

Lesson Eleven

Πρω ἄμαρ μὴτ οὔαι

The Similar Coptic Sounds

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

Sound	Coptic letter & condition	Examples
1. V	B + vowel ⲁ / ⲉ + ⲃ	ⲃⲁ, ⲃⲉ, ⲃⲏ, ⲃⲓ, ⲃⲟ, ⲃⲱ ⲁⲃ, ⲉⲃ
2. G as go	Ⲅ + ⲉ, ⲓ, ⲏ, ⲣ Ⲇ + ⲁ, ⲟ, ⲱ	Ⲅⲉ, Ⲅⲓ, Ⲅⲏ, Ⲅⲣ Ⲇⲁ, Ⲇⲟ, Ⲇⲱ
3. N	Ⲏ Ⲅ + Ⲅ, ⲕ, ⲛ, ⲭ	e.g. ⲁⲄⲄⲉⲗⲟⲥ, ⲥⲁⲗⲡⲓⲄⲛ, ⲁⲎⲁⲄⲕⲏ, ⲉⲄⲭⲟⲥ
4. T	Ⲙ Ⲙ, ⲱ, ⲥ + Ⲑ	e.g. ⲥⲐⲟⲓ, ⲱⲐⲁⲙ, ⲙⲁⲘⲐⲉⲟⲥ
5. F	Ⲙ Ⲙ	
6. D	Ⲏ in proper nouns Ⲏ + Ⲙ in Greek words	ⲎⲁⲣⲓⲎ : David ⲟⲎⲘⲱⲥ : likewise
7. Z	Ⲙ ⲥ + ⲙ in Greek words	ⲕⲟⲥⲙⲟⲥ : world