

(still working with prepositions)

Letter change and development with prepositions..something for you to observe and remember that it happens but I am not asking you to memorize the details.

Some strange things happen to the spelling of prepositions as they occur in the text. Note the following:

--If the preposition ends with a vowel and the word following begins with a smooth (unaspirated) vowel, then:

ἀπό = ἀπ'  
 διὰ = δι'  
 ἐπί = ἐπ'  
 κατὰ = κατ'  
 μετά = μετ'  
 παρὰ = παρ'  
 ὄπισθό = ὄπισθ'  
 ἐκ = ἐξ (hmm!)

But if the vowel is one with rough (aspirated) breathing, then these changes appear:

ἀπὶ = ἀφ'  
 ἐπὶ = ἐφ'  
 κατὰ = καθ'  
 μετὰ = μεθ'  
 ὄπισθό = ὄφ'

--If the preposition ends with a liquid consonant (V) the following letter adjustments may be seen

These are the letters with which the following words begin..	γ, κ, χ = ἐγ, συγ	and these are the resultant forms of the prepositions εν (in) σὺν (with as the liquid V assimilates
	π, β, φ = ἐμ, σὺμ	
	σ, ξ = ἐς, σὺς	
	λ = ἐλ, σὺλ	

And the above changes occur in compounding verbs or just as words are arranged in a sentence. If it is little and curious looking, suspect an evolved preposition.