

## Lesson Twelve

Πρωϣ ὠμὰς μὴτ ἕναϣ

### Syllables

The Coptic word may consist of one or more syllables.

#### Types of syllables:

1. Open syllable which ends with a vowel : e.g. ὠμὰς : Place

2. Closed syllable which ends with a consonant :

e.g. ὠϣ : to read

A syllable is a part of a word which consist of :

1. A vowel
2. Two vowels compounded into one sound (αΙ).
3. Consonant and a vowel.
4. Consonant with jinkim (π̣).
5. Consonant and a compound sound (ϣαΙ).
6. More than one consonant and a vowel (ϣομτ : three {3}).

Dividing the word into syllables facilitates reading.

#### Examples :

- 1) Two syllable word : βα|κι : city
- 2) Three syllable word : μο|να|χοϣ : monk
- 3) Four syllable word : ὠ|ϣ|ρη|τ̣ : like, as
- 4) Five syllable word : εϣ|λο|ση|με|νοϣ : blessed

**Exercise:** Divide the following words into syllables and write them:

1. μαρτυροϣ
2. ἕταυροϣ
3. εθουαβ
4. πιχριστοϣ
5. ιεροναλμ
6. θεοϣ
7. μετμαρτυροϣ
8. αρχη
9. ασσελοϣ
10. πιενασσελιςτης