

AGE Unit 8 (nouns concluded) Part 1 (3rd declension nouns completed)
CLASSICAL reading

Thucydides 8.18

In his history of the Peloponnesian War (fought primarily between the πόλεις of Athens and Sparta), Thucydides documents the terms of a treaty made between the Spartans and the Persians in 412 BC. βασιλεύς here always refers to the King of Persia.

8.18 Ἐπὶ τοῖσδε ξυμμαχίαν ἐποίησαντο πρὸς βασιλέα καὶ Τισσαφέρην
Λακεδαιμόνιοι καὶ οἱ ξύμμαχοι.
ὀπόσῃν χώραν καὶ πόλεις βασιλεὺς ἔχει
καὶ οἱ πατέρες οἱ βασιλέως εἶχον,
βασιλέως ἔστω·

καὶ ἐκ τούτων τῶν πόλεων ὀπόσα Ἀθηναίους ἐφοῖτα χρήματα ἢ ἄλλο τι,
κωλύόντων κοινῇ βασιλεὺς καὶ Λακεδαιμόνιοι καὶ οἱ ξύμμαχοι
ὀπως μήτε χρήματα λαμβάνωσιν Ἀθηναῖοι μήτε ἄλλο μηδέν.

καὶ τὸν πόλεμον τὸν πρὸς Ἀθηναίους κοινῇ πολεμούντων
βασιλεὺς καὶ Λακεδαιμόνιοι καὶ οἱ ξύμμαχοι·
καὶ κατάλυσιν τοῦ πολέμου πρὸς Ἀθηναίους μὴ ἐξέστω ποιεῖσθαι,
ἣν μὴ ἀμφοτέροις δοκῇ βασιλεῖ καὶ Λακεδαιμονίοις καὶ τοῖς ξυμμάχοις.

ἣν δέ τινες ἀφιστῶνται ἀπὸ βασιλέως,
πολέμιοι ὄντων καὶ Λακεδαιμονίοις καὶ τοῖς ξυμμάχοις·
καὶ ἣν τινες ἀφιστῶνται ἀπὸ Λακεδαιμονίων καὶ τῶν ξυμμάχων,
πολέμιοι ὄντων βασιλεῖ κατὰ ταυτά.

VOCABULARY

Ἀθηναῖοι (nom pl) Ἀθηναίους (dat pl)
Ἀθηναίους (acc pl) ó Athenians
ἄλλο (nom/acc sg) τό other
ἀμφοτέροις (dat pl) ó both
ἀφιστῶνται (3rd pl) rebel from
δοκῆ ~ δοκεῖ seem best
εἶχον(3rd pl) held
ἐξέστω let it be possible
ἐπὶ τοῖσδε on these (terms)
ἐποιήσαντο (3rd pl) made
ἔστω let it be
ἐφοίτα (3rd sg) accrued
ἔχω have, hold
ἦν ~ εἶ
κατάλυσις –εως ή truce
κοινῇ in common, together
κωλύόντων (3rd pl) Let them prevent
Λακεδαιμόνιοι (nom pl)
 Λακεδαιμονίων (gen pl)
 Λακεδαιμονίους (dat pl) ó Spartans

λαμβάνωσιν ~ λαμβάνουσιν
μηδέν (nom/acc sg) τό nothing
ξυμμαχίαν (acc sg) ή alliance
ξύμμαχοι (nom pl) ξυμμάχων (gen pl)
 ξυμμάχοις (dat pl) ó allies
ὄντων (3rd pl) let them be
όπόσα (nom/acc pl) τό however much, all that
όπόσην (acc sg) ή however much, all that
όπως so that
ποιεῖσθαι ~ ποιεῖν
πολέμιοι (nom pl) ó enemies
πόλεμον (acc sg) πολέμου (gen sg) ó war
πολεμούντων Let them make war
ταυτά = τὰ αὐτά
Τισσαφέρην (acc sg) ó Tissaphernes (*the Persian official representing Persia in this treaty*)
τούτων (gen pl) these
χρημα –ατος τό money, assets
χώραν (acc sg) ή territory