The Cosmos and Elements

More Greek Vocabulary

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The Heavens

- ὁ οὐρανός, "sky, heaven"
 - Usually in the plural οἱ οὐρανοι, "sky, heaven"
- οὐράνιος, -η, -ον, (adj.) "heavenly"
- ὁ ἥλιος, "sun"
- ή σελήνη, "moon"
- ὁ ἀστήρ, "star"
 - 3rd decl., real stem ἀστερ- (gen., ἀστερος; dat. pl., ἀστρασι)





Light and Darkness

- ὁ ζόφος, "gloom, shadow, shade"
- τὸ σκότος, "darkness"
 - 3rd declension (gen., σκοτους; nom. and acc., σκοτος)
- φωτίζω, "light, brighten, enlighten"
 - 1st aorist: ἐφωτισα
- τὸ φῶς, "light"
 - 3rd declension, real stem $\phi\omega\tau$ (gen., $\phi\omega\tau$ o ς ; nom. and acc. $\phi\omega\varsigma$)
- φαίνω, "appear; shine"
 - 2nd aorist: ἐφανον (stem φαν-)





The World

- ὁ κόσμος, "world, cosmos"
- ἡ γαία, "land, country"
- τὸ ὕψος, "height"
 - 3rd declension (γενος-type)
- τὸ βάθος, "depth"
 - 3rd declension (γενος-type)





The Elements

- $\dot{\eta} \gamma \ddot{\eta}$, "earth, land"
- τὸ ὕδωρ, "water"
- ή νεφέλη, "cloud"
- ὁ ἄνεμος, "wind"
- τὸ πῦρ, "fire"
 - 3rd declension (gen., $\pi \nu \rho o \varsigma$)





Creation and the Powers

- κτίζω, "I create, make, shape"
 - future: **κτισω**
 - 1st aorist: ἐκτισα ($\zeta + \sigma\alpha = \sigma\alpha$)
- ἡ κτίσις, "creation, shaping"
 - 3rd declension (πολις-type)
- ἡ ἄρχη, "beginning, first; power, authority, ruler"
- ὁ αἴων, "age, era; power"
 - 3rd declension (Σιμων-type)





Realms Above and Below

- ὁ παράδεισος, "enclosed park, garden, orchard; paradise, Eden"
- ὁ ἄδης, "Hades, the underworld, the grave"
 - unusual masculine noun taking (mostly) 1st decl. endings
 - gen.: ἀδου, but dat.: άδη, acc.: άδην
- ἡ γέεννα, "Gehenna, place of punishment, hell"
 - gen.: της γεεννης
 - a Hebrew loan-word meaning "Hinnom valley"

