

GREEK ALPHABET



Αποκάλυψη 1:8: Ἐγὼ εἶμι τὸ Α καὶ τὸ Ω ἀρχὴ καὶ τέλος, λέγει ὁ κύριος ὁ ὢν καὶ ὁ ἦν καὶ ὁ ἐρχόμενος ὁ παντοκράτωρ - Ἰησοῦς

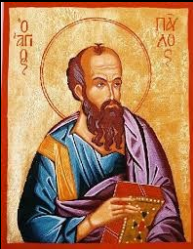
Greek or Hellenic comes from the Branch of the Indo-European Family of Languages. In its Classification, it is mostly Singular with Several Dialects. Among Linguists, there is a Debate about the possibility of there being a Hellenic Group to include Macedonian as it was not considered a mere Dialect of Greek. It is argued that out of all the Indo-European Branches, Greek is the closest to the Ancient Languages of Armenian and the Aryans. The History of Greece starts around the 2nd Millennium BC Paleolithic Period. The original Peoples were called Pelasgians.

The Greek Culture reached its Golden Age wherein it contributed to much of Philosophy, Democracy and Religion in Western Civilization. The Greeks have contributed much to the Mythological Constructs of the Ancient 'God's and Demi-Gods. This gave way to the Modern Olympic Movement based on the Legends of the Biblical 'Men of Renown', Half-Human and Angelic Hybrids, such as the Titans and the Olympians and their Offspring. The Greeks through Plato, for example preserved the Record of Atlantis that was said to be a Continent beyond the Pillars of Hercules, etc.

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| Hellenic: Greek (ΕΛΛΑΣ) |
| GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION: Greece, Cyprus, Italy, Anatolia, Black Sea |
| LINGUISTIC CLASSIFICATION: Indo-European Greco-Phrygian Hellenic |
| Proto-language: Proto-Greek |
| Subdivisions: Greek / Macedonian |



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| GREEK DIALECTS |
| Cretan |
| Maniot |
| Pontic |
| Sarakatsanika |
| Tsakonian |
| OTHER LANGUAGES |
| Macedonian Slavic |
| Bulgarian |
| Turkish |
| Aromanian |
| Megleno-Romanian |



APOSTLE PAUL

One of the Greatest

Contributions of Greece has been the Christian New Testament. Perhaps the most influential Apostle to Greece was the Apostle Paul, a Jew that Converted, formerly persecuted Jews who believed in Jesus as the Messiah. Paul had several Evangelical Missionary Trips to Greece in the 1st Century. He planted the 1st known Christian Churches and the Framework for Church Government. He helped spread Christianity into Europe. Paul, the Apostle of Jesus was beheaded in Rome by Nero.

As a Secular State, the only Religion that Greece recognizes is the Greek Orthodox Christian Church. It has its Capital in what was Constantinople, present-day Istanbul. During the Ottoman Occupation, the Church served to preserve the Greek Language, Culture and Identity. The Modern Republic was set-up just before World War 1. There is a small Muslim Community in Thrace and a Jewish one in Thessaloniki that came from Spain due to the Expulsion of 1492. Recently there has been a Political Resurgence in Nationalism and a Movement to reconstruct the Ancient Greek Religion.

COUNTRY DEMOGRAPHICS

Greece is divided into 9 Geographic Regions. The Greek Population shows a rapid increase of the Percentage of the Elderly People. Nearly 20% above 65 Years. Greece has received a large Number of Muslim Immigrants since the early 1990s. The majority of them come from Neighboring Countries. The Official Language of Greece is Greek, spoken by 93% of the Total Population as their Primary Language and by almost all, as a 2nd Language at least. There are 5 Major Greek Dialects.

Capital: Athena
Population: ~12 Million
Median Age: 42.5 Years

Male: 41.4 years

Female: 43.6 years

Growth Rate: -1.01

Life Expectancy at Birth

Total Population: 80.05 Years

Male: 77.48 Years

Female: 82.79 Years (2022 est.)

| CAPITAL | LOWERCASE | GREEK | SOUND | ENGLISH |
|---------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|
| Α | α | αλφα | alpha | a |
| Β | β | βητα | beta | b |
| Γ | γ | γαμμα | gamma | g |
| Δ | δ | δελτα | delta | d |
| Ε | ε | εψιλον | epsilon | e |
| Ζ | ζ | ζητα | zeta | z |
| Η | η | ητα | eta | h |
| Θ | θ | θητα | theta | th |
| Ι | ι | ιωτα | iota | i |
| Κ | κ | καππα | kappa | k |
| Λ | λ | λαμδα | lambda | l |
| Μ | μ | μυ | mu | m |
| Ν | ν | νυ | nu | n |
| Ξ | ξ | ξι | xi | x |
| Ο | ο | ομικρον | omicron | o |
| Π | π | πι | pi | p |
| Ρ | ρ | ρω | rho | r |
| Σ | σ | σιγμα | sigma | s |
| Τ | τ | ταυ | tau | t |
| Υ | υ | υφιλον | upsilon | u |
| Φ | φ | φι | phi | ph |
| Χ | χ | χι | chi | ch |
| Ψ | ψ | ψι | psi | ps |
| Ω | ω | ωμεγα | omega | o |



LINGUA FRANCA

The Peninsula and the various islands of Greece were united under Alexander the Great. At a Young Age, he conquered the then Known World. The various Ancient Dialects, Ionic, Doric, with Corinthian and Macedonian were unified into Koine Greek. With this Framework, the Greek Language became the 1st Worldwide 'Linguae Franca'. The Romans overtook Greece that later Morphed into the Byzantine Empire. It fell to the Muslims in the 15th Century.

GATES OF HELL

Another very Important Contribution of Greece, was the Contention against the Invasion attempts from the East to include the Persian and Ottoman Empires primarily. The Legend of King Leonidas' 300 Spartans staved-off the Persians at the Gates of Hell, or rather, Thermopylae. They exemplified the constant struggle against the Hordes of Asians and later, Muslims bent on retracting Western Civilization back to the Middle Ages. Currently this same Wave of Peoples, is again Knocking on the Doors of Greeks, as a Gate-Way to Europe, as many are seeking Asylum due to the wars of the Middle East.

