## How to Use Greek & Hebrew Study Tools

## Greek Exercise 2 – Interlinear Survey

For this exercise, complete an interlinear survey as described in this chapter using the same sentence excerpt as in Exercise 1. We will continue using this excerpt, focusing particularly on the verb *have* in Ephesians 1:7.

#	NKJV	Grammar	Interlinear	Observation	NLT
1	In				
2	Him				
3	we				
4	have				
5	redemption				
6	through				
7	His				
8	blood,				
9	the				
10	forgiveness				
11	of				
12	sin				

Write down at least five observations based on this exercise. Especially note anything interesting gleaned from the differences between NKJV, the Interlinear glosses, and NLT.

Observations primarily state the obvious and do not make interpretive statements. For example, an observation for Exercise 2 could be, "Ephesians 1:7 begins with a prepositional phrase." An interpretive remark would be something like, "Redemption is available only in Christ." That remark is true and accurate, but that is not the actual wording of the passage. Observations stay with the actual wording and state simply what is in the text. Other observations would be: there are three prepositions in this part of Paul's sentence; there are two pronouns in this part of Paul's sentence; and so on.

Making clear observational statements helps the student focus on what is actually in the text, and those statements will often lead to important insights into the text. The student should make a habit of writing down those insights (or questions that are generated by observations) so that those thoughts are not lost.