

KOINE' KORNER #1

Welcome to "Koine' Korner." Lord willing, this work will be a series of articles dedicated to the learning of the importance and the usage of the "Koine' Greek" language, by Almighty God in the Scriptural dispensations which have existed from the manifestation of The Only Begotten Son of God in the flesh, to the present day.

Koine' (pronounced "coin-ay") Greek owns a tremendous place in the languages of mankind since it was the Koine' Greek that God the Holy Spirit chose to pen the New Testament Scriptures by way of the hands of men.

Historians subdivide the Greek language in time as follows:

- (i) "Linear B" (1450 BC to 800 BC)
 - (ii) "Classical" (800 BC to 400 BC)
 - (iii) "Koine'" (400 BC to 500 AD)
 - (iv) "Byzantine" (500 AD to 1400 AD)
 - (v) "Modern" (1400 AD to present).
- (i) "Linear B" is the earliest form of Greek. It is a form of script that was used for writing Mycenaean Greek, which is the earliest attested form of Greek.
 - (ii) "Classical Greek" was the form of Greek used by famous ancient writers such as Homer and Plato. People called Classical Greek "a marvelous form of the language, capable of exact expression and subtle nuances."
 - (iii) "Koine' Greek" Athens, Greece was conquered in 358 BC by King Philip of Macedonia. Alexander the Great (356 to 323 BC) was Philip's son. In just 32 years of life on earth, Alexander the Great had conquered most of the civilized world of his day. From northwestern India to Greece (including Israel and Palestine) to Egypt; Alexander spoke what was called "Attic Greek". As Greek spread across the known world, due to Alexander's military victories, it was altered a bit as it "met" other languages. This sort of thing has happened to many dialects. The regions now ruled by Alexander adapted to the Greek language ultimately creating "Koine' Greek" (or "common Greek"; or "the people's Greek"). It is important to realize that during the "time" of Alexander the Great, the state of Israel was in disarray; Israel even having "lost touch" with their own national language of Old Testament Hebrew, which was instituted by God Himself.

I pray that I will "see" you folks again at the next installment of Koine' Korner, Lord willing.

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