Sir. 27:26: Is. 44:26: 1 Mac. 2:27.

Among its compounds we may notice the following -

καθιστῶν [Dt. 17:15](#): Dan. O' 4:34. Cp. Aristeas 228.

καθιστᾶ. . . . μεθιστᾶ Dan. Θ 2:21.

μεθιστῶν . . . . καθιστῶν Dan. O' 2:21.

μεθιστῶσι [1 Mac. 8:13](#).

μεθιστᾶν [3 Mac. 6:24](#).

So in N.T. --

ἰστώνμεν [Rom. 3:31](#).

συνιστῶν [2 Cor. 10:18](#).

ἀποκαθιστᾶ [Mk. 9:12](#).

συνιστῶντες [2 Cor. 4:2](#), [6:4](#).

The form ἰστάνειν, also transitive, occurs in [Ezk. 17:14](#). Cp. Aristeas 280, 281 καθιστάνειν.

So in N.T. --

μεθιστάνειν [1 Cor. 13:2](#).

συνιστάνειν [2 Cor. 3:1](#). Cp. [5:12](#), [10:12](#).

Cp. Herm. *Past. Vis.* 1.3.4 μεθιστάνει.

Later Greek has a transitive perfect ἔστακα, which is implied by the rare, though classical, perfect passive ἔσταμαι (Plat. *Tim.* 81 D). Thus in [Plato] *Axiochus* 370 D we find περιέστακας.

ἔστάκαμεν [1 Mac. 11:34](#).

ἀφέστακα [Jer. 16:5](#).

καθέστακα [Jer. 1:10](#), [6:17](#).

καθεστάκαμεν [1 Mac. 10:20](#). Cp. Aristeas 37.

So in N.T. --

ἐξεστακέναι [Acts 8:11](#).

In [Josh. 10:19](#) there occurs the irregular perfect imperative ἐστήκατε with connecting vowel α instead of ε. With this form may be compared πεποίθατε [Ps. 145:3](#): [Is. 50:10](#): [Jer. 9:4](#).

**29. The Verb τιθέναι and its Cognates.** This verb does not offer much scope for remark. The imperfect is formed, so far as it occurs, from the alternative form τιθέω.

ἐτίθεις [Ps. 49:18](#), [20](#).

ἐτίθει [Prov. 8:28](#).

This is in accordance with classical usage, which however has ἐτίθην in the 1st person. Ἐτίθη is read by A in [Esther 4:4](#).

The strong and weak aorists active seem to be about equally frequent. The only person of the latter that is missing is the 2d person plural.

Ἐθήκαμεν is found (2 [Esd.](#) [[Ezra](#)] [15:10](#): [Is. 28:15](#)) and ἔθηκαν is common.

The 2d person singular of the strong aorist middle is always ἔθου, as in Attic.

In [1 \[Esd.\]\(#\) 4:30](#) we find ἐπιτιθοῦσαν formed from the thematic τιθέω.

**30. The Verb διδόναι and its Cognates.** The present tense runs thus --



The weak aorist occurs in the singular and in the 3d person plural ἀφῆκαν, e.g. [Jdg. 1:34](#).

c. A thematic verb συνιῆν existed in classical Greek. Theognis 565 has the infinitive συνιῆν: Plat. *Soph.* 238 E uses ξυνιῆς. Of this verb we find the following parts in the LXX, if we may trust the accentuation --

συνιῆν 3 K. [2 Kings] 3:9, 11.                      συνιοῦσιν (dat. pl.) [Prov. 8:9](#).  
συνιών [2 Chr. 34:12](#).

So also in N.T. --

ὁ συνιών [Rom. 3:11](#). In [Mt. 13:23](#) the R.V. text has συνιών.  
συνιοῦσι (3d pl.) [Mt. 13:13](#); [2 Cor. 10:12](#).

d. In addition to this we find a verb of new formation like ἀφίω -  
συνίεις [Tob. 3:8](#); [Job 15:9](#), [36:4](#).

συνίει [Prov. 21:12](#), [29](#); [Wisd. 9:11](#).

συνίων Dan. Θ 8:5, 23, 27 and *passim*.

συνιόντων (gen. pl.) [2 Chr. 30:22](#).

In [2 Chr. 26:5](#) συνιόντος and 2 Esd. [Ezra] 8:16 συνιόντας the accent seems to be misplaced.

The new participle συνίων has not entirely ousted the -μι form in the LXX. We have συνιείς [Ps. 32:15](#): οἱ συνιέντες [Dan. 12:3](#): συνιέντας Dan. Θ 14: τῶν συνιέντων [Dan. 11:35](#).

e. The 3d person plural of the 1st aorist ἤκαν, which occurs in Xen. *Anab.* 4.5.18, is used in the LXX in its compound ἀφῆκαν.

f. The verb συνίειν is to be met with also in the Apostolic Fathers -  
συνίω Herm. *Past. Mdt.* 4.2.1, 10.1.3.

συνίει 4.2.2.

συνίουσιν 10.1.6.

σύνιε 6.2.3, 6: *Sim.* 9.12.1.

συνίων Barn. *Ep.* 12:10.

g. The 2d person singular present middle προίη in [Job 7:19](#) is doubtless formed on the analogy of λύη, but might be reached from προίεσαι by loss of σ and contraction.

**32. The Imperatives ἀνάστα and ἀπόστα, etc.** It is the by-forms in -ω which account for these imperatives (ἀνάστα = ἀνάστα-ε). Ἀνάστα in the LXX is used interchangeably with ἀνάστηθι. Thus in [Dan. 7:5](#) Ο΄ has ἀνάστα, while Θ has ἀνάστηθι. But the same writer even will go from one to the other. Thus in 3 K. [2 Kings] 19 we have ἀνάστηθι in v. 5 and ἀνάστα in v. 7, and again in 3 K. [2 Kings] 20 ἀνάστα in v. 15 and ἀνάστηθι in v. 18. So also [Ps. 43:24](#), [27](#) ἀνάστηθι . . . ἀνάστα. Ἀπόστα occurs in [Job 7:16](#), [14:6](#), [21:14](#).

So in N.T., where we find in addition the 3d person singular and the 2d person plural.  
ἀνάστα [Acts. 12:7](#); [Eph. 5:14](#).                      καταβάτω [Mt. 27:42](#).

ἀνάβα Rev. 4:1.

ἀναβάτε Rev. 11:12.

Cp. Herm *Past. Mdt.* 6.2.6, 7 ἀπόστα . . . ἀπόστηθι, *Vis.* 2.8 ἀντίστα.

Similar forms are to be found even in the Attic drama and earlier.

ἔμβα Eur. *Elec.* 113; Ar. *Ran.* 377.

ἐπίβα Theognis 845.

ἔσβα Eur. *Phoen.* 193.

κατάβα Ar. *Ran.* 35, *Vesp.* 979.

πρόβα Eur. *Alc.* 872; Ar. *Ach.* 262.

### 33. Special Forms of Verbs.

αίρετίζειν denominative from αἰρετός.

ἀμφιάζειν 4 K. [2 Kings] 17:9; **Job 29:14, 31:19** (in 40:5 ἀμφίεσαι) = ἀμφιεννύναι.

ἀποκτέννειν **Ex. 4:23**; 2 K. [2 Sam.] 4:12; 4 K. [2 Kings] 17:25; **Ps. 77:34, 100:8; Wisd. 16:14; Hab. 1:17; Is. 66:3**; Dan. Θ 2:13; **3 Mac. 7:14**. ἀποτιννύειν **Gen. 31:39; Ps. 68:5; Sir. 20:12**. ἔλεᾶν for ἐλεεῖν. **Ps. 36:26, 114:6; Prov. 13:9, 14:21, 31, 21:26, 28:8; Sir. 18:14; Tobit 13:2**; 4 Mac. 6:12, 9:3. So in N.T., **Jude 22, 23**. Cp. 1 Clem. 13:2; Barn. *Ep.* 20:2.

ἐλούσθης Ezk. 16:4.

ἐόρακας 2 K. [2 Sam.] 18:11. Maintained by some to be the true Attic form.

ἐρρηγώς for ἐρρωγώς. **Job. 32:19**.

ἔσθειν for ἐσθίειν. Lvt. 7:15, 11:34, 17:10, 19:8, 26; **Sir. 20:16**. Old poetic form. Hom. *Il.* 24.415; *Od.* 9.479, 10.273.

κάθου for κάθησο. **Gen. 38:11; Jdg. 17:10; Ruth 3:18**; 1 K. [1 Sam.] 1:23, 22:5, 23; 4 K. [2 Kings] 2:2, 4, 6; **Ps. 109:1; Sir. 9:7**. Formed on the analogy of λύου. Κάθησο itself occurs in **2 Chr. 25:19**. In Ezk. 23:41 we have imperfect ἐκάθου. So in N.T., **Mt. 22:44; Mk. 12:36; Lk. 20:42; Acts 2:34**; Hb. 1:13 (all quotations from **Ps. 109:1**): **James 2:3**.

μαιμάσσειν **Jer. 4:19**.

οἴσθας **Dt. 9:2**. Cp. Eur. *Ion* 999 (Dindorf).

πιάζειν for πιέζειν. **Song 2:15; Sir. 23:21**. Πιέζειν occurs only in **Micah 6:15** in the original sense of 'to press.'

ράσσειν **Jer. 23:39** and eight other passages.

**34. Adverbs.** Hellenistic Greek supplied the missing adverb to ἀγαθός. Ἀγαθῶς occurs in Aristotle *Rh.* 2.11.1. In the LXX it is found in 1 K. [1 Sam.] 20:7; 4 K. [2 Kings] 11:18; **Tob. 13:10**.

Among adverbs of time we may notice ἐκ προώθην and ἀπὸ προώθην as peculiar to the LXX. For the former see 2 K. [2 Sam.] 2:27; 3 K. [2 Kings] 18:26; **1 Mac. 10:80**; for the latter **Ex. 18:13, 14; Ruth 2:7; Job 4:20; Sir. 18:26; 1 Mac. 9:13**. Similar to these among adverbs of place is ἀπὸ μακρόθεν, **Ps. 138:2**. Such expressions remind us of our own double form 'from whence,' which purists condemn.

In the Greek of the LXX *που* is used for *ποῖ*, just as we commonly say ‘where’ for ‘whither.’

*Jdg. 19:17* Ποῦ προεῦη, καὶ πόθεν ἔρχη;

Cp. *Gen. 37:31; Josh. 2:5, 8:10; Jdg. 19:17*: 1 K. [1 Sam.] 10:14; *Zech. 2:2*.

*Ποῖ* occurs only in a doubtful reading in *Jer. 2:28*, and has there the sense of *ποῦ*.

Similarly *οῦ* is used for *οῖ*, which is not found at all.

*Jer. 51:35* οὔ ἂν βαδίσης ἐκεῖ.

Cp. *Gen. 40:3; Ex. 21:13*: 3 K. [2 Kings] 18:10; *Ezk. 12:16*.

So in N.T. --

*ποῦ* = *ποῖ* *1 Jn. 2:11, 3:8, 8:14; Hb. 11:8*.

*ὄπου* = *ὄποι* *James 3:4*.

*ὄποι* does not occur in Biblical Greek.

**35. Homerisms.** The Ionic infusion which is observable in the Greek of the LXX may possibly be due to the use of Homer as a schoolbook in Alexandria. This would be a vera causa in accounting for such stray Ionisms as *κυνομυίης, μαχαίρη, ἐπιβεβηκυίης*, and the use of *σπείρης* in the Papyri; possibly also for *γαίων, γαίαις*. Such forms also as *ἐπαιδός, ἔσθειν, ἐτάνυσαν (Sir. 43:12), μόλιβος, χάλκειος, χεῖμαρρος, πολεμιστής*, have an Homeric ring about them.

**36. Movable Consonants.** *ν ἐφελκυστικόν* is freely employed before consonants, as in *Gen. 31:15, 41:55; Dt. 19:1; Ruth 2:3; Jdg. 16:11*.

To *ἄχρι* and *μέχρις* is sometimes appended before a vowel and sometimes not.

*Jdg. 11:33* ἄχρις Ἄρνων.

*Josh. 4:23* μέχρις οὔ.

*Job 32:11* ἄχρι οὔ.

*1 Esd. 1:54* μέχρις οὔ.

*2 Mac. 14:15* ἄχρι αἰῶνος.

*Job 32:12* μέχρι ὑμῶν.

*Ἄντικρῦ* and *ἄντικρυς* differ from one another by more than the *σ*. The former does not occur at all in the LXX, the latter in Swete's text only once, *3 Mac. 5:16* ἄντικρυς ἀνακλιθῆναι αὐτοῦ.

In the Revisers' text of the N.T. we find *ἄχρι* before a consonant in *Gal. 4:2*; *ἄχρις οὔ* *1 Cor. 11:26, 15:25; Gal. 3:19, 4:19; Hb. 3:13; μέχρις οὔ* *Mk. 13:30; μέχρις αἵματος* *Hb. 12:4; ἀντικρὺ Χίου* *Acts 20:15*.

**37. Spelling.** In matters of spelling Dr. Swete's text appears to reflect variations in the Mss.

a. The diphthong *ει* is often replaced by *ι*, as in *1 Esd. 1:11* χαλκίοις compared with *2 Chr. 35:13* χαλκείοις. This is especially the case with feminine nouns in *-εία*, as *ἀπωλία, δουλία, λατρία, πλινθία, συγγενία, ὑγία, φαρμακία*.

Neuters plural in *-εῖα* also sometimes end in *-ια* with recession of accent, as --

*ἄγγια* *Gen. 42:25. πόρια* *Gen. 45:17*.

In the pluperfect of ἴστημι again we sometimes find ι for ει --  
 ἴσθήκει [Jdg. 16:29](#). ἐφιστήκει Nb. 23:6,17.

παριστήκει [Gen. 45:1](#).

So also in the future and 1st aorist of λείχω, as --

ἐκλίξει, ἐκλίξαι, ἔλιξαν, λίξουσιν.

On the other hand εἰδέαι for ἰδέαι (nom. pl. of ἰδέα) occurs in Dan. Θ  
 1:13.

b. ν in composition is sometimes changed into μ before a labial and sometimes not, as

--

συμβιβάσω [Ex. 4:12](#). συνβιβασάτω [Jdg. 13:8](#).

Before a guttural or π, ν is often retained, instead of being turned into γ, as -

ἐνκάθηται, ἐνκρατεῖς, ἐνκρούσης, ἐνκρυφίας, ἐνποίη, ἐνχωρίω.

But on the other hand -

σύγκρισις, συγγενία.

c. In the spelling of λαμβάνειν μ appears in parts not formed from the present stem, as

--

λήμψομαι, λήψη, λήμψεσθε, ἐλήμφθη, καταλήμψη.

This may indicate that the syllable in which the μ occurs was pronounced with β. In modern Greek μπ stands for β, and we seem to find this usage as early as Hermas (*Vis.* 3.1.4), who represents the Latin subsellium by συμψέλιον. Cp. Ἀμβακούμ for Habakkuk.

d. The doubling of ρ in the argument of verbs is often neglected, as -

ἐξερίφησαν, ἔρανεν, ἐράπιζον, ἔριψεν.

e. The following also may be noticed -

ἐραυνᾶν for ἐρευνᾶν [Dt. 13:14](#).

μιερός, μιεροφαγία, μιεροφαγεῖν, μιεροφονία all in Maccabees only.

τεσσεράκοντα [Dt. 9:9](#), [11: Josh. 14:7](#).

# SYNTAX

## CONSTRUCTION OF THE SENTENCE, 38-43

**38. The Construction of the LXX not Greek.** In treating of Accidence we have been concerned only with dialectical varieties within the Greek language, but in turning to syntax we come unavoidably upon what is not Greek. For the LXX is on the whole a literal translation, that is to say, it is only half a translation - the vocabulary has been changed, but seldom the construction. We have therefore to deal with a work of which the vocabulary is Greek and the syntax Hebrew.

**39. Absence of μέν and δέ.** How little we are concerned with a piece of Greek diction is brought home to us by the fact that the balance of clauses by the particles μέν and δέ, so familiar a feature a Greek style, is rare in the LXX, except in the books of Wisdom and Maccabees. It does not occur once in all the books between Deuteronomy and Proverbs nor in Ecclesiastes, the Song, the bulk of the Minor Prophets, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel; and in each of the following books it occurs once only -

Leviticus (27:7), Numbers (22:33), Tobit (14:10), Haggai (1:4), Zechariah (1:15), Isaiah (6:2). Where the antithesis is employed, it is often not managed with propriety, e.g. in [Job 32:6](#). As instances of the non-occurrence of one or both of the particles where their presence is obviously required we may take -

[Gen. 27:22](#) Ἡ φωνὴ φωνὴ Ἰακώβ, αἱ δὲ χεῖρες χεῖρες Ἡσαύ.

[Jdg. 16:29](#) καὶ ἐκράτησεν ἓνα τῆ δεξιά αὐτοῦ καὶ ἓνα τῆ ἀριστερᾶ αὐτοῦ.

2 K. [2 Sam.] 11:25 ποτὲ μὲν οὔτος.

3 K. [2 Kings] 18:6 μιᾶ . . . ἄλλῃ.

**40. Paratactical Construction of the LXX.** Roughly speaking, it is true to say that in the Greek of the LXX there is no syntax, only parataxis. The whole is one great scheme of clauses connected by καὶ, and we have to trust to the sense to tell us which is to be so emphasized as to make it into the apodosis. It may therefore be laid down as a general rule that in the LXX the apodosis is introduced by καὶ. This is a recurrence to an earlier stage of language than that which Greek itself had reached long before the LXX was written, but we find occasional survivals of it in classical writers, e.g. Xen. *Cyrop.* 1.4.28 καὶ ὁδόν τε οὔπω πολλὴν διηνύσθαι αὐτοῖς καὶ τὸν Μῆδον ἦκειν. Here it is convenient to translate καὶ 'when,' but the construction is really paratactical. So again Xen. *Anab.* 4.2.12 Καὶ τοῦτόν τε παρεληλύθεσαν οἱ Ἕλληνες, καὶ ἕτερον ὁρῶσιν ἔμπροσθεν λόφον κατεχόμενον. Cp. *Anab.* 1.8.8, 2.1.7, 4.6.2; also Verg. *Æn.* 2.692 -

Vix ea fatus erat senior, subitoque fragore intonuit laevom.

In the above instances the two clauses are coordinate. But in the LXX, even when the former clause is introduced by a subordinative conjunction, καὶ still follows in the latter, e.g. -

[Gen. 44:29](#) εἰάν οὖν λάβητε . . . καὶ κατάξετε κτλ.

**Ex. 13:14** ἐὰν δὲ ἐρωτήσῃ . . . καὶ ἐρεῖς κτλ. Cp. 7:9.

**Josh. 4:1** καὶ ἐπεὶ συνετέλεσεν πᾶς ὁ λαὸς διαβαίνων τὸν Ἰορδάνην, καὶ εἶπεν Κύριος, Sometimes a preposition with a verbal noun takes the place of the protasis, e.g. -

**Ex. 3:12** ἐν τῷ ἐξαγαγεῖν . . . καὶ λατρεύσετε.

In Homer also καί is used in the apodosis after ἐπεὶ (*Od.* 5.96), ἦμος (*Il.* 1.477: *Od.* 10.188), or ὅτε (*Od.* 5.391, 401: 10.145, 157, 250).

The difficulty which sometimes arises in the LXX in determining which is the apodosis amid a labyrinth of καὶ clauses, e.g. in **Gen. 4:14, 39:10**, may be paralleled by the difficulty which sometimes presents itself in Homer with regard to a series of clauses introduced by δέ, e.g. *Od.* 10.112, 113; 11.34-6.

**41. Introduction of the Sentence by a Verb of Being.** Very often in imitation of Hebrew idiom the whole sentence is introduced by ἐγένετο or ἔσται.

**Gen. 39:19** ἐγένετο δὲ ὡς ἤκουσεν . . . καὶ ἐθυμώθη ὀργῇ. Cp. vs. 5, 7, 13.

3 K. [2 Kings] 18:12 καὶ ἔσται ἐὰν ἐγὼ ἀπέλθω ἀπὸ σοῦ, καὶ πνεῦμα Κυρίου ἀρεῖ σε εἰς τὴν γῆν ἣν οὐκ οἶδας.

In such cases in accordance with western ideas of what a sentence ought to be, we say that καί introduces the apodosis, but it may be that, in its original conception at least, the whole construction was paratactical. It is easy to see this in a single instance like -

**Gen. 41:8** ἐγένετο δὲ πρῶτὸν καὶ ἐταράχθη ἡ ψυχὴ αὐτοῦ,

but the same explanation may be applied to more complex cases, e.g. -

Nb. 21:9 καὶ ἐγένετο ὅταν ἔδακνεν ὄφις ἄνθρωπον, καὶ ἐπέβλεψεν ἐπὶ τὸν ὄφιν τὸν χαλκοῦν, καὶ ἔζη. And *there was* when a serpent bit a man, and he looked on the brazen serpent, and lived. Cp. **Gen. 42:35, 43:2, 21: Jdg. 14:11.**

**42. Apposition of Verbs.** Sometimes the καί does not appear after ἐγένετο, ἐγενήθη, or ἔσται, thus presenting a construction which we may denote by the phrase Apposition of Verbs.

**Jdg. 19:30** καὶ ἐγένετο πᾶς ὁ βλέπων ἔλεγεν . . .

1 K. [1 Sam.] 31:8 καὶ ἐγενήθη τῇ ἐπαύριον, ἔρχονται οἱ ἀλλόφυλοι.

**Gen. 44:31** καὶ ἔσται ἐν τῷ ἰδεῖν αὐτὸν μὴ ὄν τὸ παιδάριον μεθ' ἡμῶν, τελευτήσει.

In two versions of the same Hebrew we find one translator using the καί and the other not.

4 K. [2 Kings] 19:1 καὶ ἐγένετο ὡς ἤκουσεν βασιλεὺς Ἐζεκίας, καὶ διέρρηξεν τὰ ἱμάτια αὐτοῦ.

**Is. 37:1** καὶ ἐγένετο ἐν τῷ ἀκοῦσαι τὸν βασιλέα Ἐζεκίαν, ἔσχισεν τὰ ἱμάτια.

**43. Δέ in the Apodosis.** The use of δέ to mark the apodosis, which is found occasionally in classical authors from Homer downwards, is rare in the LXX.

**Josh. 2:8** καὶ ἐγένετο ὡς ἐξήλθοσαν . . . αὕτη δὲ ἀνέβη.

## THE ARTICLE, 44, 45

**44. Generic Use of the Article.** This is due to following the Hebrew.

1 K. [1 Sam.] 17:34 ὁ λέων καὶ ἡ ἄρκος = 'a lion or a bear,' 17:36 καὶ τὴν ἄρκον ἔτυπεν ὁ δοῦλός σου καὶ τὸν λέοντα.

[Amos 5:19](#) ὄν τρόπον ἐὰν φύγη ἄνθρωπος ἐκ προσώπου τοῦ λέοντος, καὶ ἐμπέσῃ αὐτῷ ἡ ἄρκος.

[Is. 7:14](#) ἴδου ἡ παρθένος ἐν γαστρὶ λήμψεται.

**45. Elliptical Use of the Feminine Article.** The use of the feminine article with some case of χώρα or γῆ understood is not due to the influence of the Hebrew.

ἡ ὑπ' οὐρανόν [Job 18:4](#).

τὴν ὑπ' οὐρανόν [Job 1:7](#), [2:2](#), [5:10](#), [9:6](#), [28:24](#), [34:13](#), [38:24](#).

τῆς ὑπὸ τὸν οὐρανόν [Ex. 17:4](#): [Prov. 8:28](#): [2 Mac. 2:18](#).

τῆς ὑπ' οὐρανόν [Job 38:18](#).

τῆ ὑπ' οὐρανόν [Esther 4:17](#): [Baruch 5:3](#).

So in N.T. --

[Lk. 17:24](#) ἡ ἀστραπὴ ἀστράπτουσα ἐκ τῆς ὑπὸ τὸν οὐρανόν εἰς τὴν ὑπ' οὐρανόν λάμπει.

## GENDER, 46, 47

**46. Elliptical Use of the Feminine Adjective.** There is nothing about the feminine gender which should make ellipse more frequent with it than with the masculine or neuter. Only it happens that some of the words which can be most easily supplied are feminine. This elliptical use of the feminine adjective (or of adv. = adj.) is a feature of Greek generally. It is not very common in the LXX. Instances are -

ἐπ' εὐθείας (ὁδοῦ) [Josh. 8:14](#).

ἐν τῇ εὐθείᾳ [Ps. 142:10](#).

τῆς πλατείας [Esther 4:1](#).

τὴν σύμπασαν (γῆν) [Job 2:2, 25:2](#).

ἕως τῆς σήμερον (ἡμέρας) [2 Chr. 35:25](#).

τὴν αὐριον [3 Mac. 5:38](#).

ἐβόησεν μεγάλη (τῇ φωνῇ) [4 K. \[2 Kings\] 18:28](#).

εἰς τὴν ὑψηλὴν (χώραν) [2 Chr. 1:3](#).

In the N.T. this idiom occurs much more frequently. Take for instance [Lk. 12:47, 48](#) *δαρήσεται πολλάς . . . ὀλίγας (πληγὰς)*.

Cp. also -

τὴν πρὸς θάνατον (ὁδόν) [Eus. H.E. 2.23](#).

οὐκ εἰς μακράν [Philo Leg. ad C. 4](#).

ἐπ' εὐθείας [Philo Q.O.P.L. 1](#).

ἐπὶ ξένης (χώρας or γῆς) [Philo Leg. ad C. 3](#).

πεδιάς τε καὶ ὀρεινῆ [ibid. 7](#).

τῇ πατρίῳ (γλώσση) [Jos. B.J. Prooem. 1](#).

τὰς περιοίκους (πόλεις) [ibid. 8](#).

**47. Feminine for Neuter.** The use of the feminine for the neuter is a pure Hebraism, which occurs principally in the Psalms.

[Jdg. 15:7](#) *ἐὰν ποιήσητε οὕτως ταύτην*, [21:3](#) *εἰς τί . . . ἐγενήθη αὕτη*;

[1 K. \[1 Sam.\] 4:7](#) *οὐ γέγονεν τοιαύτη ἐξθὲς καὶ τρίτῃ*. [Ps. 26:3](#) *ἐν ταύτῃ ἐγὼ ἐλπίζω*, [26:4](#) *μίαν ἤτησάμην . . . ταύτην ἐκζητήσω*, [31:6](#) *ὑπὲρ ταύτης προσεύξεται πᾶς ὄσιος*, [117:23](#) *παρὰ Κυρίου ἐγένετο αὕτη*, [118:50](#) *αὕτη με παρεκάλεσεν*, [118:56](#) *αὕτη ἐγενήθη μοι*.

In the N.T. this license only occurs in [Mk. 12:11](#), [Mt. 21:42](#) in a quotation from [Ps. 117:23](#).

## NUMBER, 48, 49

**48. Singular for Plural.** Sometimes in imitation of Hebrew idiom we find the singular used in the sense of the plural. When the article is employed along with a singular noun, we have the Generi Use of the Article (44), but the presence of the article is not necessary.

*Ex. 8:6* ἀνεβιβάσθη ὁ βάτραχος (= frogs), 8:18 ἐξαγαγεῖν τὸν σκνῖφα, 10:13 καὶ ὁ ἄνεμος ὁ νότος ἀνέλαβεν τὴν ἀκρίδα, 10:14 οὐ γέγονεν τοιαύτη ἀκρίς.

*Jdg. 7:12* ὡσεὶ ἀκρίς εἰς πλῆθος (cp. *Judith 2:20* ὡς ἀκρίς), 21:16 ἠφανίσθη ἀπὸ Βενιαμὲν γυνή.

4 K. [2 Kings] 2:12 ἄρμα Ἰσραὴλ καὶ ἵππεὺς αὐτοῦ.

Ezk. 47:9 ἔσται ἐκεῖ ἰχθὺς πολλὸς σφόδρα.

This throws light on an otherwise startling piece of grammar -

*Jdg. 15:10* εἶπαν ἀνὴρ Ἰούδα.

**49. Singular Verb with more than One Subject.** In accordance with Hebrew idiom a singular verb often introduces a plurality of subjects, e.g.-

4 K. [2 Kings] 18:26 καὶ εἶπεν Ἐλιακεὶμ . . . καὶ Σόμνας καὶ Ἰώας, 18:37 καὶ εἰσῆλθεν Ἐλιακεὶμ κτλ.

This may happen also in Greek apart from Hebrew.

Xen. *Anab.* 2.4.16 Ἐπεμψέ με Ἀριαῖος καὶ Ἀρτάοζος.

## CASE, 50-61

**50. Nominative for Vocative.** a. The use of the nominative for the vocative was a colloquialism in classical Greek. It occurs in Plato, and is common in Aristophanes and Lucian. When so employed, the nominative usually has the article. As in Hebrew the vocative is regularly expressed by the nominative with the article, it is not surprising that the LXX translators should often avail themselves of this turn of speech.

3 K. [2 Kings] 17:18 τί ἐμοὶ καὶ σοί, ὁ ἄνθρωπος τοῦ Θεοῦ; 18:26 ἐπάκουσον ἡμῶν, ὁ Βάαλ. Cp. 3 K. [2 Kings] 20:20: [Ps. 21:1, 42:2](#).

For an instance of the nominative without the article standing for the vocative take - [Baruch 4:5](#) θαρσεῖτε, λαός μου.

The nominative, when thus employed, is often put in apposition with a vocative, as - 3 K. [2 Kings] 17:20 Κύριε, ὁ μάρτυς τῆς χήρας, 17:21 Κύριε, ὁ Θεός μου.

b. In the N.T. also the nominative with the article is often put for the vocative.

[Mt. 11:26](#) ναί, ὁ πατήρ. [Lk. 8:54](#) ἡ παῖς, ἐγείρου. [Mk. 9:25](#) τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἄλαλον . . . ἔξελε. [Lk. 6:25](#) οὐαὶ ὑμῖν, οἱ ἐμπεπλησμένοι νῦν. [Col. 3:18](#) αἱ γυναῖκες, ὑποτάσσεσθε. [Eph. 6:1, Col. 3:20](#) τὰ τέκνα, ὑπακούετε.

The use of the nominative without the article for the vocative is rare in the N.T., as it is also in the LXX. In [Lk. 12:20](#) and [1 Cor. 15:36](#) we find ἄφρων put for ἄφρον, and in [Acts 7:42](#) οἶκος Ἰσραήλ does duty as vocative.

As instances of apposition of nominative with vocative we may take --

[Rom. 2:1](#) ὦ ἄνθρωπε πᾶς ὁ κρίνων. [Rev. 15:3](#) Κύριε ὁ Θεός, ὁ παντοκράτωρ

In [Rev. 18:20](#) we have vocative and nominative conjoined --

οὐρανέ, καὶ οἱ ἄγιοι.

**51. Nominative Absolute.** Occasionally we get a construction in the LXX, which can be described only by this name.

Nb. 22:24 καὶ ἔστη ὁ ἄγγελος τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐν ταῖς αὐλάξιν τῶν ἀμπέλων, φραγμὸς ἐντεῦθεν καὶ φραγμὸς ἐντεῦθεν.

Nb. 24:4 ὅστις ὄρασιν Θεοῦ εἶδεν, ἐν ὕπνῳ, ἀποκεκαλυμμένοι οἱ ὀφθαλμοὶ αὐτοῦ.

As this construction arises out of a literal following of the Hebrew, it would be superfluous to adduce Greek parallels. Like effects might be found, but the cause would be different.

**52. Nominative of Reference.** What is meant by this term will be best understood from the examples -

[Job 28:7](#) τρίβος, οὐκ ἔγνω αὐτὴν πετεινόν.

[Ps. 102:15](#) ἄνθρωπος, ὡσει χόρτος αἱ ἡμέραι αὐτοῦ.

To throw out the subject of discourse first, and then proceed to speak about it, is a Hebraism, but at the same time it is a common resource of language generally.

So in N.T. --

[Acts. 7:40](#) ὁ γὰρ Μωσῆς οὗτος . . . οὐκ οἶδαμεν τί ἐγένετο αὐτῷ.

[Rev. 3:12](#) ὁ νικῶν, ποιήσω αὐτὸν στῦλον ἐν τῷ ναῷ τοῦ Θεοῦ μου.

**53. Nominativus Pendens.** The nominative which is left without a verb owing to a sudden change of construction is a familiar feature in classical Greek, especially if this be at all colloquial. It is not however very common in the LXX.

Dan. Ο΄ 7:15 καὶ ἀκηδιάσας ἐγὼ . . . ἐτάρασσόν με.

Such cases can generally be explained on the principle of construction according to the sense.

It is seldom that we meet with so violent an anacoluthon as the following in the N.T. -

[Mk. 9:20](#) καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτόν, τὸ πνεῦμα εὐθὺς συνεσπάραξεν αὐτόν.

**54. Accusative for Vocative.** The accusative for vocative might seem an impossibility, yet here is an instance of it.

[Ps. 51:6](#) ἠγάπησας πάντα τὰ ῥήματα καταποντίσμου, γλῶσσαν δολίαν.

**55. Accusative of Time When.** In connexion with classical Greek we think of Time When as being expressed by the genitive or dative, rather than by the accusative, though the latter also is used. The employment of the accusative became more frequent after the classical period, and alone survives in the modern language.

[Gen. 43:16](#) μετ’ ἐμοῦ γὰρ φάγονται οἱ ἄνθρωποι ἄρτους τὴν μεσημβρίαν.

[Ex. 9:18](#) ἰδοὺ ἐγὼ ὕω ταύτην τὴν ὥραν αὐρίον χάλαζαν.

Dan. Θ 9:21 ὡσεὶ ὥραν θυσίας ἐσπερινῆς (Ο΄ has ἐν ὥρᾳ).

So also sometimes in N.T. --

[Jn. 4:52](#) χθὲς ὥραν ἐβδόμην ἀφῆκεν αὐτόν ὁ πυρετός.

[Rev. 3:3](#) καὶ οὐ μὴ γνῶς ποίαν ὥραν ἦξω ἐπὶ σε.

**56. Cognate Accusative.** a. By a Cognate Accusative is here meant that particular form of the Figura Etymologica in which a verb is followed by an accusative of kindred derivation with itself, irrespective of the question whether it be an accusative of the external or of the internal object. We have both kinds of accusative together in the following verse, where θήραν = venison.

[Gen. 27:3](#) ἐξέστη δὲ Ἰσαὰκ ἕκστασιν μεγάλην σφόδρα καὶ εἶπεν “Τίς οὖν ὁ θηρεύσας μοι θήραν;”

b. The great frequency of the cognate accusative in the LXX is due to the fact that here the genius of the Hebrew and of the Greek language coincides. Besides being a legitimate Greek usage, this construction is also one of the means employed for translating a constantly recurring Hebrew formula. Sometimes the appended accusative merely supplies an object to the verb, as in such phrases as δάνιον δανείζειν, διαθέσθαι διαθήκην, διηγείσθαι διήγηα, ἐνύπνιον ἐνυπνιάζεσθαι, ἐπιθυμεῖν ἐπιθυμίαν, θύειν θυσίαν, νηστεύειν νηστεϊάν, ὀριζέσθαι, πλημμυλεῖν πλημμέλῃσιν or πλημμελίν, προφασίζεσθαι προφάσεις.

At other times it is accompanied by some specification, as -

Nb. 18:6 λειτουργεῖν τὰς λειτουργίας τῆς σκηνῆς τοῦ μαρτυρίου.

Dan. 11:2 πλουτήσῃ πλοῦτον μέγαν.

1 Mac. 2:58 ἐν τῷ ζηλωσάῳ ζῆλον νόμου.

c. Sometimes the cognate accusative is conveyed in a relative clause, as -

Ex. 3:9 τὸν θλιμμὸν ὃν οἱ Αἰγύπτιοι θλίβουσιν αὐτούς.

Nb. 1:44 ἡ ἐπίσκεψις ἣν ἐπεσκέψαντο.

1 K. [1 Sam.] 2:23 ἡ ἀκοή ἣν ἐγὼ ἀκούω.

d. By other changes of construction we have still the *figura etymologica*, but no longer a cognate accusative. Thus, starting from the common phrase δοῦναι δόμα, we have δεδομένοι δόμα (Nb. 3:9) and δόμα δεδομένον (Nb. 18:6).

e. In one instance the cognate accusative is reinforced by a still further application of the etymological figure -

Gen. 47:22 ἐν δόσει γὰρ ἔδωκεν δόμα τοῖς ἰερεῦσιν.

This is not due to the Hebrew.

f. In a wider sense the term ‘cognate accusative’ includes an accusative of kindred meaning, though not of kindred derivation, as -

Jdg. 15:8 ἐπάταξεν . . . πληγὴν μεγάλην.

g. Instances of cognate accusative are common enough in the N.T., e.g. -

1 Jn. 5:16 ἀμαρτάνοντα ἀμαρτίαν μὴ πρὸς θάνατον.

Mt. 2:10 ἐχάρησαν χαρὰν μεγάλην σφόδρα.

Jn. 7:24 τὴν δικαίαν κρίσιν κρίνατε.

There also it occurs sometimes in a relative clause -

Mk. 10:38 τὸ βάπτισμα ὃ ἐγὼ βαπτίζομαι.

Jn. 17:26 ἡ ἀγάπη ἣν ἠγάπηκός με.

Eph. 4:1 τῆς κλήσεως ἧς ἐκλήθητε.

h. We have a triple use of the etymological figure in -

Lk. 8:5 ἐξῆλθεν ὁ σπείρων τοῦ σπεῖραι τὸν σπῶρον αὐτοῦ.

i. That the playing with paronymous terms is in accordance with the spirit of the Greek language may be seen from the frequent employment of the device by Plato, e.g. -

Prot. 326 D ὥσπερ οἱ γραμματισταὶ τοῖς μήπω δεινοῖς γράφειν τῶν παίδων ὑπογράψαντες γραμμὰς τῇ γραφίδι οὕτω τὸ γραμματεῖον διδάσσι.

Hip. Maj. 296 C Ἄλλα μέντοι δυνάμει γε δύνανται οἱ δυνάμενοι· οὐ γὰρ που ἀδυναμία γε.

**57. Accusative in Apposition to Indeclinable Noun.** In the LXX an indeclinable noun is sometimes followed by an accusative in apposition to it, even though by the rules of grammar it is itself in some other case, e.g.-

Is. 37:38 ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ Νασαράχ τὸν πάτραρχον αὐτοῦ.

4 K. [2 Kings] 1:2 ἐν τῷ Βάαλ μυῖαν θεὸν Ἀκκαρῶν.

Perhaps it would be more satisfactory if this and § 54 were thrown together under a head of Bad Grammar, a category which the reader might be inclined to enlarge.

**58. Genitive Absolute.** Strictly speaking, a Genitive Absolute is a clause in the genitive which does not affect the general construction. It ought not therefore to refer either to the subject or the object of the sentence. Even in classical authors however the so-called genitive absolute is sometimes not employed with the precision which grammarians might desire, e.g. -

Plat. *Rep.* 547 B βιαζομένων δὲ καὶ ἀντιτεινόντων ἀλλήλοις . . . ὠμολόγησαν.

Xen. *Cyrop.* 1.4.2 καὶ γὰρ ἀσθενήσαντος αὐτοῦ οὐδέποτε ἀπέλειπε τὸν πάππον.

Xen. *Anab.* 1.2.17 θᾶσσον προϊόντων . . . δρόμος ἐγένετο τοῖς στρατιώταις.

The genitive absolute is often employed in the same loose way in the LXX.

**Tob. 4:1** ὅτε ἤμην ἐν τῇ χώρᾳ μου . . . νεωτέρου μου ὄντος.

**Dt. 15:10** οὐ λυπηθήσῃ τῇ καρδίᾳ σου διδόντος σου αὐτῷ.

**Ex. 2:10** ἀδρυνθέντος δὲ τοῦ παιδίου, εἰσήγαγεν αὐτό.

**Ex. 5:20** συνήντησαν δὲ . . . ἐρχομένοις . . . ἐκπορευομένων αὐτῶν.

So in N.T. --

**Mt. 1:18** μνηστευθείσης τῆς μητρός . . . εὐρέθη.

**Acts. 21:17** γενομένων δὲ ἡμῶν εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα ἀσμένως ἀπεδέξαντο ἡμᾶς οἱ ἀδελφοί.

**2 Cor. 4:18** κατεργάζεται ἡμῖν, μὴ σκοπούντων ἡμῶν.

**59. The Genitive Infinitive of Purpose.** The genitive of the verbal noun formed by prefixing the article to the infinitive, which we may call for convenience the Genitive Infinitive, is one of the regular ways of expressing purpose in Biblical Greek, corresponding to our use of 'to.' The construction is not entirely unknown to classical authors (e.g. Plat. *Gorg.* 457 E τοῦ καταφανὲς γενέσθαι) and is especially favoured by Thucydides. There is nothing in the Hebrew to suggest it. The following will serve as examples -

**Jdg. 16:5** καὶ δῆσομεν αὐτὸν τοῦ ταπεινῶσαι αὐτόν.

**Ps. 9:30** ἐνεδρεύει τοῦ ἀρπάσαι πτωχόν.

**Job 1:19** ἦλθον τοῦ ἀπαγγεῖλαί σοι.

So also frequently in N.T., e.g. -

**Mt. 13:3** ἐξῆλθεν ὁ σπείρων τοῦ σπεῖρῃν.

**James 5:17** προσηύξατο τοῦ μὴ βρέξαι.

**60. Other Uses of the Genitive Infinitive.** a. The genitive infinitive of purpose is only one use out of many to which this syntactical device is applied. Take for instance -

**Ex. 14:5** Τί τοῦτο ἐποιήσαμεν τοῦ ἐξαποστεῖλαι τοὺς υἱοὺς Ἰσραὴλ τοῦ μὴ δουλεύειν ἡμῖν (= ὥστε μὴ δουλεύειν);

Purpose is not expressed in either of these cases. In the former we have what may be called the Explanatory Use of the Genitive Infinitive; in the latter we have something which

represents 'from serving us' in the original, but which we shall nevertheless class as a Genitive Infinitive of Consequence, since it is only thus that the Greek can be explained.

b. The Explanatory Use of the Genitive Infinitive is common in the LXX, e.g. -

**Gen. 3:22** Ἀδὰμ γέγονεν ὡς εἶς ἐξ ἡμῶν, τοῦ γινώσκειν καλὸν καὶ πονηρόν.

**Ex. 8:29** μὴ προσθῆς ἔτι, Φαραώ, ἕξαπατῆσαι τοῦ μὴ ἐξαποστεῖλαι τὸν λαόν.

**Ps. 26:4** ταύτην (§ 47) ἐκζητήσω· τοῦ κατοικεῖν με κτλ.

So in N.T. --

**Acts 7:19** ἐκάκωσε τοὺς πατέρας ἡμῶν, τοῦ ποιεῖν ἕκθετα τὰ βρέφη αὐτῶν.

**Gal. 3:10** ὁ οὐκ ἐμμένει ἐν πάσι τοῖς γεγραμμένοις . . . τοῦ ποιῆσαι αὐτά.

c. As an instance of the Genitive Infinitive of Consequence we may take -

**Ex. 7:14** βεβάρηται ἡ καρδία Φαραώ τοῦ μὴ ἐξαποστεῖλαι τὸν λαόν.

So in N.T. --

**Hb. 11:5** Ἐνώχ μετετέθη τοῦ μὴ ἰδεῖν θάνατον.

d. What is called in Latin Grammar the 'prolative infinitive' after 'extensible' verbs, or more simply, the latter of two verbs, is also commonly expressed in the LXX by the genitive infinitive, e.g. -

**Ps. 39:13** οὐκ ἠδυνάσθη τοῦ βλέπειν.

**2 Chr. 3:1** ἤρξατο τοῦ οἰκοδομεῖν.

**Gen. 18:7** ἐτάχυνεν τοῦ ποιῆσαι αὐτό.

So in N.T. --

**Acts 3:12** ὡς . . . πεποηκόσι τοῦ περιπατεῖν αὐτόν, **15:20** ἐπιστεῖλαι . . . τοῦ ἀπέχεσθαι, **27:1** ἐκρίθη τοῦ ἀποπλεῖν.

**61. Cognate Dative.** a. Another form of the *figura etymologica* which abounds in the LXX may be called Cognate Dative. As in the case of the cognate accusative its frequency is in great measure due to the coincidence of idiom in this particular between Greek and Hebrew. Let us first show by a few examples from Plato that this construction is in accordance with the genius of the Greek language.

*Crat.* 385 B λόγῳ λέγειν. *Phdr.* 265 C παιδία πεπαῖσθαι. *Symp.* 195 B φεύγων φυγεῖν τὸ γῆρας. *Crat.* 383 A φύσει . . . πεφυκυῖαν. Cp. 389 C, D. *Phileb.* 14 C φύσει . . . πεφυκότα.

b. But while we have to search for this idiom in classical Greek, it thrusts itself upon us at every turn in the Greek of the LXX, owing to its aptness for rendering a mode of expression familiar in the original.

c. Corresponding to the cognate dative in Greek, we find in Latin also a cognate ablative as a rare phenomenon, e.g. -

curriculo percurrere Ter. *Heaut.* 733. Cp. Plaut. *Most.* 349

qui non curro curriculo domum.

occidione occisum Cic. *Fam.* 15.4.7. Cp. Liv. 2.51.9.

d. The instances of cognate dative of most frequent occurrence in the LXX are ἀκοῆ ἀκούειν, ζωῆ ζῆν, θανάτῳ ἀποθανεῖ, θανάτῳ θανατοῦσθαι, σάλπιγγι σαλπίζειν. But besides these there are many others, as -

ἀγαπήσει ἀγαπᾶσθαι κακία κακοποιεῖν  
 ἀλαλαγμῷ ἀλαλάζειν κακία κακοῦν  
 ἀλοιφῇ ἐξαλείφειν κατάραις καταρᾶσθαι  
 ἀπωλία ἀπολλύναι κλαυθμῷ κλαίειν  
 ἀφανισμῷ ἀφανίζειν λήθη λαθεῖν  
 βδελύγματι βδελύσσειν λίθοις λιθοβολεῖν  
 δεσμῷ δεῖν λύτροις λυτροῦν  
 διαλύσει διαλύειν μνεία μνησθῆναι  
 διαμαρτυρία διαμαρτυρεῖν οἰωνισμῷ οἰωνίζεσθαι  
 διαφθεῖρειν φθορᾷ ὀργίζεσθαι ὀργῇ  
 δίκη ἐκδικεῖν ὄρκῳ ὀρκίζειν  
 ἐκβάλλειν ἐκβολῇ παραδόσει παραδοθῆναι  
 ἐκθλίβειν ἐκθλιβῆ περιπίπτειν περιπτώματι  
 ἐκλείψει ἐκλείπειν πλημμελία πλημμελεῖν  
 ἐκτριβῆ ἐκτριβῆναι προνομή προνομευθῆναι  
 ἐτρίψει ἐκτριβῆναι προσοχθίσματι προσοχθίζειν  
 ἐξεπαυνᾶν ἐξεραυνήσει πτώσει πίπτειν  
 ἐξουδενώσει ἐξουδενοῦν τάλαιπωρία τάλειπωρεῖν  
 ἐπιθυμία ἐπιθυμεῖν ταραχῇ τaráσσειν  
 ἐπισκοπῇ ἐπισκέπτεσθαι ὑπεροράσει ὑπεριδεῖν  
 θελήσει θέλειν φερνῇ φερνίζειν  
 καθαιρέσει καθαίρειν φθορᾷ φθαρήναι  
 καθαρισμῷ καθαρίζειν χαίρειν χαρᾷ

e. From the foregoing instances it is an easy step to others in which the substantive is of kindred meaning, though not of kindred derivation with the verb.

**Gen. 1:16** βρώσει φαγῇ, 31:15 κατέφαγεν καταβρώσει.

**Ex. 19:12, 21:16, 17** θανάτῳ τελευτᾶν.

**Ex. 22:20** θανάτῳ ὀλεθρευθήσεται.

Nb. 11:15 ἀπόκτεινόν με ἀναίρεσει, 35:26 ἐξόδῳ ἐξέλθη.

Ezk. 33:27 θανάτῳ ἀποκτενω.

f. Instances of the cognate dative are to be found also in the N.T., though not with anything like the frequency with which they occur in the LXX.

[Jn. 3:29](#) χαρᾶ χαίρει. [Lk. 22:15](#) ἐπιθυμία ἐπεθύμησα. [Acts 4:17](#) ἀπειλῆ (μαργιν) ἀπειλησώμεθα, 5:28 παραγγελία παρηγγείλαμεν, 23:14 ἀναθέματι ἀναθεματίσαμεν. [James 5:17](#) προσευχῆ προσηύξατο. [Gal. 5:1](#) τῆ ἐλευθερίᾳ ἡμᾶς Χριστὸς ἠλευθέρωσε.

g. The expression in 2 Pet. 3:3 ἐν ἐμπαιγμονῇ ἐμπαΐκται, while not exactly parallel with the foregoing, belongs to the same range of idiom; so also [Rev. 2:23](#) ἀποκτενῶ ἐν θανάτῳ.

## ADJECTIVES, 62-65

**62.** ἥμισυς. In Attic Greek ἥμισυς, like some other adjectives, mostly of quantity, has a peculiar construction. It governs a noun in the genitive, but agrees with it in gender. Thus

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Plat. *Phædo* 104 A ὁ ἥμισυς τοῦ ἀριθμοῦ ἅπας. Thuc. 5.31.2 ἐπὶ τῇ ἡμισείᾳ τῆς γῆς. Demosth. p. 44, 4.16 τοῖς ἡμίσεισι τῶν ἰπέων.

This idiom is kept up by Hellenistic writers, such as Philo, Strabo, and the translator of Josephus' *Jewish War*. It is however very rare in the LXX, occurring only in the following passages -

3 K. [2 Kings] 16:9 ὁ ἄρχων τῆς ἡμίσεως (§ 11) τῆς ἵππου. [Josh. 4:12](#), 1 Chr. 5:23 οἱ ἡμίσεις φυλῆς Μανασσή. [Tob. 10:10](#) τὰ ἥμισυ (sic) τῶν ὑπαρχόντων. Ezk. 16:51 τὰς ἡμίσεις τῶν ἀμαρτιῶν. [1 Mac. 3:34, 37](#) τὰς ἡμίσεις τῶν δυνάμεων.

Elsewhere instead of the Attic idiom we find τὸ ἥμισυ or ἥμισυ, irrespective of the gender and number of the noun which follows, e.g. -

τὸ ἥμισυ τοῦ σίκλου [Ex. 39:2](#) ἥμισυ ἀρχόντων 2 Esd. [Ezra] 4:16.

τὸ ἥμισυ αὐτῆς Lvt. 6:20. ἐν ἡμίσει ἡμερῶν [Ps. 101:25](#)

τὸ ἥμισυ τοῦ αἵματος [Ex. 24:6](#). τὸ ἥμισυ τῶν ὑπαρχόντων [Tob. 8:21](#).

**63.** πᾶς. a. In classical Greek the rule for πᾶς in the singular is that with the article it is collective, without the article it is distributive -

πᾶσα ἡ πόλις = all the city.

πᾶσα πόλις = every city.

πᾶς differs from ordinary adjectives in taking the predicative position in an attributive sense. Thus while ἀγαθὴ ἡ πόλις means 'the city is good,' πᾶσα ἡ πόλις means 'all the city.' πᾶς may however take the attributive position, like any other adjective. When it does so, the collective force is intensified -

πᾶσα ἡ πόλις = all the city.

ἡ πᾶσα πόλις = the whole city.

Thus Plato's expression (*Apol.* 40 E) ὁ πᾶς χρόνος is rendered by Cicero (*T.D.* 1.97) perpetuitas omnis consequentis temporis. For other instances of this use in classical authors we may take -

Hdt. 7.46 ὁ πᾶς ἀνθρώπινος βίος. Plat. *Rep.* 618 B ὁ πᾶς κίνδυνος, *Phileb.* 67 B οἱ πάντες βόες = all the oxen in the world.

Xen. *Anab.* 5.6.5 οἱ πάντες ἄνθρωποι.

In such cases there is an additional stress gained by the unusual position assigned to πᾶς.

b. In the LXX the same distinction seems to be maintained. It is true a writer will go from one to the other, e.g. -

[Jdg. 16:17,18](#) καὶ ἀνήγγειλαν αὐτῇ τὴν πᾶσαν καρδίαν αὐτοῦ . . . καὶ εἶδεν Δαλειδὰ ὅτι ἀπήγγειλεν αὐτῇ πᾶσαν τὴν καρδίαν αὐτοῦ -

but so in English we might first say *he told her his whole heart*, and then add *and she saw that he had told her all his heart*.

Other instances of the strongly collective force of πᾶς in the attributive position are -

[Gen. 45:20](#) τὰ γὰρ πάντα ἀγαθὰ Αἰγύπτου ὑμῖν ἔσται.

[Josh. 4:14](#) ἐναντίον τοῦ παντὸς γένους Ἰσραήλ.

[Wisd. 7:9](#) ὁ πᾶς χρυσός.

[2 Mac. 8:9](#) τὸ πᾶν τῆς Ἰουδαίας . . . γένος.

Still there is a tendency in the LXX to assimilate πᾶς to adjectives generally and to employ it in the attributive position without any special emphasis.

c. Neither is the rule that πᾶς without the article is distributive at all closely adhered to, e.g. -

[Ex. 8:16](#) ἐν πᾶσιν γῆ Αἰγύπτου, [16:6](#) πρὸς πᾶσαν συναγωγὴν υἱῶ Ἰσραήλ.

[1 K. \[1 Sam.\] 7:2](#) πᾶς οἶκος Ἰσραήλ.

d. In the plural οἱ πάντες is rare, but may be found -

[Jdg. 20:46](#) οἱ πάντες οὗτοι.

[1 Mac. 2:37](#) Ἀποθάνωμεν οἱ πάντες ἐν τῇ ἀπλότητι ἡμῶν.

[2 Mac. 12:40](#) τοῖς δὲ πᾶσι σαφὲς ἐγένετο. Cp. [Aristeas § 36](#) τοῖς πᾶσι . . . πολίταις.

Αἱ πᾶσαι is still rarer, but see -

[3 Mac. 1:1](#) παραγγείλας ταῖς πάσαις δυνάμεσιν.

Τὰ πάντα is comparatively common, occurring, e.g., in [Gen. 1:31](#), [9:3](#); [Ex. 29:24](#); [Lvt. 19:13](#); [2 Mac. 10:23](#), [12:22](#); [3 Mac. 2:3](#).

e. In the N.T. the collective use of πᾶς followed by the article is clearly marked in many passages, e.g. -

[Gal. 5:14](#) ὁ . . . πᾶς νόμος. [Mt. 8:34](#) πᾶσα ἡ πόλις ἐξῆλθεν.

Also the distributive use of πᾶς without the article, as in [1 Cor. 11:4,5](#) πᾶς ἀνὴρ . . . πᾶσα δὲ γυνή. In [Rom. 3:19](#) we have the two usages brought into contrast -

ἵνα πᾶν στόμα φραγῆ, καὶ ὑπόδικος γένηται πᾶς ὁ κόσμος τῷ Θεῷ.

On the other hand there are also instances of πᾶς in the singular and without the article being used collectively, e.g. -

[Eph. 2:21](#) πᾶσα οἰκοδομή.

[Mt. 2:3](#) πᾶσα Ἱεροσόλυμα.

[Acts 2:36](#) πᾶς οἶκος Ἰσραήλ.

f. In the plural οἱ πάντες is more common in St. Paul than in the LXX. Take for instance

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**Phil. 2:21** οἱ πάντες γὰρ τὰ ἑαυτῶν ζητοῦσι. Cp. **2 Cor. 5:14**. **1 Cor. 10:17** οἱ γὰρ πάντες ἐκ τοῦ ἑνὸς ἄρτου μετέχομεν. Cp. **Eph. 4:13**. **Rom. 11:32** συνέκλεισε γὰρ ὁ Θεὸς τοὺς πάντας εἰς ἀπείθειαν. **2 Cor. 5:10** τοὺς γὰρ πάντας ἡμᾶς κτλ. **1 Cor. 9:22** τοῖς πᾶσι γέγονα πάντα. οἱ πάντες ἄνδρες.

Τὰ πάντα occurs in **Rom. 8:32**, **11:36**; **1 Cor. 15:27**, **12:6**, **19**; **Eph. 5:13**; **Acts 17:25**; **Mk. 4:11** and perhaps in other passages.

**64. Comparison of Adjectives.** Owing to the peculiarity of Hebrew syntax the treatment of this subject mostly falls under the head of Prepositions. We need only notice here that the positive may be put for the comparative.

**Gen. 49:12** λευκοὶ οἱ ὀδόντες αὐτοῦ ἢ γάλα.

**Dt. 7:17** πολὺ τὸ ἔθνος τοῦτο ἢ ἐγώ, 9·1 ἔθνη μεγάλα καὶ ἰσχυρότερα μᾶλλον ἢ ὑμεῖς. So in N.T. --

**Mt. 18:8,9** καλὸν σοι ἐστὶν εἰσελθεῖν . . . ἢ . . . βληθῆναι. Cp. **Mk. 9:43, 45**.

**65. Omission of μᾶλλον.** The comparison of attributes may be effected by the use of verbs as well as of adjectives. In such cases the omission of μᾶλλον is common in the LXX.

Nb. **22:6** ἰσχύει οὗτος ἢ ἡμεῖς, **24:7** ὑψωθήσεται ἢ Γὼγ βασιλεία.

**Hos. 7:6** ἔλεος θέλω ἢ θυσίαν.

**2 Mac. 7:2** ἔτοιμοι γὰρ ἀποθνήσκειν ἐσμὲν ἢ πατρώους νόμους παραβαίνειν.

Cp. *Aristeas* § 322 τέρπειν γὰρ οἴομαί σε ταῦτα ἢ τὰ τῶν μυθολόγων βιβλία.

## PRONOUNS, 66-71

**66. Superfluous Use of Pronoun.** A pronoun is sometimes employed superfluously after the object, direct or indirect, has been already expressed, e.g. --

*Ex. 12:44* καὶ πᾶν (σιχ) οἰκέτην ἢ ἀργυρώνητον περιτεμεῖς αὐτόν.

Nb. 26:37 καὶ τῷ Σαλπαὰδ υἱῷ Ὁφερ οὐκ ἐγένοντο αὐτῷ υἱοί.

The above may be considered as deflexions of the Nominative of Reference (§ 52) into an oblique case by Attraction.

So in N.T. --

*2 Cor. 12:17* μή τινα ω—ν ἀπέσταλκα πρὸς ὑμᾶς, δι' αὐτοῦ ἐπλεονέκτησα ὑμᾶς;

*Mt. 25:29* τοῦ δὲ μὴ ἔχοντος, καὶ ὃ ἔχει ἀρθήσεται ἀπ' αὐτοῦ.

*Rev. 2:7, 17* τῷ νικῶντι δώσω αὐτῷ. Cp. 6:4.

In *Josh. 24:22* -

ὁμοῖς ἐξελέξασθε Κυρίῳ λατρεύειν αὐτῷ -

Kυρίῳ should be τὸν Κύριον (which A has). Then λατρεύειν αὐτῷ would be an explanatory clause added after the usual manner.

**67. Frequent Use of Pronouns.** Apart from any Semitic influence there is also a tendency in later Greek to a much more lavish use of pronouns than was thought necessary by classical authors. We have seen already (§ 13) that the missing pronoun of the 3d person was supplied. The possessive use of the article moreover was no longer thought sufficient, and a possessive genitive was added, e.g. -

*Gen. 38:27* καὶ τῆδε ἦν δίδυμα ἐν τῇ κοιλίᾳ αὐτῆς.

So in N.T. --

*Mt. 19:9* ὃς ἂν ἀπολύσῃ τὴν γυναῖκα αὐτοῦ.

*1 Pet. 2:24* αὐτὸς ἀνήνεγκεν ἐν τῷ σώματι αὐτοῦ.

**68. Ἀδελφός as a Reciprocal Pronoun.** The use of ἀδελφός as a reciprocal pronoun is a sheer Hebraism, e.g. -

*Ex. 10:23* καὶ οὐκ εἶδεν οὐδεὶς τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ = they saw not one another.

**69. Hebrew Syntax of the Relative.** a. One of the most salient characteristics of LXX Greek is the repetition of the pronoun after the relative, as though in English, instead of saying 'the land which they possessed,' we were to say habitually 'the land which they possessed it,' and so in all similar cases. This anomaly is due to the literal following of the Hebrew text. Now in Hebrew the relative is indeclinable. Its meaning therefore is not complete until a pronoun has been added to determine it. But the relative in Greek being declinable, the translator was forced to assign to it gender, number, and case, which rendered the addition of the pronoun after it unnecessary. Nevertheless the pronoun was retained out of regard for the sacred text. As instances of the simplest kind we may take the following -

Nb. 35:25 ὃν ἔχρισαν αὐτόν, 13:33 τῆς γῆς ἣν κατεσκέψαντο αὐτήν.

Is. 62:2 ὁ ὁ κύριος ὀνομάσει αὐτό.

Gen. 1:11 οὗ τὸ σπέρμα αὐτοῦ ἐν αὐτῷ.

Dt. 4:7 ὃ ἔστιν αὐτῷ.

Ps. 18:4 ὧν οὐχὶ ἀκούονται αἱ φωναὶ αὐτῶν.

Ex. 6:26 οἷς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς.

b. Where the relative is followed by ἐάν the same construction is employed, e.g. -

Nb. 17:5 ὁ ἄνθρωπος οὖν ἐὰν ἐκλέξωμαι αὐτόν, 19:22 παντὸς οὗ ἐὰν ἄψηται αὐτοῦ ὁ ἀκάθαρτος.

c. Sometimes a demonstrative takes the place of the personal pronoun -

Gen. 3:11 οὗ ἐντειλάμην σοι τούτου μόνου μὴ φαγεῖν.

d. In all the foregoing instances the appended pronoun is in the same case as the relative, but this is not necessary.

Nb. 3:3 οὗ ἐτελείωσεν τὰς χεῖρας αὐτῶν ἱερατεύειν.

The construction here, though determined by the Hebrew, happens to agree with the Greek Accusative of the Part Affected.

e. Very often there is the same preposition both before the relative and before the appended pronoun -

Ex. 34:12 εἰς ἣν εἰσπορεύη εἰς αὐτήν.

Nb. 11:21 ἐν οἷς εἶμι ἐν αὐτοῖς.

Gen. 28:13 ἡ γῆ ἐφ' ἧς σὺ καθεύδεις ἐπ' αὐτῆς.

f. Occasionally the preposition is the same, but the case it governs is different, e.g. -

Jdg. 16:26 ἐφ' οἷς ὁ οἶκος στήκει ἐπ' αὐτούς.

Josh. 24:13 γῆν ἐφ' ἣν οὐκ ἐκοπιάσατε ἐπ' αὐτῆς.

g. Sometimes the preposition is confined to the appended pronoun. Then the problem arises, Into what case is the relative to be put? -

a problem which is solved differently in different passages. In some the case chosen coincides with that of the pronoun following, e.g. -

Gen. 24:42 τὴν ὁδὸν μου, ἣν νῦν ἐγὼ πορεύομαι ἐπ' αὐτήν.

Ex. 25:28 τοὺς κυάθους, οἷς σπείσεις ἐν αὐτοῖς.

Gen. 21:23 τῇ γῆ ἣν σου παρώκησας ἐν αὐτῇ.

In others it does not -

Nb. 14:31 τὴν γῆν ἣν ὑμεῖς ἀπέστητε ἀπ' αὐτῆς, 19:2 ἣ οὐκ ἐπεβλήθη ἐπ' αὐτήν ζυγός, 3 K. [2 Kings] 17:1 ὃ παρέστην ἐνώπιον αὐτοῦ.

h. Sometimes the relative has a different preposition from the pronoun following -

Nb. 13:20 τίς ἡ γῆ εἰς ἣν οὗτοι ἐνκάθηται ἐπ' αὐτῆς . . . τίνες αἱ πόλεις εἰς ἃ οὗτοι κατοικοῦσιν ἐν αὐταῖς.

For other instances see Ex. 6:4; Nb. 15:39; Dt. 1:22, 1:33, 28:49.

i. Sometimes the preposition is the same, but instead of a mere pronoun we have a phrase, e.g. -

**Gen. 24:38** ἐν οἷς ἐγὼ παροικῶ ἐν τῇ γῆ αὐτῶν.

j. The construction of which we have been speaking is not confined to the simple relative, e.g. -

**Gen. 41:19** οἷας οὐκ εἶδον τοιαύτας.

**Ex. 9:18, 11:6** ἥτις τοιαύτη οὐ γέγονεν.

k. The habitual repetition of the pronoun in the LXX is a mere Hebraism, though a search among Greek writers might reveal traces of a somewhat similar usage arising independently. Here are a few instances -

Plat. *Tim.* 28 A ὅτου μὲν οὖν ἂν ὁ δημιουργός . . . τὴν ιδέαν καὶ δύναμιν αὐτοῦ ἀπεργάζηται, *Parm.* 130 E ὧν τάδε τὰ ἀλλὰ μεταλαμβάνοντα τὰς ἐπωνυμίας αὐτῶν ἴσχειν. Artist. *Cat.* 5.38 οἷον ἐπὶ μὲν τῶν ἄλλων οὐκ ἂν ἔχοι τις τὸ τοιοῦτο προενεγκεῖν.

l. In the N.T. this Hebrew syntax of the relative occurs not infrequently.

**Philemon 12** οὖν ἀνέπεμψά σοι αὐτόν.

**Gal. 2:10** ὃ καὶ ἐσπούδασα αὐτὸ τοῦτο ποιησαί.

**Acts 15:17** ἐφ' οὗ ἐπικέκληται τὸν ὄνομά μου ἐπ' αὐτούς.

**Mk. 7:25** ἥς εἶχε τὸ θυγάτριον αὐτῆς πνεῦμα ἀκάθαρτον.

Cp. **Mk. 1:7**; **Lk. 3:16**; also **Mk. 13:19, 9:3**.

Instances are most frequent in the very Hebraistic book of Revelation. See **Rev. 3:8**; **7:3, 9; 13:8; 20:8**. Cp. **1 Clem. 21:9** οὗ ἡ πνοὴ αὐτοῦ ἐν ἡμῖν ἐστίν.

**70.** ἀνὴρ = ἕκαστος. The use of ἀνὴρ as a distributive pronoun is a pure Hebraism.

**4 K.** [2 Kings] **18:31** πίεται ἀνὴρ τὴν ἄμπελον αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἀνὴρ τὴν συκὴν αὐτοῦ φάγεται.

**Jdg. 16:5** ἡμεῖς δώσομέν σοι ἀνὴρ χιλίους καὶ ἑκατὸν ἀργυρίου.

**71.** ὅστις for ὅς. Except in the neuter singular ὅ τι, as in **Josh. 24:27**, and in the expression ἕως ὅτου, as in **1 K.** [1 Sam.] **22:3**, or μέχρι ὅτου, which is found only in the *Codex Sinaiticus* version of **Tob. 5:7**, ὅστις occurs in Swete's text only in the nominative, singular or plural. In meaning it is often indistinguishable from ὅς.

**Ex. 20:2** Ἐγὼ εἶμι Κύριος . . . ὅστις ἐξήγαγόν σε. Cp. **Dan. 9:6**.

**Ps. 89:4** ἡ ἡμέρα ἡ ἐχθὲς ἥτις διῆλθεν. Cp. **Nb. 14:8**.

**1 K.** [1 Sam.] **30:10** διακόσιοι ἄνδρες οἵτινες ἐκάθισαν πέραν τοῦ χειμάρρου. Cp. **Ex. 32:4, 9**; **Nb. 1:5**; **1 Mac. 13:48**.

**Jdg. 21:12** τετρακοσίας νεάνιδας παρθένους, αἵτινες οὐκ ἔγνωσαν ἄνδρα.

Οἵτινες = οἷ occurs several times in *Aristeas* -

§§ 102, 121, 138, 200, 308.

The same use of ὅστις for the simple relative is found in the N.T., e.g. -

**Col. 3:5** τὴν πλεονεξίαν, ἥτις ἐστὶν εἰδωλολατρεία.

**Acts 8:15** τὸν Πέτρον καὶ Ἰωάννην· οἵτινες καταβάντες κτλ.

1 Tim. 6:9 ἐπιθυμίας . . . αἵτινες βυθίζουσι τοὺς ἀνθρώπους.

Gal. 4:24 ἅτινά ἐστιν ἀλληγορούμενα.

## VERBS, 72-84

**72. Analytic Tenses.** By an Analytic Tense is meant one which is formed with an auxiliary instead of by an inflexion, as in English, 'is coming' for 'comes.' No reader of the LXX can fail to be struck by the frequency of such forms. It results from the fact that both languages combine to produce them. They are suggested by the great use made of the participle in Hebrew, while at the same time there was a strong tendency towards the employment of such forms within the Greek language itself. They are to be found in the best writers, both in prose and poetry, from Homer downwards. Plato often has recourse to them, partly for the sake of philosophical precision, and partly, it must be confessed, because in his later style he preferred two words to one. In the *Laws* *πρέπον ἐστί* almost altogether displaces *πρέπει*.

### PRESENT

3 K. [2 Kings] 20:5 οὐκ εἶ σὺ ἐσθίων ἄρτον; Cp. [Is. 10:8](#); Ezk. 36:13.

3 K. [2 Kings] 18:12 ἐστὶν φοβούμενος.

Nb. 14:8 ἐστὶν ῥέουσα. Cp. 3 K. [2 Kings] 20:15: [Dan. 2:28](#).

2 Esd. [Ezra] 23:24 οὐκ εἰσὶν ἐπιγινώσκοντες.

[Prov. 3:5](#) ἴσθι πεποιθώς.

[Jdg. 11:10](#) ἔστω ἀκούων.

Dan. O' 6:26 ἔστωσαν προσκυνοῦντες.

[2 Chr. 15:16](#) εἶναι . . . λειτουργοῦσαν.

### FUTURE SIMPLE

[Gen. 4:14](#) ἔσομαι στένων καὶ τρέμων. Cp. Dan. O' 6:27.

[Is. 47:7](#) ἔσομαι ἄρχουσα.

[Gen. 4:12](#) στένων καὶ τρέμων ἔση. Cp. [Ex. 22:25](#); [Dt. 28:29](#).

[Dt. 28:29](#) ἔση . . . ἀδικούμενος.

Nb. 8:19 ἔσται . . . προεγγίζων. Cp. [Gen. 18:18](#).

[Mal. 3:3](#) ἔσονται . . . προσάγοντες.

[Is. 22:24](#) ἔσονται ἐπικρεμάμενοι.

Ezk. 34:29 ἔσονται ἀπολλύμενοι. Cp. [Dt. 14:33](#)

### PERFECT

[Is. 8:14](#) πεποιθώς ἦς.

[Is. 10:20](#), [17:8](#) πεποιθότες ὤμεν.

Nb. 22:12 ἔστιν γὰρ εὐλογημένος.

**FUTURE PERFECT**

Gen. 43:9, 44:32 ήμαρτηκώς ἔσομαι.  
 2 K. [2 Sam.] 22:3: Is. 12:2, 8:17 πεποιθώς ἔσομαι (fut. simp. in force).  
 Sir. 7:25 ἔση τετελεκώς.  
 Is. 58:14 ἔση πεποιθώς.  
 Is. 17:7, 22:24 πεποιθώς ἔσται.  
 Ex. 12:6 ἔσται ὑμῖν διατετηρημένον.  
 Is. 32:3 ἔσονται πεποιθότες.  
 Gen. 41:36 ἔσται . . . πεφυλαγμένα.

**IMPERFECT**

Dan. 10:2 ἤμην πενθῶν.  
 Dan. Ο' 7:11 θεωρῶν ἤμην.  
 Gen. 40:13 ἦσθα οἴνοχοῶν.  
 Gen. 37:2: Ex. 3:1 ἦν ποιμαίνων. Cp. Gen. 39:23, 42:6: Nb. 11:1: Jdg. 16:21: Jonah 1:10: Sus. 1: 1 Mac. 6:43.  
 1 K. [1 Sam.] 17:34 ποιμαίνων ἦν.  
 Jer. 4:24 ἦν τρέμοντα (sc. τὰ ὄρη).  
 3 K. [2 Kings] 18:3 ἦν φοβούμενος. Cp. Dan. Ο' 6:18.  
 Dan. Ο' 1:16 ἦν . . . ἀναιρούμενος.  
 Baruch 1:19 ἤμεθα ἀπειθοῦντες.  
 Dt. 9:24 ἀπειθοῦντες ἦτε. Cp. Dt. 9:22, 31:27.  
 Jdg. 1:7 ἦσαν συλλέγοντες. Cp. Josh. 10:26: 1 Mac. 11:41.

**PLUPERFECT**

Dan. Ο' 10:9 ἤμην πεπτωκώς.  
 Dan. Θ 10:9 ἤμην κατανευγμένος.  
 2 Chr. 18:34 ἦν ἑστηκώς.  
 1 K. [1 Sam.] 4:13 ἦν . . . ἐξεστηκυῖα.  
 Jdg. 8:11: Sus. Θ 35 ἦν πεποιθυῖα.  
 Josh. 7:22 ἦν ἐνκεκρυμμένα.  
 2 Chr. 5:8 ἦν διαπεπετακότα.  
 Tob. 6:18 ἠτοιμασμένη ἦν.  
 Is. 20:6 ἤμεν πεποιθότες.  
 Ex. 39:23 ἦσαν πεποιηκότες αὐτά.  
 b. Γίγνεσθαι may be used as an auxiliary instead of εἶναι.  
 Ps. 72:14 ἐγενόμην μεμαστιγωμένος.  
 Is. 30:12 πεποιθώς ἐγένου.



Hb. 10:10 ἡγιασμένοι ἔσμεν.

Acts 2:13 μεμεστωμένοι εἰσὶ.

### FUTURE PERFECT

Hb. 2:13 ἔσομαι πεποιθώς (from Is. 12:2 perfect only in form).

### IMPERFECT

Acts 10:30, 11:5 ἦμην προσευχόμενος. Cp. 22:19, 20: Gal. 1:22.

Lk. 4:44 ἦν κηρύσσων. Cp. Lk. 5:16, 23:8: Acts 7:60, 8:13, 28, 9:28, 10:24, 12:20: Phil 2:26.

Acts 12:5 ἦν γινομένη.

Acts 21:3 ἦν . . . ἀποφορτιζόμενον.

Acts 16:12 ἦμεν . . . διατρίβοντες.

Gal. 1:23 ἀκούοντες ἦσαν. Cp. Acts 1:10.

Acts 1:13 ἦσαν καταμένοντες. Cp. Acts 1:14, 2:2, 5, 12, 42: Mk. 2:18.

f. Besides εἶναι other auxiliaries are used in the N.T. --

2 Cor. 6:14 μὴ γίνεσθε ἑτεροζυγοῦντες.

Col. 1:18 ἵνα γένηται . . . πρωτεύων.

Rev. 3:2 γίνου γρηγορῶν.

Acts 8:16 βεβαπτισμένοι ὑπήρχον.

With the last example cp. Aristeas § 193 εἰ μὴ πεποιθώς ὑπαρχοι. The same author has κεχαρισμένος ἔση in § 40 and ἰσχυῶν ἔστι in 241.

g. Instances of analytic tenses occur here and there in Josephus, e.g. -

*B.J.* 1.31.1 καὶ τοῦτο ἦν μάλιστα τάρασσον Ἀντίπατρον.

*Ant.* 2.6.7 τί παρόντες εἶημεν.

h. Also in the Apostolic Fathers -

2 Clem. 17:7 ἔσονται δόξαν δόντες. Barn. *Ep.* 19:4 ἔση τρέμων,

19:6 οὐ μὴ γένη ἐπιθυμῶν. Cp. 19:9. Herm. *Past. Vis.* 3.4.2

ὑπερέχοντες αὐτούς εἰσιν, *Sim.* 5.4.2 ἔσομαι ἑωρακώς . . . ἀκηκώς,

9.13.2 ἔση . . . φορῶν, *Mdt.* 5.2.8 ἔση εὐρισκόμενος, *Sim.* 9.1.8 εὐθηνοῦν

ἦν, 9.4.1 ὑποδεδυκυῖαι ἦσαν . . . ὑποδεδύκεισαν.

**73. Deliberative Use of the Present Indicative.** The deliberative use of the present indicative is not unknown in Latin, especially in Terence, e.g. *Phorm.* 447 quid ago? Cp. *Heaut.* 343: *Eun.* 811: *Ad.* 538. It occurs also in the Greek of the LXX.

**Gen. 37:30** ἐγὼ δὲ ποῦ πορεύομαι ἔτι;

So in N.T. --

**Jn. 11:47** τί ποιούμεν; *What is our course?*

**74. The Jussive Future.** a. The Jussive Future is rare in Attic Greek, and, when it does occur, is regarded as a weak form of imperative. In the LXX, on the other hand, it is very common, and is employed in the most solemn language of legislation. From the nature of the case it is not used in the first person. It may be employed in command or in prohibition. As instances of the former we may take -

Lvt. 19:18 ἀγαπήσεις τὸν πλησίον σου ὡς σεαυτόν. Cp. Ex.

34:18,20: 3 K. [2 Kings] 17:11.

Lvt. 19:19 τὸν νόμον μου φυλάξεσθε. Cp. Lvt. 11:44.

Lvt. 19:22 καὶ ἐξιλάσεται ὁ ἱερεὺς, Cp. Lvt. 19:20,21.

b. Very often the jussive future follows an imperative.

**Gen. 40:14** μνήσθητί μου . . . καὶ ποιήσεις. Cp. **Gen. 44:4**: **Ex. 7:26, 9:1, 13**: Nb. 15:2, 17: 3 K. [2 Kings] 17:13.

**Josh. 8:4** μὴ μακρὰν γίνεσθε . . . καὶ ἔσεσθε πάντες ἔτοιμοι. Cp. Nb. 13:18.

c. Of the use of the jussive future in prohibition we have a conspicuous example in the Ten Commandments (**Ex. 20:13-17**: **Dt. 5:17-21**) - Οὐ μοιχεύσεις, Οὐ κλέψεις κτλ. So also -

**Dt. 6:16** οὐκ ἐκπειράσεις Κύριον τὸν Θεόν σου. Cp. Nb. 22:12: **Ex. 22:28**: Lvt. 19:12-19.

d. In the case of the jussive future we have οὐ in prohibition, because the formula was originally one of prediction.

e. Occasionally there is a transition from the jussive future to οὐ μὴ with subjunctive - Nb. 23:25 οὔτε κατάρασις καταράση μοι αὐτόν, οὔτε εὐλογῶν μὴ εὐλόγησῃς αὐτόν.

f. In the N.T. the jussive future is often used in passages quoted from the LXX. In Matthew it is employed independently.

**Mt. 5:48** ἔσεσθε οὖν ὑμεῖς τέλειοι, 6:45 οὐκ ἔσεσθε ὡς οἱ ὑποκριταί, 20:26-28 οὐχ οὕτως ἔσται ἐν ὑμῖν . . . ἔσται ὑμῶν δοῦλος, 21:3 καὶ ἐάν τις ὑμῖν εἴπῃ τι, ἐρεῖτε κτλ.

**75. The Optative.** a. The pure optative, i.e. the optative as employed to express a wish, is of frequent occurrence in the LXX, as might be expected from the character of the contents, so much of which is in the form either of aspiration or of imprecation. But the use of the optative where in Latin we should have the historic tenses of the subjunctive is hardly to be found outside of Maccabees.

**2 Mac. 3:37** τοῦ δὲ βασιλέως ἐπερωτήσαντος τὸν Ἡλιόδωρον, ποῖός τις εἶη ἐπιτήσειος.

**4 Mac. 17:1** ἔλεγον δὲ καὶ τῶν δορυφόρων τινες ὡς . . . ἵνα μὴ ψάψειεν τι τοῦ σώματος αὐτῆς, ἐαύτην ἔρριψεν κατὰ τῆς πυρᾶς.

The established practice is for the subjunctive to follow the historic tenses in a final clause -

**Ex. 1:11** ἐπέστησεν . . . ἵνα κακώσωσιν, 9:16 διετηρήθης ἵνα ἐνδείξωμαι.

**Wisd. 16:11** διεσώζοντο, ἵνα μὴ . . . γένωνται. Cp. 16:18.

Cp. Aristeas §§ 11, 18, 19, 26, 29, 42, 111, 175, 193.

b. In the N.T. also the subjunctive is regularly employed in final clauses after an historic tense, e.g. -

**Tit. 1:5** τούτου χάριν ἀπέλιπον σε ἐν Κρήτη, ἵνα τὰ λείποντα ἐπιδιορθώσῃ.

c. The pure optative is said to occur 35 times in the N.T., always, except in **Philemon 20**, in the 3d person.

In Luke-Acts the optative is commonly employed in dependent questions, e.g. -

**Luke 18:36** ἐπυνθάνετο τί εἶη τοῦτο,

with which contrast

**Mk. 14:11** ἐζήτει πῶς εὐκαίρως αὐτὸν παραδῶ.

Outside of Acts the optative with εἶ is found only in four passages -

**1 Cor. 14:10, 15:37** (εἶ τύχοι): **1 Pet. 3:14, 17**.

**76. Conditional with ἄν.** Occasionally we find the apodosis in a conditional sentence devoid of ἄν.

Nb. 22:33 καὶ εἰ μὴ ἐξέκλινεν, νῦν οὖν σὲ μὲν ἀπέκτεινα, ἐκείνην δὲ περιεποιησάμην. Contrast 22:29 and compare 2 K. [2 Sam.] 2:27.

**77. Infinitive of Purpose.** The use of the infinitive to express purpose, as in English, is common to all stages of the Greek language, but abounds more in the LXX than in classical Greek.

**Gen. 37:25** ἐκάθισαν δὲ φαγεῖν ἄρτον. Cp. 39:14, 42:7, 27, 43:22: **Ex. 14:11**: Nb. 22:20: **Job. 2:1**.

Of the use of the infinitive with the article to express purpose we have had occasion to speak already (§ 59).

**78. Infinitive of Consequence.** This construction is of doubtful propriety in Attic Greek. In the LXX it is much less common than the Infinitive of Purpose.

**Ex. 11:1** καὶ οὐκ εἰσήκουσεν ἐξαποστεῖλαι τοὺς υἱοὺς Ἰσραήλ.

**79. Paucity of Participles.** The small use made of participles in the LXX, as compared with classical Greek, is a natural result of the paratactical construction which reigns throughout. The same is the case, though to a less extent, in the N.T. Take for instance -

**Mk. 14:16** καὶ ἐξήλθον οἱ μαθηταί, καὶ ἦλθον εἰς τὴν πόλιν, καὶ εὔρεν καθὼς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· καὶ ἠτοίμασαν τὸ πάσχα.

The participle has disappeared in the modern language. Doubtless the influence of Biblical Greek was among the causes of its decline.

**80. Misuse of the Participle.** The misuse of the participle marks a stage of its decline. We find this tendency already manifesting itself in the LXX. Such an anacoluthon indeed as the following -

**Ex. 8:15, 9:7** ἰδὼν δὲ Φαραώ . . . ἐβαρύνθη ἡ καρδία αὐτοῦ

may be passed over, as it might easily be paralleled from the most strictly classical writers. But we find sentences in the LXX in which a participle is the only verb. Sometimes this arises from following the Hebrew as in -

[Jdg. 13:19, 20](#) καὶ Μανῶε καὶ ἡ γυνὴ αὐτοῦ βλέποντες, 14:4 καὶ ἐν τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ οἱ ἀλλόφυλοι κυριεύοντες ἐν Ἰσραήλ.

More often it does not, as in -

[Ex. 12:37](#) ἀπάραντες δὲ οἱ υἱοὶ Ἰσραήλ, 15:18 κύριος βασιλεύων τὸν αἰῶνα.

[Jdg. 4:16](#) καὶ Βαρὰκ διώκων.

Moreover we find a participle coupled with a finite verb by καί. When the subject of the two is the same, it is open to us to say that it is not copulative, but merely emphasizes the verb, as in -

Nb. 21:11 καὶ ἐξάραντες (Hb. impf.) ἐξ Ἰβώθ, καὶ παρενέβαλον ἐν Χαλγαεὶ, 22:23 καὶ ἰδοῦσα ἡ ὄνος . . . καὶ ἐξέκλινεν.

Hardly so however when the subject is different.

[Ex. 12:30](#) καὶ ἀναστὰς Φαραώ . . . καὶ ἐγενήθη κραυγή.

Nb. 22:23 καὶ ἰδὼν Βαλάκ . . . καὶ ἐφοβήθη Μωάβ.

**81. The Intensive Participle.** On the other hand there is a cause in operation in the LXX tending to an unnecessary use of participles. For in place of a cognate dative we often find the participle used along with a finite form of the same verb, to convey the intensive force that is accomplished in Hebrew by the addition of the infinitive to the finite verb, e.g.

[Gen. 22:17](#) εἰ μὴν εὐλογῶν εὐλογήσω σε, καὶ πληθύνων πληθυνῶ τὸ σπέρμα σου.

[Jdg. 11:25](#) μὴ μαχόμενος ἐμαχέσατο μετὰ Ἰσραήλ ἡ πολεμῶν ἐπολέμησεν αὐτόν;

We might fill pages with instances of this idiom, but a statement of its frequency must suffice. This emphatic use of the participle is a more unmitigated Hebraism than the other forms of the etymological figure. The cognate accusative is quite Greek and the cognate dative is to be found in pure Greek, but we should search in vain among classical authors for the intensive use of the participle. There is a clear instance indeed in Lucian (*Dialogi Marini* 4.3 ἰδὼν εἶδον), but it is interesting to remember that Lucian himself came from the banks of the Euphrates. In Hdt. 5.95 αὐτὸς μὲν φεύγων ἐκφεύγει there is a difference of meaning between the participle and the finite verb - *he himself escapes by flight*.

In the N.T. we have one instance, other than a quotation, of this Hebraism, namely -

[Eph. 5:5](#) ἵστε γινώσκοντες,

but both the reading and the interpretation of this passage are disputed.

**82. Other Varieties of the Etymological Figure.** In [Josh. 17:13](#) ἐξολεθρεῦσαι δὲ αὐτοὺς οὐκ ἐξωλέθρευσαν the infinitive absolute of the Hebrew is represented in Greek by the infinitive, instead of by a participle or a cognate dative, so that sheer nonsense is made of the

translation. In another passage, where the Greek departs from our Hebrew, an adjective takes the place of the participle -

Jdg. 5:30 οἰκτεῖρμων οἰκτειρήσει.

Sometimes we find an adverb in place of the participle -

Ex. 15:1 ἐνδόξως γὰρ δεδόξασται.

Nb. 22:17 ἐντίμως γὰρ τιμήσω σε.

Prov. 23:1 νοητῶς νόει, 27·23 γνωστῶς ἐπιγνώση.

The following turns of expression may also be noticed -

Jdg. 11:25 ἐν ἀγαθῷ ἀγαθώτερος.

Dt. 18:8 μερίδα μεμερισμένην.

1 K. [1 Sam.] 1:11 δώσω αὐτὸν ἐνώπιόν σου δοτόν.

**83. Middle and Passive Voices.** In later Greek the boundary lines between the middle and passive voices are not clearly demarcated. Even in classical authors we find the future middle used in a passive sense, as it is also in -

Ex. 12:10 οὐκ ἀπολείπεται ἀ' αὐτοῦ ἕως πρωί, καὶ ὅστοῦν συντρίψεται ἀπ' αὐτοῦ.

The same seems to be the case with ξυρήσωμαι and ἐξυρήσατο in Jdg. 16:17, 22.

So in N.T. --

1 Cor. 6:11 ἀλλὰ ἀπελούσασθε, ἀλλὰ ἡγιάσθητε, ἀλλ' ἐδικαιώθητε, 10:2 καὶ πάντες εἰς τὸν Μωσῆν ἐβαπτίσαντο,

though here Riddell's semi-middle sense of the verb might plausibly be brought in by way of explanation.

Instances of passive form with middle meaning are common in the LXX -

Nb. 22:34 ἀποστραφήσομαι *I will get me back again.*

Jdg. 15:9 ἐξερίφησαν *spread themselves*, 16:20 ἐκτιναχθήσομαι *shake myself*, 16:26 ἐπιστηριχθήσομαι *support myself*.

3 K. [2 Kings] 17:3 κρύβηθι *hide thyself*, 18:1 πορεύθητι καὶ ὄφθητι τῷ Ἀχαάβ *go and shew thyself*, 20:25 ἐπράθη *sold himself*.

So in N.T. in Luke 11:38 ἐβαπτίσθη is used for ἐβαπτίσατο.

**84. Causative Use of the Verb.** a. The causative use of the verb which is found in the LXX may be set down with confidence as a Hebraism. βασιλεύειν according to the Greek language means 'to be king,' but it is frequently employed in the LXX in the sense of 'to make king,' e.g. -

Jdg. 9:6 ἐβασίλευσαν τὸν Ἀβειμέλεχ.

1 K. [1 Sam.] 8:22 βασιλευσον αὐτοῖς βασιλέα, 15:11 ἐβασίλευσα τὸν Σαοὺλ εἰς βασιλέα.

There are all together thirty-six occurrences of the word in this causative sense.

b. Classical Greek again knows βδελύσσεσθαι in the sense of 'to loathe' or 'abominate,' but not βδελύσσειν in the sense of 'to make abominable,' as in -

Ex. 5:21 ἐβδελύξατε τὴν ὁσμὴν ἡμῶν ἐναντίον Φαραώ.

Lvt. 11:43 καὶ οὐ μὴ βδελύξητε τὰς ψυχὰς ὑμῶν. Cp. Lvt. 20:25: [1 Mac. 1:48](#).

c. Still more strange to classical Greek is the sense of 'to make to sin' often imposed upon ἐξαμαρτάνειν, e.g. -

4 K. [2 Kings] 17:21 καὶ ἐξήμαρτεν αὐτοὺς ἀμαρτίαν μεγάλην.

This is the prevailing sense of the word in the LXX, which is found all together twenty-eight times, mostly in the phrase ὁ ἐξήμαρτεν τὸν Ἰσραήλ.

d. In this causative use of the verb is to be found the explanation of [Ex. 14:25](#) καὶ ἤγαγεν αὐτοὺς μετὰ βίας, where the R.V. margin has 'made them to drive.' Other similar instances are -

[Ex. 13:18](#) ἐκύκλωσεν = he led round.

1 K. [1 Sam.] 4:3 κατὰ τί ἔπταισεν ἡμᾶς κύριος σήμερον;

[Ps. 142:11](#) ζήσεις με.

**85. Reduplication of Words.** In Greek we are accustomed to reduplication of syllables, but not to reduplication of words. This primitive device of language is resorted to in the LXX, in imitation of the Hebrew, for at least three different purposes -

1) intensification,

2) distribution,

3) universalisation.

1) The intensifying use.

σφόδρα σφόδρα [Gen. 30:43](#): [Ex. 1:7](#), [12](#): Nb. [14:7](#): [Ezk. 9:9](#): [Judith 4:2](#).

σφόδρα σφοδρῶς [Gen. 7:19](#): [Josh. 3:16](#).

To the same head may be assigned -

[Ex. 8:14](#) συνήγαγον αὐτοὺς θιμωνιάς θιμωνιάς,

[Dt. 28:43](#) ὁ προσήλυτος ὁ ἐν σοὶ ἀναβήσεται ἄνω ἄνω, σὺ δὲ καταβήσῃ κάτω κάτω.

In all the above instances perhaps the kind of intensification involved is that of a repeated process.

2) The distributive use.

εἷς εἷς [1 Chr. 24:6](#)

δύο δύο [Gen. 6:19](#), [7:3](#): [Sir. 36:15](#).

ἑπτὰ ἑπτὰ [Gen. 7:3](#).

χιλίους ἐκ φυλῆς, χιλίους ἐκ φυλῆς Nb. [31:6](#).

τὸ πρῶτον πρῶτον [1 Chr. 9:27](#).

ἐργασία καὶ ἐργασία [2 Chr. 34:13](#).

In pure Greek such ideas would be expressed by the use of ἀνά or κατά. Sometimes we find κατά; employed in the LXX along with the reduplication, as in --

[Dt. 7:22](#) κατὰ μικρὸν μικρόν.

[Zech. 12:12](#) κατὰ φυλάς φυλάς.

The idea 'year by year' is expressed in many different ways -

ἐνιαυτὸν κατ' ἐνιαυτόν [Dt. 14:21](#): 1 K. [1 Sam.] 1:7: [2 Chr. 24:5](#).

κατ' ἐνιαυτὸν ἐνιαυτόν 1 K. [1 Sam.] 7:16.

ἐνιαυτὸν ἐξ ἐνιαυτοῦ [Dt. 15:20](#)

τὸ κατ' ἐνιαυτὸν ἐνιαυτῶ 3 K. [2 Kings] 10:28.

τὸ κατ' ἐνιαυτὸν ἐνιαυτόν [2 Chr. 9:24](#).

3) The universalising use.

ἄνθρωπος ἄνθρωπος = whatsoever man Lvt. 17:3, 8, 10, 13; 18:6; 20:9;  
22:18: Ezk. 14:4, 7.

ἀνδρὶ ἀνδρί Lvt. 15:3.

Of the above three uses the distributive is the only one which is to be found in the N.T.

[Mk. 6:7](#) δύο δύο, 6:39 συμπόσια συμπόσια, 6:40 πρασιαὶ πρασιαί.

So also in the Pastor of Hermas -

Sim. 8.2.8 ἦλθον τάγματα τάγματα, 4.2 ἔστησαν τάγματα τάγματα.

**86. Expressions of Time.** a. 'Year after year' is expressed in 2 K. [2 Sam.] 21:1 by a nominative absolute ἐνιαυτὸς ἐχόμενος ἐνιαυτοῦ without any pretence of grammar.

b. The use of the word 'day' in vague expressions of time is a Hebraism, e.g. -

[Gen. 40:4](#) ἡμέρας = for some time. Cp. Dan. Ο' 11:9.

[Jdg. 15:1](#) μεθ' ἡμέρας = after some time. Cp. 3 K. [2 Kings] 17:7.

3 K. [2 Kings] 18:1 μεθ' ἡμέρας πολλάς = after a long time.

c. 'Day by day' (Hb. day, day) is expressed in [Gen. 39:10](#) by ἡμέραν ἐξ ἡμέρας (cp. Lat. diem ex die). In [Esther 3:4](#) καθ' ἐκάστην ἡμέραν is correctly used as the Greek equivalent for the phrase day and day, which St. Paul ([2 Cor. 4:16](#)) has reproduced word for word in the form ἡμέρα καὶ ἡμέρα.

d. The use of 'yesterday and the day before' as a general expression for past time = heretofore is a Hebraism which presents itself in the LXX under a variety of slight modifications.

ἐχθὲς καὶ τρίτην 1K. 4:7, 10:11: 2 K. [2 Sam.] 3:17, 5:2: [1 Chr. 11:2](#).

ἐχθὲς καὶ τρίτην ἡμέραν [Gen. 31:2](#), [5: Ex. 5:7](#), [14: Josh. 4:18](#): 1 K. [1 Sam.] 14:21, 19:7,  
21:5: [1 Mac. 9:44](#).

ἐχθὲς καὶ τρίτης [Ruth 2:11](#): 4 K. [2 Kings] 13:5: Sus. Q 15.

ἀπ' ἐχθὲς καὶ τρίτης ἡμέρας [Josh. 3:4](#).

πρὸ τῆς ἐχθὲς καὶ τρίτης [Dt. 19:4](#).

πρὸ τῆς ἐχθὲς καὶ πρὸ τῆς τρίτης. [Ex. 21:29](#).

πρὸ τῆς ἐχθὲς καὶ πρὸ τῆς τρίτης ἡμέρας [Ex. 21:36](#).

πρὸ τῆς ἐχθὲς οὐδὲ πρὸ τῆς τρίτης [Dt. 4:42](#), [19:6](#).

πρὸ τῆς ἐχθὲς οὐδὲ πρὸ τῆς τρίτης ἡμέρας. [Ex. 4:10](#).

In [Joshua 20:5](#), which occurs only in the *Codex Alexandrinus*, we have ἀπ;#8217; ἐχθὲς καὶ τρίτην, where ἐχθὲς-καὶ-τρίτην is treated as a single indeclinable noun.

e. 'Just at that time' is expressed variously as follows -

ἀθωρί Dan. Ο΄ 3:15.

αὐτῇ τῇ ὥρᾳ [1 Esd. 8:65](#); [Dan. 3:5](#), [Θ 3:15](#). Cp. [Acts 22:13](#).

ἐν αὐτῇ τῇ ὥρᾳ Dan. [Θ 5:5](#). Cp. [Lk. 12:12](#), [13:31](#), [20:19](#).

ἐν αὐτῇ τῇ ὥρᾳ ἐκείνῃ Dan. Ο΄ 5:5.

ἐν αὐτῷ τῷ καιρῷ [Tob. 3:17](#). Cp. [Lk. 13:1](#).

**87. Pleonastic Use of ἐκεῖ and ἐκεῖθεν.** Just as a personal pronoun is supplied after the relative (§ 69), so a demonstrative adverb of place is supplied after a relative adverb or after some phrase equivalent to one.

[Gen. 33:19](#) οὗ ἔστησεν ἐκεῖ τὴν σκηνὴν αὐτοῦ. Cp. [39:20](#), [40:3](#); [Ex. 21:13](#).

[Ex. 20:24](#) οὗ ἐὰν ἐπονομάσω τὸ ὄνομά μου ἐκεῖ.

Dan. [Θ 9:7](#) οὗ διέσπειρας αὐτοὺς ἐκεῖ.

3 K. [2 Kings] [17:19](#) ἐν ᾧ αὐτὸς ἐκάθητο ἐκεῖ. Cp. [Gen. 39:20](#); [Ex. 12:13](#).

[Gen. 31:13](#) ἐν τῷ τόπῳ ᾧ ἤλειψάς μοι ἐκεῖ στήλην.

Nb. [14:24](#) εἰς ἣν εἰσῆλθεν ἐκεῖ. Cp. [15:18](#), [35:26](#); [Dt. 4:27](#).

[Ex. 8:22](#) ἐφ' ἧς οὐκ ἔσται ἐκεῖ.

4 K. [2 Kings] [1:4](#) ἡ κλίνη ἐφ' ἧς ἀνέβης ἐκεῖ.

[Dt. 9:28](#) ὅθεν ἐξήγαγες ἡμᾶς ἐκεῖθεν.

Nb. [23:13](#) ἐξ ᾧ οὐκ ὄψη αὐτὸν ἐκεῖθεν.

Dan. Ο΄ [9:7](#) εἰς ἃς διεσκόρπισας αὐτοὺς ἐκεῖ.

This idiom, which is thoroughly Hebrew, is to be explained on the same principle as in § 69. In the N.T. it is found only in Revelation -

[Rev. 12:6](#) ὅπου ἔχει ἐκεῖ τόπον, [12:14](#) ὅπου τρέφεται ἐκεῖ, [17:9](#) ὅπου ἡ γυνὴ κάθηται ἐπ' αὐτῶν (= ἐκεῖ).

**88. πᾶς with οὐ and μή.** a. The use of πᾶς with a negative particle, where in classical Greek οὐδεῖς or μηδεῖς would be employed, is a Hebraism, even though in certain cases the resulting expression may be paralleled from pure Greek usage. The πᾶς may either precede or follow the negative (οὐ, μή, μηδέ, οὐ μή) without difference of meaning.

b. We will first take instances from the LXX where the πᾶς precedes the negative.

[Ex. 12:43](#) πᾶς ἀλλογενῆς οὐκ ἔδεται ἀπ' αὐτοῦ. Cp. [12:48](#); [Ezek. 44:9](#).

Dan. Ο΄ [5:9](#) πᾶς ἄνθρωπος οὐ δύναται. Cp. Dan. Ο΄ [2:10](#).

Hbk. [2:19](#) πᾶν πνεῦμα οὐκ ἔστιν ἐν αὐτῷ.

[1 Mac. 2:61](#) πάντες . . . οὐκ ἀσθενήσουσιν.

[Ex. 22:22](#) πᾶσαν χήραν καὶ ὀρφανὸν οὐ κακώσετε.

[Jer. 17:22](#) πᾶν ἔργον οὐ ποιήσετε. Cp. [Ex. 12:16](#), [20](#); Nb. [28:18](#); [Jdg. 13:14](#).

So in N.T. --

[Rom. 10:12](#) πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων ἐπ' αὐτῷ οὐ κατασχυνθήσεται. Cp. [Eph. 4:29](#), [5:5](#).

[Rev. 18:22](#) πᾶς τεχνίτης . . . οὐ μὴ εὐρεθῆ ἔν σοι ἔτι.

2 Pet. 1:20 πᾶσα προφητεία γραφῆς ἰδίας ἐπιλύσεως οὐ γίνεται.

[1 Jn. 2:21](#) πᾶν ψεῦδος ἐκ τῆς ἀληθείας οὐκ ἔστι. Cp. [1 Jn. 3:6](#), [10](#), [15](#); [4:3](#); [5:18](#); [Rev. 22:3](#).

c. In the following passages of the LXX the πᾶς follows the negative -

[Ps. 142:2](#) οὐ δικαιωθήσεται ἐνώπιόν σου πᾶς ζῶν.

[Eccl. 1:9](#) οὐκ ἔστιν πᾶν πρόσφατον ὑπὸ τὸν ἥλιον.

[Ex. 20:10](#); [Dt. 5:14](#) οὐ ποιήσετε ἐν αὐτῇ πᾶν ἔργον. Cp. [Ex. 20:16](#).

2 K. [2 Sam.] 15:11 οὐκ ἔγνωσαν πᾶν ῥῆμα.

[Tob. 12:11](#) οὐ μὴ κρύψω ἀφ' ὑμῶν πᾶν ῥῆμα.

[Ps. 33:11](#) οὐκ ἐλαττωθήσονται παντὸς ἀγαθοῦ.

[Jdg. 13:4](#) μὴ φάγης πᾶν ἀκάθαρτον.

[Tob. 4:7](#) μὴ ἀποστρέψῃς τὸ πρόσωπόν σου ἀπὸ παντὸς πτωχοῦ.

So in N.T. --

[Rom 3:20](#) ἐξ ἔργων νόμου οὐ δικαιωθήσεται πᾶσα σὰρξ. Cp. [Gal. 2:16](#); [Mt. 24:22](#).

[Lk. 1:37](#) οὐκ ἀδυνατήσῃ παρὰ τοῦ Θεοῦ πᾶν ῥῆμα.

[Acts 10:14](#) οὐδέποτε ἔφαγον πᾶν κοινόν.

[1 Cor. 1:29](#) ὅπως μὴ καυχῆσῃται πᾶσα σὰρξ.

[Rev. 21:27](#) οὐ μὴ εἰσέλθῃ εἰς αὐτὴν πᾶν κοινόν.

## PREPOSITIONS, 89-98

**89. Prominence of Prepositions.** The prominence of prepositions in the LXX is partly a characteristic of later Greek generally and partly due to the careful following of the Hebrew. But while prepositions are employed to express relations for which in classical Greek cases would have been thought sufficient, there is at the same time a tendency to blur some of the nice distinctions between the uses of the same preposition with different cases.

**90. εἰς.** a. εἰς in classical Greek denotes motion or direction: in Biblical Greek it denotes equally rest or position, and may be translated by 'at' or 'in' as well as by 'to,' e.g. -

[Gen. 37:17](#) πορευθῶμεν εἰς Δωθάειμ . . . καὶ εὔρεν αὐτοὺς εἰς Δωθάειμ.

[Josh. 7:22](#) ἔδραμον εἰς τὴν σκηνὴν . . . καὶ ταῦτα ἦν ἐνκεκρυμμένα εἰς τὴν σκηνήν.

[Jdg. 14:1](#) καὶ κατέβη Σαμψὼν εἰς Θαμνάθα, καὶ εἶδεν γυναῖκα εἰς Θαμνάθα.

For examples of the former meaning only we may take -

[Gen. 42:32](#) ὁ δὲ μικρότερος . . . εἰς γῆν Χανάαν.

[Nb. 25:33](#) τὴν γῆν εἰς ἣ ὑμεῖς κατοικεῖτε.

[Judith 16:23](#) ἀπέθανεν εἰς βαιτυλουά.

b. In the N.T. εἰς denoting rest or position is very common.

[Mk. 2:1](#) εἰς οἶκον = at home. Cp. [Lk. 9:61](#): [Mk. 10:10](#).

[Mk. 13:3](#) καθημένου αὐτοῦ εἰς τὸ ὄρος τῶν ἔλαιων.

[Jn. 1:18](#) ὁ ὢν εἰς τὸν κόλπον τοῦ πατρὸς.

[Acts 21:13](#) ἀποθανεῖν εἰς Ἱερουσαλήμ.

Cp. also [Eph. 3:16](#): [1 Pet. 3:20](#), [5:12](#): [Mk. 1:9](#), [39](#); [13:9](#): [Lk. 4:23](#), [11:7](#): [Jn. 9:7](#), [20:7](#): [Acts 7:4](#), [8:40](#), [25:4](#).

The obliteration of the distinction between rest and motion is one of the marks of declining Greek. In the modern language εἰς has usurped the functions both of ἐν and πρὸς.

c. The use of εἰς with the accusative after εἶναι and γενέσθαι as practically equivalent to the nominative may safely be regarded as a Hebraism.

d. [1 Chr. 11:21](#) ἦν αὐτοῖς εἰς ἄρχοντα, [17:7](#) εἶναι εἰς ἡγούμενον.

[3 K. \[2 Kings\] 20:2](#) ἔσται μοι εἰς κῆπον λαχάνων. Cp. [Gen. 48:19](#): [1 Chr. 11:6](#).

[1 K. \[1 Sam.\] 17:9](#) ἐσόμεθα ὑμῖν εἰς δούλους.

[Jer. 38:33](#) ἔσομαι αὐτοῖς εἰς Θεόν, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔσονταί μοι εἰς λαόν. Cp. [Jer. 38:1](#): [Gen. 48:19](#): [2 K. \[2 Sam.\] 7:14](#).

[Gen. 2:7](#) ἐγένετο ὁ ἄνθρωπος εἰς ψυχὴν ζῶσαν.

[Ex. 2:10](#) ἐγενήθη αὐτῇ εἰς υἱόν.

[1 K. \[1 Sam.\] 4:9](#) γένεσθε εἰς ἄνδρας.  
πρὸς in one passage takes the place of εἰς.

[Sir. 46:4](#) μία ἡμέρα ἐγενήθη πρὸς δύο.

e. In the New Testament this idiom occurs both in quotations from the Old and otherwise.

1 Jn. 5:8 καὶ οἱ τρεῖς εἰς τὸ ἕν εἰσιν.

Lk. 3:5 ἔσται τὰ σκολιὰ εἰς εὐθείας (Is. 40:4).

2 Cor. 6:18 ἔσεσθέ μοι εἰς υἱοῦς καὶ θυγατέρας (2 K. [2 Sam.] 7:8; Is. 43:6).

Mt. 19:5 ἔσονται οἱ δύο εἰς σάρκα μίαν (Gen. 2:24).

Mt. 21:42 ἐγενήθη εἰς κεφαλὴν γωνίας (Ps. 117:22).

Lk. 13:19 ἐγένετο εἰς δένδρον. Cp. Rev. 8:11.

Jn. 16:20 ἡ λύπη ὑμῶν εἰς χαρὰν γενήσεται.

The same usage is to be found also in the Apostolic Fathers -

Herm. *Past. Sim.* 9.13.5 ἔσονται εἰς ἔ πνεῦμα, εἰς ἕν σῶμα.

1 Clem. 11:2 εἰς κρίμα καὶ εἰς σημείωσιν . . . γίνονται.

Ign. *Eph.* 11:1 ἵνα μὴ ἡμῖν εἰς κρίμα γένηται.

f. The employment of εἰς to express the object or destination of a thing might easily be paralleled from classical Greek, but its frequent use in the LXX is due to its convenience as a translation of the corresponding Hebrew.

Gen. 34:12 καὶ δώσετέ μοι τὴν παῖδα ταύτην εἰς γυναῖκα.

Ps. 104:17 εἰς δοῦλον ἐπράθη Ἰωσήφ.

3 K. [2 Kings] 19:15 χρίσεις τὸν Ἀζαήλ εἰς βασιλέα.

Gen. 12:2 ποιήσω σε εἰς ἔθνος μέγα.

When the verb is active and transitive, as in all but the second of the above instances, εἰς might be dispensed with as far as Greek is concerned. When a verb of being is employed, this use runs into the preceding -

Gen. 1:29 ὑμῖν ἔσται εἰς βρῶσιν, 1:14 ἔστωσαν εἰς σημεῖα.

g. The use of εἰς with the accusative, where classical Greek would simply have employed a dative, is shown by the Papyri to have been a feature of the vernacular Greek of Alexandria.

Ex. 9:21 ὃ δὲ μὴ προσέσχεν τῇ διανοίᾳ εἰς τὸ ῥῆμα κυρίου κτλ.

So in N.T. --

1 Cor. 16:1 τῆς λογίας τῆς εἰς τοὺς ἁγίους (*the collection for the saints*).

91. ἐν. a. Although ἐν was destined ultimately to disappear before εἰς, yet in Biblical Greek we find it in the plenitude of its power, as expressing innumerable relations, some of which seem to the classical student to be quite beyond its proper sphere. One principal use may be summed up under the title of "The ἐν of Accompanying Circumstances." This includes the instrumental use, but goes far beyond it. Under this aspect ἐν invades the domain of μετά and σύν. In most cases it may be rendered by the English 'with.'

Hos. 1:7 σώσω αὐτοὺς ἐν κυρίῳ Θεῷ αὐτῶν, καὶ οὐ σώσω αὐτοὺς ἐν τόξῳ οὐδὲ ἐν ῥομφαίᾳ οὐδὲ ἐν πολέμῳ οὐδὲ ἐν ἵπποις οὐδὲ ἐν ἵππεῦσιν. Cp. 1 K. [1 Sam.] 17:45, 47: 1 Mac. 3:12.

**Ex. 6:1** ἐν γὰρ χειρὶ κραταιᾷ κτλ. (But in **Ex. 3:19** we have ἐὰν μὴ μετὰ χειρὸς κραταιᾶς.)  
Cp. **Ex. 3:20**; **Jdg. 15:15, 16**.

**Jdg. 14:18** εἰ μὴ ἠροτριάσατε ἐν τῇ δαμάλει μου. Cp. 3 K. [2 Kings] 19:19.

4 K. [2 Kings] 18:17 ἐν δυνάμει βαρείᾳ. In the parallel passage **Is. 36:2** μετὰ δυνάμεως πολλῆς.

**1 Mac. 4:6** ὥφθη Ἰούδας . . . ἐν τρισχιλίοις ἀνδράσιν.

So in N.T. --

**1 Cor. 4:21** ἐν ῥάβδῳ ἔλθω πρὸς ὑμᾶς; Cp. 1 K. [1 Sam.] 17:43; **Ps. 2:9**.

**Eph. 6:2** ἐντολὴ πρώτη ἐν ἐπαγγελίᾳ.

2 Pet. 3:16 ἐν ἀνθρώπου φωνῇ.

**Mt. 9:34** ἐν τῷ ἄρχοντι τῶν δαιμονίων ἐκβάλλει τὰ δαιμόνια. Cp. **Mt. 12:24, 25:16**.

**Mt. 26:52** ἐν μαχαίρᾳ ἀπολοῦνται.

b. The ἐν of accompanying circumstances is not wholly foreign to classical Greek, though the extended use made of it in Biblical diction is.

Eur. *Tro.* 817 ὦ χρυσέαις ἐν οἰνοχόαις ἀβρὰ βαίνων.

c. In another of its Biblical uses ἐν becomes indistinguishable from εἰς, as in -

**Ex. 4:21** πάντα τὰ τέρατα ἃ ἔδωκα ἐν ταῖς χερσίν σου.

**Jdg. 13:1** παρέδωκεν αὐτοὺς Κύριος ἐν χειρὶ Φυλιστιεῖμ. Cp. **Jdg. 15:12, 13**; 16:23, 24.

**Is. 37:10** οὐ μὴ παραδοθῆ Ἱερουσαλὴμ ἐν χειρὶ βασιλέως, while the parallel passage in 4 K. [2 Kings] 19:10 has εἰς χεῖρας βασιλέως.

**Tob. 5:5** πορευθῆναι ἐν Ῥάγοις. Cp. **Tob. 6:6, 9:2**.

So in N.T. --

**2 Cor. 8:16** χάρις δὲ τῷ Θεῷ τῷ διδόντι τὴν αὐτὴν σπουδὴν ὑπὲρ ὑμῶν ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ Τίτου.

**Mt. 14:3** ἔθετο ἐν φυλακῇ.

**Jn. 3:35** πάντα δέδωκεν ἐν τῇ χειρὶ αὐτοῦ.

**Rev. 11:11** πνεῦμα ζωῆς ἐκ τοῦ Θεοῦ εἰσῆλθεν ἐν αὐτοῖς.

**92.** ἀπό. a. ἀπό in the LXX is often little more than a sign of the genitive, like our English 'of,' provided that the genitive be partitive.

**Ex. 12:46** καὶ ὅστοῦν οὐ συντρίψετε ἀπ' αὐτοῦ.

**Josh. 9:8** οὐκ ἦν ῥῆμα ἀπὸ πάντων ὧν ἐνετείλατο Μωυσῆς τῷ Ἰησοῖ ὃ οὐκ ἀνέγνω Ἰησοῦς.

3 K. [2 Kings] 18:13 ἔκρυψα ἀπὸ τῶν προφητῶν Κυρίου ἑκατὸν ἄνδρας.

**Joel 2:28** ἐκχεῶ ἀπὸ τοῦ πνεύματός μου.

2 Esd. [Ezra] 11:2 εἶς ἀπὸ ἀδελφῶν μου.

So in N.T. --

**Lk. 6:13** ἐκλεξάμενος ἀπ' αὐτῶν δώδεκα.

**Jn. 21:10** ἐνέγκατε ἀπὸ τῶν ὀψαρίων ω—ν ἐπιάσατε νῦν.

b. ἀπό = ‘by reason of’ is another unclassical use which occurs in the LXX.

**Gen. 41:31** καὶ οὐκ ἐπιγνωσθήσεται ἡ εὐθηνία ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἀπὸ τοῦ λιμοῦ.

**Ex. 2:23** καὶ κατεστέναξαν οἱ υἱοὶ Ἰσραὴλ ἀπὸ τῶν ἔργων,

3:7 καὶ τῆς κραυγῆς αὐτῶν ἀκήκοα ἀπὸ τῶν ἐργοδιωκτῶν.

**Ps. 11:6** ἀπὸ τῆς ταλαιπωρίας τῶν πτωχῶν . . . ἀναστήσομαι.

**Sir. 20:6** ἔστιν μισητὸς ἀπὸ πολλῆς λαλιᾶς.

**Nahum 1:6** αἱ πέτραι διεθρύβησαν ἀπ’ αὐτοῦ.

In this way ἀπό becomes = ὑπό, as in Dan. O’ 1:18.

So in N.T. --

Hb. 5:7 εἰσακουσθεὶς ἀπὸ τῆς εὐλαβείας.

**Lk. 19:3** οὐκ ἠδύνατο ἀπὸ τοῦ ὄχλου, 24:41 ἀπιστούντων αὐτῶν ἀπὸ τῆς χαρᾶς. Cp.

**Acts 12:14, 22:11.**

**Jn. 21:6** οὐκέτι αὐτὸ ἐλκύσαι ἴσχυον ἀπὸ τοῦ πλήθους τῶν ἰχθύων.

Of ἀπό = ὑπό see instances in **Lk. 9:22, 17:25; Acts 20:9.**

c. The combination ἀπό . . . ἕως is a Hebraism. It may be rendered “from . . . unto,” as in -

**Dt. 8:35** ἀπὸ ἵχνους τῶν ποδῶν σου ἕως τῆς κορυφῆς σου,

or “both . . . and,” as in -

**Ex. 9:25** ἀπὸ ἀνθρώπου . . . ἕως κτήνους.

Sometimes καί precedes the ἕως -

**Jdg. 15:5** ἀπὸ . . . καὶ ἕως . . . καὶ ἕως *both . . . and . . . and*. Cp. **Sir. 40:3; Jer. 27:3.**

**93.** μετά. μετά with genitive = ‘in dealing with’ is a Hebraism.

**Jdg. 15:3** ὅτι ποιῶ ἐγὼ μετ’ αὐτῶν πονηρίαν.

So in N.T. --

**Lk. 10:37** ὁ ποιήσας τὸ ἔλεος μετ’ αὐτοῦ: **Acts 14:27**. Cp. Herm. *Past. Sim.* 5.1.1: 1 Clem.

61:3.

**94.** ὑπέρ. a. The frequent use of ὑπέρ in the LXX to express comparison is due to the fact that the Hebrew language has no special form for the comparative degree. We therefore sometimes find the LXX representing the original by the positive with ὑπέρ.

**Ruth 4:15** ἢ ἐστὶν ἀγαθὴ σοι ὑπὲρ ἑπτὰ υἱοῦς. Cp. 1 K. [1 Sam.] 1:8, 15:28; 3 K. [2 Kings] 20:2; 2 Chr. 21:14.

1 K. [1 Sam.] 9:2 ὑψηλὸς ὑπὲρ πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν.

1 Chr. 4:9 ἔνδοξος ὑπὲρ τοὺς ἀδελφοὺς αὐτοῦ.

**Sir. 24:20** ὑπὲρ μέλι γλυκύ.

Ezk. 5:1 ῥομφαίαν ὀξεῖαν ὑπὲρ ξυρὸν κουρέως.

b. More often however the comparative is used, but the construction with ὑπέρ still retained.

- Jdg. 15:2** ἀγαθώτερα ὑπὲρ αὐτήν. Cp. **Jdg. 11:25**.  
**Jdg. 18:26** δυνατώτεροι εἰσιν ὑπὲρ αὐτόν.  
**Ruth 3:12** ἐγγίων ὑπὲρ ἐμέ.  
 3 K. [2 Kings] 19:4 κρείσσων . . . ὑπὲρ τοὺς πατέρας. Cp. **Sir. 30:17**.  
 Hbk. 1:8 ὀζύτεροι ὑπὲρ λύκους.  
 Dan. O' 1:20 σοφωτέρους δεκαπλασίως ὑπὲρ τοὺς σοφιστάς.  
 c. ὑπέρ is employed in the same way after verbs -  
**Ex. 1:9** ἰσχυεῖ ὑπὲρ ἡμᾶς.  
 1 K. [1 Sam.] 1:5 τὴν Ἄνναν ἠγάπα Ἐλκανὰ ὑπὲρ ταύτην.  
**Ps. 39:13** ἐπληθύνθησαν ὑπὲρ τὰς τρίχας τῆς κεφαλῆς μου.  
**1 Chr. 19:12** ἐὰν κρατήσῃ ὑπὲρ ἐμὲ Σύρος.  
**Jer. 5:3** ἐστερέωσαν . . . ὑπὲρ πέτραν, 16:12 ὑμεῖς ἐπονηρεύσασθε ὑπὲρ τοὺς πατέρας ὑμῶν. Cp. 17:23.  
**Jer. 26:23** πληθύνει ὑπὲρ ἀκρίδα.  
 Dan. O' 3:22 ἡ κάμινος ἐξεκαύθη ὑπὲρ τὸ πρότερον ἑπταπλασίως.  
 d. So in N.T. --  
 after a comparative -  
**Lk. 16:8** φρονιμώτεροι ὑπὲρ τοὺς υἱοὺς τοῦ φωτός.  
 Hb. 4:12 τομώτερος ὑπὲρ πᾶσαν μάχαιραν.  
 after a verb -  
**Gal. 1:14** προέκοπτον . . . ὑπὲρ πολλούς.  
**Mt. 10:37** ὁ φιλῶν πατέρα ἢ μητέρα ὑπὲρ ἐμέ.  
 Cp. Herm. *Past. Mdt.* 5.1.6 ἡ μακροθυμία γλυκυτάτη ἐστὶν ὑπὲρ τὸ μέλι. *Mart. Polyc.*  
 18 δοκιμώτερα ὑπὲρ χρυσίον ὅσα αὐτοῦ.  
**95. ἐπί.** a. ἐπί with the accusative is used of rest as well as of motion.  
**Gen. 41:17** ἐστάναι ἐπὶ τὸ χεῖλος τοῦ ποταμοῦ.  
**Ex. 10:14** καὶ ἀνήγαγεν αὐτήν (τὴν ἀκρίδα) ἐπὶ πᾶσαν γῆν Αἰγύπτου, καὶ κατέπαυσεν ἐπὶ πάντα τὰ ὄρια Αἰγύπτου πολλὴ σφόδρα.  
**Jdg. 16:27** ἐπὶ τὸ δῶμα = upon the roof.  
 b. ἐπί is sometimes used to reinforce an accusative of duration of time.  
**Jdg. 14:17** καὶ ἔκλαυσεν πρὸς αὐτόν ἐπὶ τὰς ἑπτὰ ἡμέρας ἃς ἦν αὐτοῖς ὁ πότος.  
 c. In **Josh. 25:10** we find μέγαν ἐπὶ τοῦ ἰδεῖν where in classical Greek we should have only μέγαν ἰδεῖν.  
 d. In the N.T. also ἐπί with the accusative is used of rest or position -  
**2 Cor. 3:15** κάλυμμα ἐπὶ τὴν καρδίαν αὐτῶν κεῖται.  
**Mk. 2:14** καθήμενον ἐπὶ τὸ τελώνιον. Cp. **Lk. 5:27**.  
**Mk. 4:38** ἐπὶ τὸ προσκεφάλαιον καθεύδων.

**Mt. 14:28** περιπατῶν ἐπὶ τὴν θάλασσαν (in **Jn. 6:19** περιπατοῦντα ἐπὶ τῆς θαλάσσης).

**Lk. 2:25** πνεῦμα ἅγιον ἦν ἐπ' αὐτόν. Cp. **Lk. 2:40**.

**Jn. 1:32** ἔμεινεν ἐπ' αὐτόν.

**96.** παρά. a. παρά naturally lends itself to the expression of comparison, and is so used occasionally in the best Greek, e.g. Thuc. 1.23.4: Xen. *Mem.* 1.4.14: Hdt. 7.103. It is therefore not surprising that it should have been employed by the translators in the same way as ὑπέρ.

**Ex. 18:11** μέγας Κύριος παρὰ πάντας τοὺς θεούς. Cp. **Ps. 134:5**: Dan. O' 11:12.

Nb. 12:3 καὶ ὁ ἄνθρωπος Μωυσῆς πρὸς σφόδρα παρὰ πάντας τοὺς ἀνθρώπους.

Dan. O' 1:10 ἀσθενῆ παρὰ τοὺς συντρεφομένους ὑμῖν (Θ has σκυθρωπά παρὰ τὰ παιδάρια τὰ συνήλικα ὑμῶν). Cp. O' 1:13.

Dan. Θ 7:7 διάφορον περισσῶς παρὰ πάντα τὰ θήρια.

**1 Esd. 4:35** ἰσχυρότερα παρὰ πάντα.

Dan. O' 11:13 μείζονα παρὰ τὴν πρώτην (Θ has πολὺν ὑπὲρ τὸν πρότερον).

**Dt. 7:7** ὑμεῖς γὰρ ἐστε ὀλιγοστοὶ παρὰ πάντα τὰ ἔθνη.

**Gen. 43:34** ἐμεγαλύνθη δὲ ἡ μερίς Βενιαμὲν παρὰ τὰς μερίδας πάντων.

**Ps. 8:6** ἠλάττωσας αὐτὸν βραχὺ τι παρ' ἀγγέλους.

b. In the N.T. παρά after a comparative is abundant in Hebrews -

1:4, 3:3, 9:23, 11:4, 12:24.

We find it after a positive and after a comparative in Luke -

**Lk. 13:2** ἀμαρτωλοὶ παρὰ πάντας τοὺς Γαλιλαίους, 3:13 μηδὲν πλέον παρὰ τὸ διατεταγμένον ὑμῖν πράσσετε,

and after verbs in -

**Rom. 14:5** ὁ μὲν κρίνει ἡμέραν παρ' ἡμέραν.

Hb. 1:9 ἔχρισέ σε ὁ Θεός . . . παρὰ τοὺς μετόχους σου.

c. In the Apostolic Father cp. -

Herm. *Past. Vis.* 3.12.1 ἰλαρωτέραν παρὰ τὸ πρότερον, *Sim.* 9.18.2 πλείονα . . . παρά.

Barn. *Ep.* 4:5 (in a quotation from Daniel which is neither O' nor Θ) χαλεπώτερον παρὰ πάντα τὰ θήρια.

**97. New Forms of Preposition.** a. Besides the more liberal use made of the prepositions already current in classical Greek, we meet also in the LXX with new forms of preposition.

b. ἀπάνωθεν occurs in Swete's text in **Jdg. 16:20**: 2 K. [2 Sam.] 11:20, 24; 20:21: 3 K. [2 Kings] 1:53: 4 K. [2 Kings] 2:3. It not unnaturally gets confused in some places with the classical ἐπάνωθεν, which is very common in the LXX, having been found a convenient rendering of certain compound prepositions in the Hebrew.

c. ὑποκάτωθεν, which is only used as an adverb in classical Greek, assumes in the LXX the function of a preposition, e.g. -

**Dt. 9:14** ἐξαλείψω τὸ ὄνομα αὐτῶν ὑποκάτωθεν τοῦ οὐρανοῦ.

The corresponding form *ὑπεράνωθεν* occurs in the LXX only twice, once as an adverb in [Ps. 77:23](#) and once as a preposition in -

Ezk. 1:25 *ὑπεράνωθεν τοῦ στερεώματος*.

d. *ἔναντι* in many passages of the LXX has been replaced in Swete's text by *ἐναντίον*, but there are still numerous instances of it left, e.g. [Ex. 28:12, 23, 34](#); [29:10, 23, 24, 25, 26, 42](#). In N.T. it occurs in [Lk. 1:8, Acts. 8:21](#).

*ἀπέναντι* is also common, e.g. [Gen. 3:24, 21:26, 23:19, 25:9, 49:30](#). In the N.T. it occurs in the sense of 'contrary to' in [Acts. 17:7](#).

*κατέεναντι* is specially frequent in the book of Sirach.

e. *ἐνώπιον* is another preposition unknown to classical authors, but extremely common in Biblical Greek, as being an apt equivalent for certain Hebrew forms of expression. Deissmann gives instances of its adverbial use in the Papyri, so that we need not suppose it to have been invented by the translators of the O.T. In the N.T. it occurs frequently in Luke-Acts, Paul, and Revelation, but is not used in Matthew or Mark.

*κατενώπιον* occurs in the LXX in [Lvt. 4:17: Josh. 1:5, 3:7, 21:44, 23:9: Esther 5:1: Dan. 9:5:22](#). In N.T. in [Eph. 1:4: Col. 1:22: Jude 24](#).

f. *ὀπίσω* as a preposition is unclassical, but extremely common in the LXX.

In the N.T. it occurs in [1 Tim. 5:15: Acts 5:37, 20:30: Mt. 4:19, 10:38, 16:24: Lk. 14:27: Jn. 12:19: Rev. 13:3](#).

g. *κατόπισθε(ν)* is construed with a genitive in Hom. *Od.* 12.148, but its classical use is almost wholly adverbial, whereas in the LXX, in which it occurs twenty-four times in all, it is mainly prepositional.

In [2 Chr. 34:38](#) we have *ἀπὸ ὀπισθεν Κυρίου*. Cp. [Eccl. 1:10 ἀπὸ ἐμπροσθεν ἡμῶν](#).

h. *κυκλόθεν* occurs in the LXX as a preposition in 3 K. [2 Kings] [18:32: Sir. 50:12 A: Jer. 17:26, 31:17: 1 Mac. 14:17](#).

In N.T. only in [Rev. 4:3, 5:11](#) *κυκλόθεν τοῦ θρόνου*.

*κύκλω* is sometimes used in the same way, as in 3 K. [2 Kings] [18:35: Sir. 23:18: Is. 6:2: Jer. 39:44](#).

Cp. Strabo 17.6, p. 792 *τὰ δὲ κύκλω τῆς κώμης*.

i. Other prepositions that may be briefly noticed are *ἐχόμενα πέτρας* [Ps. 140:6](#), *ἐσώτερον τῆς κολυμβήθρας* [Is. 22:11](#).

In [Sir. 29:25](#) we have the combination *καὶ πρὸς ἐπὶ τούτοις*.

**98. Prepositions after Verbs.** The great use made of prepositions after verbs is one of the main characteristics of Biblical Greek. It is partly a feature of later Greek generally, but to a still greater extent it is due to the influence of the Hebrew. In the following list of instances perhaps the last only is irreproachable as Greek: -

*ἀδυνατεῖν ἀπὸ* [Dt. 17:8](#).

*ἀθετεῖν ἐν* 4 K. [2 Kings] [1:1; 3:5, 7; 18:7; 24:1, 20: 2 Chr. 10:19](#).

αίρετίζειν ἐν 1 Chr. 29:1; 2 Chr. 29:11.  
 βδελύσσεσθαι ἀπό Ex. 1:12.  
 βοᾶν ἐν 3 K. [2 Kings] 18:24.  
 ἐκδικεῖν ἐκ Dt. 18:19.  
 ἐκλέγειν ἐν 1 Chr. 28:5.  
 ἐλπίζειν ἐπί with accusative Ps. 4:6, 5:12, 9:11, 40:10.  
 ἐλπίζειν ἐπί with dative Ps. 7:1.  
 ἐνεδρεύειν ἐπί Jdg. 16:2.  
 ἐντρέπεσθαι ἀπό 2 Chr. 36:12; 1 Esd. 1:45.  
 ἐπικαλεῖσθαι ἐν 3 K. [2 Kings] 18:25, 26.  
 ἐσθίειν ἀπό Lvt. 22:6; Jdg. 13:16.  
 εὐδοκεῖν ἐν Ps. 146:10.  
 θέλειν ἐν 1 K. [1 Sam.] 18:22; 1 Chr. 28:4; Ps. 146:10.  
 θεωρεῖν ἐν Jdg. 16:27.  
 καταφρονεῖν ἐπί Tobit 4:18.  
 λογίζεσθαι εἰς 1 K. [1 Sam.] 1:13.  
 μυκτηρίζειν ἐν 1 Esd. 1:51.  
 πατάσσειν ἐν 2 Chr. 28:5, 17.  
 ποιεῖν ἔλεος ἐν Josh. 2:12.  
 ποιεῖν ἔλεος μετά Jdg. 8:35.  
 πολεμεῖν ἐν 1 K. [1 Sam.] 28:15.  
 προσέχειν εἰς Ex. 9:21.  
 προσοχθίζειν ἀπό Nb. 22:3.  
 συνιέναι εἰς Ps. 27:5.  
 ὑπερηφανεύεσθαι ἀπό Tobit 4:14.  
 φεΐδεσθαι ἐπί Dt. 7:16.  
 φοβεῖσθαι ἀπό Dt. 1:29, 7:29; Josh. 11:6; 4 K. [2 Kings] 1:15; Ps. 3:7.  
 φυλάσσεσθαι ἀπό Jdg. 13:14. Cp. Xen. *Cyrop.* 2.3.9, *Hell.* 7.2.10.

## CONJUNCTIONS, 99-111

**99. εἰ with the Subjunctive.** a. In Homer εἰ, or its equivalent αἰ, is common with the subjunctive, especially when accompanied by κε(ν), e.g. *Il.* 1.80, 4.249, 7.375, 8.282, 11.791, 15.403, 16.861, 18.601: *Od.* 4.35, 5.471, 472, 16.98, 22.7.

In classical authors instances of εἰ with the subjunctive (without ἄν) are rare rather than absent. Some of them may have been improved out of existence, owing to a desire for uniformity.

Plato *Laws* 761 C εἴ τί που ἄλλος . . . ἀνειμένον ἦ.

Xen. *Anab.* 3.2.22 οἱ πόταμοι, εἰ καὶ πρόσω τῶν πηγῶν ἄποροι ὦσι.

Soph. *Ant.* 710 κεῖ τις ἦ σοφός. See GMT. 454.

b. In Hellenistic Greek the use of εἰ with the subjunctive becomes common, e.g. -

Arist. *E.E.* 2.1.17 εἰ ἦ ἄνθρωπος, 8.9 εἴ τις προσθῆ, 18 εἰ γὰρ . . . ἀποκτείνῃ, 10.21 εἰ πολεμῶσιν.

Philo 2.19, *De Abr.* §25 εἰ ἔμμισθος ἦ.

Jos. *B.J.* 1.31.1 εἰ . . . ἀσθενήσῃ, *Ant.* 1.2.3 εἰ καὶ συμβῆ.

We should therefore antecedently expect to find this construction in the LXX, and yet it is seldom found. It occurs in [Jdg. 11:9](#), where an indicative and subjunctive are both made dependent on εἰ - εἰ ἐπιστρέφετέ με ὑμεῖς παρατάξασθαι ἐν υἱοῖς Ἀμμὼν καὶ παραδῶ Κύριος αὐτοὺς ἐνώπιον ἐμοῦ. In [Dt. 8:5](#) Swete's text has παιδεύσαι in place of παιδεύσῃ. In 1 K. [1 Sam.] 14:37 εἰ καταβῶ ὀπίσω τῶν ἀλλοφύλων is so punctuated as to become an instance of εἰ interrogative (§100). In [Sirach 22:26](#) εἰ κακά μοι συμβῆ, the συμβῆ has given place to συμβήσεται.

In the N.T. there are a few instances of εἰ with the subjunctive -

[Rom. 11:14](#) εἴ πως παραζηλώσω.

[Phil. 3:11](#) εἴ πως κατακτήσω εἰς τὴν ἐξανάστασιν, 3:12 εἰ καὶ καταλάβω.

**100. εἰ Interrogative.** a. In classical Greek εἰ is often used in indirect questions, e.g. -

Thuc. 1.5.2 ἐρωτῶντες εἰ λησταί εἰσιν.

Plat. *Apol.* 21 D ἤρετο γὰρ δὴ, εἴ τις ἐμοῦ εἶη σοφώτερος.

Xen. *Anab.* 1.10.5 ἐβουλεύετο . . . εἰ πέμποιέν τινας ἢ πάντες ἴοιεν.

b. In Biblical Greek εἰ has become a direct interrogative particle. This transition seems so natural as to make us doubt the statement of Jannaris (*Hist. Gk. Gr.* §2055) that εἰ is in all these cases 'nothing but an itacistic misspelling for the colloquial ἦ.' In

[Gen. 43:7](#) λέγων Εἰ ἔτι ὁ πατὴρ ὑμῶν ζῆ; εἰ ἔστιν ὑμῖν ἀδελφός . . . μὴ ἦδειμεν εἰ ἐρεῖ ἡμῖν κτλ.

we have first the direct and then the indirect use of εἰ as an interrogative particle. For other instances of the former take -

1 K. [1 Sam.] 15:32 καὶ εἶπεν Ἀγά Εἰ οὕτως πικρὸς ὁ θάνατος;

2 K. [2 Sam.] 20:17 καὶ εἶπεν ἡ γυνὴ Εἰ σὺ εἶ Ἰωάβ;

3 K. [2 Kings] 20:20 καὶ εἶπεν Ἀχαάβ πρὸς Ἡλίου Εἰ εὕρηκάς με, ὁ ἐχθρός μου; Cp. also [Gen. 17:17](#), [39:8](#), [43:27](#): [Ex. 2:14](#): [Jdg. 13:11](#): 1 K. [1 Sam.] 9:11, 10:22,24; 14:37, 45; 15:22: 3 K. [2 Kings] 13:14, 18:17: 4 K. [2 Kings] 1:3: [Tob. 5:5](#): [Jonah 4:4](#), [9](#): [Joel 1:2](#): [Dan. 6:20](#).

c. The interrogative εἰ is sometimes followed by the deliberative conjunctive, e.g. -

[Jdg. 20:28](#) Εἰ προσθῶμεν ἔτι ἐξελεθῆν;

2 K. [2 Sam.] 2:1 Εἰ ἀναβῶ εἰς μίαν τῶν πόλεων Ἰούδα;

[1 Chr. 14:10](#) Εἰ ἀναβῶ ἐπὶ τοὺς ἀλλοφύλους;

d. In the N.T. εἰ interrogative is of common occurrence -

[Mk. 8:23](#) ἐπηρώτα αὐτόν, Εἴ τι βλέπεις; Cp. [Mk. 10:2](#), where the question may be either direct or indirect.

[Mt. 12:10](#) ἐπηρώτησαν αὐτόν λέγοντες, Εἰ ἔξεστι τοῖς σάββασι θεραπεύειν; Cp. [Mt. 19:3](#).

[Lk. 13:23](#) Κύριε, εἰ ὀλίγοι οἱ σωζόμενοι; Cp. [Lk. 22:49](#).

[Acts 1:6](#) Κύριε, εἰ ἐν τῷ χρόνῳ τούτῳ κτλ. Cp. [Acts 7:1](#), [19:2](#), [21:37](#), [22:25](#), [23:9](#).

**101. εἰ in Oaths.** a. εἰ is often found in the LXX after an oath in a sense practically equivalent to a negative, e.g. -

[Ps. 94:11](#) ὡς ὤμοσα ἐν τῇ ὀργῇ μου Εἰ ἐλεύσονται εἰς τὴν κατάπουσίν μου.

This use of εἰ is a sheer Hebraism. The negative force imported into εἰ is due to a suppression of the apodosis, which the reader may supply as his own sense of reverence suggests. Other instances will be found in [Gen. 14:23](#): Nb. [32:10,11](#): [Dt. 1:34,35](#): 1 K. [1 Sam.] 3:14, 14:45, 17:55, 19:6, 28:10: 2 K. [2 Sam.] 19:35: 3 K. [2 Kings] 1:52, 2:8, 17:1,12, 18:10: 4 K. [2 Kings] 2:2: [Ps. 131:2-4](#): [Jer. 45:16](#).

b. When an affirmative asseveration is conveyed by the oath, it is introduced by ὅτι, not by εἰ, as in -

1 K. [1 Sam.] 29:6 ζῆ Κύριος, ὅτι εὐθὴς σὺ καὶ ἀγαθὸς ἐν ὀφθαλμοῖς μου.

3 K. [2 Kings] 18:15 ζῆ Κύριος . . . ὅτι σήμερον ὀφθήσομαι σοι,

or else is devoid of a conjunction, as in -

1 K. [1 Sam.] 1:26 ζῆ ἡ ψυχὴ σου, ἐγὼ ἡ γυνὴ κτλ.

[Jdg. 8:19](#) ζῆ Κύριος, εἰ ἐξωογονήκειτε αὐτούς, οὐκ ἂν ἀπέκτεινα ὑμᾶς.

c. In 4 K. [2 Kings] 3:14 ὅτι εἰ μή is merely a strengthened form of εἰ μή, so that the ἤ by which it is followed in Swete's text, instead of εἰ, seems to destroy the sense.

d. In the N.T. we have the jurative use of εἰ in -

[Mk. 8:12](#) ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, εἰ δοθήσεται τῇ γενεᾷ ταύτῃ σημεῖον.

Also in Hb. 3:11, 4:3 in quotations from [Ps. 94:11](#).

**102. εἰ' μή in Oaths.** As εἰ assumes a negative force in oaths and asseverations, so on the same principle εἰ μή becomes positive. Instances are -

Nb. [14:35](#) ἐγὼ Κύριος ἐλάλησα, εἰ μή οὕτως ποιήσω (= I will do so).

[Is. 45:23](#) κατ' ἑμαντοῦ ὁμνύω, εἰ μὴ ἐξελεύσεται ἐκ τοῦ στόματός μου δικαιοσύνη (= righteousness shall go forth from my mouth).

In 3 K. [2 Kings] 21:23 ἐὰν δὲ πολεμήσομεν αὐτοὺς κατ' εὐθύ, εἰ μὴ κραταιώσομεν ὑπὲρ αὐτούς the oath itself is suppressed as well as the apodosis.

**103.** εἰ μήν. εἰ μήν as a formula of asseveration has been supposed to be a blend between the Hebraistic εἰ μή (§102) and the Greek ἤ μήν. It is however not confined to Biblical Greek, but occurs also on the Papyri. We treat it under the head of Conjunctions because of the lack of accent. It would perhaps be more correct to write it εἰ μήν and regard it as an Interjection. The following are all the passages in which it occurs in the LXX -

[Gen. 22:17](#) εἰ μήν εὐλογῶν εὐλογήσω σε, [42:15](#) νῆ τὴν ὑγίαν Φαραώ, εἰ μήν κατάσκοποί ἐστε.

Nb. [14:23,28](#); [Jdg. 15:7](#); [Job 1:11](#), [2:5](#), [27:3](#); [Judith 1:12](#); [Baruch 2:29](#); [Ezk. 33:27](#), [34:8](#), [36:5](#), [38:19](#).

In 2 K. [2 Sam.] 19:35 what we have is εἰ interrogative (§100) followed by μήν.

In the N.T. εἰ μήν occurs only in Hb. 6:14 in a quotation from [Gen. 22:17](#).

**104.** ἐάν, etc., with the Indicative. a. As in Hellenistic Greek εἰ may take the subjunctive, so on the other hand ἐάν, ὅταν and the like are found with the indicative.

Instances of ἐάν with the indicative in the LXX are -

[Gen. 44:30](#) ἐάν εἰσπορεύομαι.

[Jdg. 6:3](#) ἐάν ἔσπειραν.

3 K. [2 Kings] 21:23 ἐὰν δὲ πολεμήσομεν αὐτοὺς κατ' εὐθύ.

[Job. 22:3](#) ἐάν σὺ ἦσθα.

So in N.T. --

[1 Jn. 5:15](#) ἐάν οἶδαμεν.

[Acts 7:7](#) τὸ ἔθνος, ᾧ ἐάν δουλεύσουσι. Cp. *Herm. Past. Vis.* 3.12.3 ἐάν . . . εἰρηνεύετε, 1.3.2 ἐάν . . . μετανοήσουσιν.

b. Instances of ὅταν with the indicative in the LXX are -

[Gen. 38:9](#) ὅταν εἰσῆρχετο.

[Ex. 17:11](#) ὅταν ἐπῆρεν Μωυσῆς τὰς χεῖρας.

Nb. [11:9](#) καὶ ὅταν κατέβη ἡ δρόσος, [21:9](#) ὅταν ἔδακνεν ὄφεις ἄνθρωπον.

1 K. [1 Sam.] 17:34 ὅταν ἦρχετο ὁ λέων καὶ ἡ ἄρκος.

[Ps. 119:7](#) ὅταν ἐλάλουν αὐτοῖς.

c. So in N.T. --

[Mk. 3:11](#) καὶ τὰ πνεύματα τὰ ἀκάθαρτα, ὅταν αὐτὸν ἐθεώρει, προσέπιπτεν αὐτῷ, [11:19](#) ὅταν ὀψὲ ἐγένετο.

[Rev. 8:1](#) ὅταν ἤνοιξε.

Cp. *Barn. Ep.* 4:14 ὅταν βλέπετε, [15:5](#) ὅταν . . . καταργήσει.

Ign. *Eph.* 8:1 ὅταν γὰρ μηδεμία ἔρις ἐνήρυσται ἐν ὑμῖν.

Herm. *Past. Sim.* 9.1.6 ὅταν ὁ ἥλιος ἐπικεκαύκει, ξηραὶ ἐγένοντο, 4.5 ὅταν . . . ἐτέθησαν.

Cp. 17.3. 6.4 ὅταν ἐπάτασεν.

d. Under the same head come the following -

Ex. 33:8, 34:34 ἡνίκα δ' ἂν εἰσεπορεύετο Μωσῆς, 40:30 ἡνίκα δ' ἂν ἀνέβη ἀπὸ τῆς σκηνῆς ἢ νεφέλη.

Tobit 7:11 ὁπότε ἂν εἰσεπορεύοντο. Cp. Barn. *Ep.* 12:3 ὁπότεν καθεῖλεν.

**105. ἐάν after a Relative.** a. ἐάν for ἂν after a relative seems to occur occasionally in Mss. of Attic authors, especially of Xenophon, but to have been expunged by editors. It is proved by the Papyri to have been in common use in Egypt during the first two centuries B.C. Biblical Greek is so full of this usage that it is superfluous to collect examples. Besides the simple relative in its various cases we have -

ὅσα ἐάν Gen. 44:1: Ex. 13:12. ἡνίκα ἐάν Gen. 24:41: Ex. 13:5.

οὗ ἐάν Ex. 20:24. καθὼς ἐάν Sir. 14:11: Dan. O' 1:13.

ὅθεν ἐάν Ex. 5:11.

As a rule the subjunctive follows, but not always.

Gen. 2:19 πᾶν ὃ ἐάν ἐκάλεσεν.

b. The use of ἂν in such cases is not quite excluded, e.g. Ex. 12:15, 19: Nb. 22:20.

c. In the N.T. also it is easier to find ἐάν in this connexion than ἂν, e.g. -

ὃ ἐάν Mt. 5:19, 10:14,42: Lk. 17:33.

ᾧ ἐάν Mt. 11:27: Lk. 10:22.

οὐ ἐάν 1 Cor. 16:3.

ὃ ἐάν 1 Cor. 6:18: Gal. 6:7: Col. 3:23: Eph. 6:8: Jn. 15:7: 1 Jn. 3:22: 3 Jn. 5.

καθὸ ἐάν 2 Cor. 8:12.

ὅπου ἐάν Mt. 8:19.

ὅ τι ἐάν 1 Jn. 3:19.

For instances of ἂν take 1 Jn. 3:17: Mt. 10:11: Lk. 10:5,8,10,35.

d. In the Apostolic Fathers also we find the same use of ἐάν after relatives-

Barn. *Ep.* 7:11 ὃ ἐάν θέλη, 11:8 πᾶν ῥῆμα ὁ768; ἐάν ἐξελεύσεται.

Herm. *Past. Vis.* 3.2.1 ὃ ἐάν πάθη, *Sim.* 7.7 ὅσοι [ἐάν] ἐν ταῖς ἐντολαῖς μου ταῦταις πορευθῶσιν, 9.2.7 ὅσα ἐάν σοι δεῖξω.

**106. ἵνα with the Indicative.** a. In the vast majority of places in which ἵνα occurs in the LXX it governs the subjunctive. The optative, as we have seen, has practically vanished from dependent clauses. But there are a few passages in Swete's text, and perhaps Ms. authority for more, in which ἵνα after a primary tense or the imperative mood takes a future indicative.

Gen. 16:2 εἴσελθε . . . ἵνα τεκνοποιήσεις.

3 K. [2 Kings] 2:3 φυλάξεις . . . ἵνα ποιήσεις.

Sus. Ο' 28 ἐνεδρεύοντες ἵνα θανατώσουσιν αὐτήν. Dan. Ο' 3:96 ἐγὼ κρίνω ἵνα πᾶν ἔθνος . . . διαμελισθήσεται.

b. The 1st person singular of the 1st aorist subjunctive may possibly have served as a stepping-stone to this use. Take for instance -

2 K. [2 Sam.] 19:22 ἀπόστηθι . . . ἵνα μὴ πατάξω σε.

This might easily lead by false analogy to -

ἀπελεύσομαι, ἵνα μὴ πατάξεις με.

This theory however fails to account for the following -

1 Esd. 4:50 ἵνα ἀφίουσι.

Tob. 14:9 σὺ δὲ τήρησον τὸν νόμον . . . ἵνα σοι καλῶς ᾦν.

The last can only be regarded as a monstrosity.

c. In the N.T. ἵνα with the future indicative occurs occasionally and is common in Revelation -

1 Cor. 9:18 ἵνα . . . θήσω.

Gal. 2:4 ἵνα ἡμᾶς καταδουλώσουσιν.

1 Pet. 3:1 ἵνα . . . κερδηθήσονται.

Rev. 3:9, 6:4, 8:3, 9:20, 14:13, 22:24 ἵνα ἔσται . . . καὶ . . . εἰσελθωσιν.

The last instance shows that even in the debased Greek of this book the subjunctive still claimed its rights on occasions.

d. There are two apparent instances in St. Paul's writings of ἵνα with a present indicative -

1 Cor. 4:6 ἵνα μὴ . . . φυσιοῦσθε.

Gal. 1:17 ἵνα αὐτοὺς ζηλοῦτε.

With regard to these Winer came to the conclusion that 'ἵνα with the indicative present is to be regarded as an impropriety of later Greek.' Perhaps however in these cases it is the accident, not the syntax, that is astray, φυσιοῦσθε and ζηλοῦτε being meant for the subjunctive. Winer closes his discussion of the subject by saying, 'It is worthy of remark, however the case may be, that in both instances the verb ends in οω.' Here the true explanation seems to lie. The hypothesis of an irregular contraction is not in itself a violent one, and it is confirmed by a passage of the LXX -

Ex. 1:16 ὅταν μαιοῦσθε τὰς Ἑβραίας καὶ ὧσιν πρὸς τῷ τίκτειν.

**107. Ellipse before ὅτι.** By the suppression of an imperative of a verb of knowing ὅτι acquires the sense of 'know that.'

Ex. 3:12 λέγων Ὅτι ἔσομαι μετὰ σοῦ.

Jdg. 15:7 εἶπεν . . . Σαμψὼν . . . ὅτι εἰ μὴν ἐκδικήσω ἐν ὑμῖν.

3 K. [2 Kings] 19:2 εἶπεν . . . ὅτι ταύτην τὴν ὥραν κτλ.

This usage originates in the Hebrew, but has a parallel in Greek in the similar ellipse before ὡς, which is common in Euripides, e.g. *Med.* 609: *Alc.* 1094: *Phaen.* 720, 1664: *Ion.* 935, 1404: *Hel.* 126, 831: *Hec.* 346, 400. Cp. *Soph. Aj.* 39.

**108.** ἀλλ' ἦ. a. The combination of particles ἀλλ' ἦ occurs in Swete's text 114 times at least. In most of these passages ἀλλ' ἦ is simply a strengthened form of ἀλλά. If it differs at all from it, it is in the same way as 'but only' in English differs from the simple 'but.' In the remainder of the 114 passages ἀλλ' ἦ has the same force as the English 'but' in the sense of 'except' after a negative expressed or implied. It is thus an equivalent for the classical εἰ μή. But even this latter meaning can be borne by the simple ἀλλά, if we may trust the reading of -

**Gen. 21:26** οὐδὲ ἐγὼ ἤκουσα ἀλλὰ σήμερον.

b. The idea has been entertained that ἀλλ' ἦ is not for ἀλλὰ ἦ, as the accentuation assumes, but for ἄλλο ἦ. This view would suit very well with such passages as **Gen. 28:17, 47:18: Dt. 10:12:** 2 K. [2 Sam.] 12:3: **Sir. 22:14**, where it happens that a neuter singular precedes, but it seems to have nothing else to recommend it.

Where ἀλλ' ἦ follows ἄλλος or ἕτερος, as in 4 K. [2 Kings] 5:17: **Dan. 3:95**, Θ 2:11: **1 Mac. 10:38**, the ἀλλά would be superfluous in classical Greek, so that in these cases it might be thought that the ἦ was strengthened by the ἀλλά, and not *vice versa*: but if we accept the use in **Gen. 21:26**, it follows that even here it is the ἀλλά which is strengthened.

c. In contrast with the abundance of instances in the O.T. and in Hellenistic Greek generally, e.g. in Aristotle, it is strange how rare this combination is in the N.T. In the Revisers' text it occurs only twice -

**Lk. 12:51** οὐχί, λέγω ὑμῖν, ἀλλ' ἦ διαμερισμόν.

**2 Cor. 1:13** οὐ γὰρ ἄλλα γράφομεν ὑμῖν, ἀλλ' ἦ ἅ ἀναγινώσκετε.

**109.** ὅτι ἀλλ' ἦ. This combination of particles occurs in the following passages of the LXX - **Jdg. 15:13:** 1 K. [1 Sam.] 2:30, 21:4, 21:6, 30:17, 30:22: 2 K. [2 Sam.] 13:33, 21:2: 3 K. [2 Kings] 18:18: 4 K. [2 Kings] 4:2, 5:15, 10:23, 14:6, 17:35,36, 23:23: **2 Chr. 2:6.**

An examination of these instances will show that they all fall under the same two heads as ἀλλ' ἦ. In the bulk of them ὅτι ἀλλ' ἦ is simply a strongly adversative particle (= but); in the remainder it is like our 'but' = 'except' after a negative expressed or implied. The reader will observe that the range of literature, within which this combination of particles is found, is very limited, being almost confined to the four books of Kingdoms. It looks therefore as if we had here a mere device of translation, not any recognised usage of later Greek. In all but the first two instances the underlying Hebrew is the same, consisting of two particles; in the first two there is only the particle corresponding to ὅτι, and these passages seem really to fall under § 107.

There is one place in which we find this combination of particles still more complicated by the use of διότι in place of ὅτι.

3 K. [2 Kings] 22:18 Οὐκ εἶπα πρὸς σέ Οὐ προφητεύει οὗτός μοι καλά, διότι ἀλλ' ἢ κακά;

**110.** ὅτι εἰ μὴ. This combination occurs in the following passages -

2 K. [2 Sam.] 2:27 Ζῆ Κύριος, ὅτι εἰ μὴ ἐλάλησας, διότι τότε ἐκ πρωίθεν ἀνέβη ὁ λαός,

3 K. [2 Kings] 17:1 Ζῆ Κύριος . . . εἰ ἔσται . . . ὑετός· ὅτι εἰ μὴ διὰ στόματος λόγου μου.

4 K. [2 Kings] 3:14 Ζῆ Κύριος . . . ὅτι εἰ μὴ πρόσωπον Ἰωσαφάθ . . . ἐγὼ λαμβάνω, εἴ (A) ἐπέβλεψα πρὸς σέ.

In the first of the above passages 'unless,' in the second 'except,' in the third 'only that' seem to give the exact shade of meaning. In all of them the ὅτι might be dispensed with, and owes its presence to the Hebrew.

**111.** ἀλλ' ἢ ὅτι. There are four passages in which this combination occurs -

Nb. 13:29 ἀλλ' ἢ ὅτι θρασὺ τὸ ἔθνος.

1 K. [1 Sam.] 10:19 Οὐχί, ἀλλ' ἢ ὅτι βασιλέα στήσεις ἐφ' ἡμῶν, 12:12 Οὐχί, ἀλλ' ἢ ὅτι βασιλεὺς βασιλεύσει ἐφ' ἡμῶν.

2 K. [2 Sam.] 19:28 ὅτι οὐκ ἦν πᾶς ὁ οἶκος τοῦ πατρὸς μου ἀλλ' ἢ ὅτι ἄνδρες θανάτου.

No one meaning suits all the above passages. In the first of them the Hebrew which corresponds to ἀλλ' ἢ ὅτι is rendered in the R.V. 'howbeit.' In the next two ἀλλ' ἢ ὅτι might just as well have been ὅτι ἀλλ' ἢ (= Lat. *sed.*), as in [Jdg. 15:3](#) (§ 109). In the fourth also ὅτι ἀλλ' ἢ might have been used in the sense of 'but' in 'nothing but,' etc., as in 1 K. [1 Sam.] 21:6, 30:17: 4 K. [2 Kings] 4:2, 5:15: [2 Chr. 2:6](#).

**112.** λέγων, **etc., for the Hebrew Gerund.** a. A special cause of irregularity in LXX Greek is the treatment of the Hebrew gerund of the verb 'to say' (= Lat. *dicendo*), which is constantly used to introduce speeches. As the Greek language has no gerund, this is rendered in the LXX by a participle. But the form being fixed in the Hebrew, the tendency is to keep it so in the Greek also. Hence it is quite the exception to find the participle agreeing with its subject, as in -

1 K. [1 Sam.] 19:2 ἀπήγγειλεν . . . λέγων, 19:11 ἀπήγγειλε . . . λέγουσα.

b. If the subject is neuter or feminine, the participle may still be masculine-

[Gen. 15:1](#): 1 K. [1 Sam.] 15:10 ἐγενήθη ῥῆμα Κυρίου . . . λέγων.

4 K. [2 Kings] 18:36 ὅτι ἐντολὴ τοῦ βασιλέως λέγων.

Also, if the sentence is impersonal -

3 K. [2 Kings] 20:9 ἐγέγραπτο . . . λέγων.

[2 Chr. 21:12](#) ἦλθεν . . . ἐν γραφῇ . . . λέγων.

[Jonah 3:7](#) ἐρρέθη . . . λέγων.

c. But the participle may even refer to another subject, as -

4 K. [2 Kings] 19:9 ἤκουσεν . . . λέγων = he heard say.

d. It is rare for the Greek to fare so well as in -

[Dt. 13:12](#) ἐὰν δὲ ἀκούσης . . . λεγόντων.

And here the genitive is probably not governed by ἀκούειν, but used absolutely. Cp. -

1 K. [1 Sam.] 24:2 ἀπηγγέλη αὐτῷ λεγόντων.

e. A very common case is to have the verb in the passive, either impersonally or personally, and the participle in the nominative plural masculine, thus -

ἀπηγγέλη . . . λέγοντες [Gen. 38:24](#), [48:2](#); [Josh. 2:2](#), [10:17](#): 1 K. [1 Sam.] 14:33, 15:12, 19:19, 23:1.

ἀνηγγέλη . . . λέγοντες [Jdg. 16:2](#); [Gen. 22:20](#).

διεβοήθη ἡ φωνὴ . . . λέγοντες [Gen. 45:16](#).

εὐλογηθήσεται Ἰσραὴλ λέγοντες [Gen. 48:20](#).

An adjacent case is -

[Ezk. 12:22](#) Τίς ἡ παραβολὴ ὑμῶν . . . λέγοντες;

f. When the verb is active and finite, the construction presents itself as good Greek, as in -

3 K. [2 Kings] 12:10 ἐλάλησαν . . . λέγοντες,

but this is a little better than an accident, for what immediately follows is -

Τάδε λαλήσεις τῷ λαῷ τούτῳ τοῖς λαλήσασιν πρὸς σὲ λέγοντες κτλ.

In [Dt. 18:16](#) we have even ἡτήσω . . . λέγοντες.

g. Where the principal verb is not one of saying, the divorce between it and the participle is complete, both in sense and grammar -

[Ex. 5:14](#) ἐμαστιγώθησαν . . . λέγοντες, [5:19](#) ἐώρων . . . λέγοντες,

where the 'being beaten' and the 'seeing' are predicated of one set of persons and the 'saying' of another. Cp. the complex case in [1 Mac. 13:17,18](#).

h. In the N.T. this Hebraism occurs only once -

[Rev. 11:15](#) φωναὶ . . . λέγοντες.

**113. Idiomatic Use of προστιθέναι.** a. Another very common Hebraism is the use of προστιθέναι with the infinitive of another verb in the sense of doing a thing more or again, e.g. -

[Gen. 37:8](#) προσέθεντο ἔτι μισεῖν = they hated still more. Cp. [Gen. 4:2](#), [12, 8:21](#), [44:23](#).

[Ex. 8:29](#) μὴ προσθήῃς ἔτι . . . ἐξαπατήσαι. Cp. [Ex. 9:28](#), [10:28](#), [14:13](#).

Nb. [22:15,19,25](#); [Dt. 3:26](#), [5:25](#); [Josh. 7:12](#); [Jdg. 8:28](#), [10:6](#), [13:1,21](#); [1 Mac. 9:1](#).

b. Sometimes τοῦ precedes the infinitive, as -

[Ex. 9:34](#) προσέθετο τοῦ ἀμαρτάνειν.

[Josh. 23:13](#) οὐ μὴ προσθήῃ Κύριος τοῦ ἐξολεθρεῦσαι.

[Jdg. 2:21](#) οὐ προσθήσω τοῦ ἐξᾶραι. Cp. [Jdg. 9:37](#), [10:13](#).

c. The same construction may be used impersonally in the passive -

[Ex. 5:7](#) οὐκέτι προστεθήσεται διδόναι ἄχυρον τῷ λαῷ.

d. Sometimes the dependent verb is dropped after the middle or passive -

Nb. [22:26](#) καὶ προσέθετο ὁ ἄγγελος τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ ἀπελθὼν ὑπέστη. Cp. 4 K. [2 Kings] 1:11.

Ex. 11:6 ἥτις τοιαύτη οὐ γέγονεν καὶ τοιαύτη οὐκέτι προστεθήσεται.

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