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Greek Exegesis

# **Lesson 4**

**Romans 1:24-27**

## **Romans 1:18-20: Revelation**

18) God's wrath is revealed upon people who have suppressed the truth of God while living in ungodliness and unrighteousness.

19) Everyone knows the truth because God has revealed Himself to every human being.

20) God has revealed His invisible attributes - His eternal power and Godhead - through creation.

20) For man to be without a defense before God.

## **Romans 1:21-23: Response**

v21) At the time they knew God, in their suppression of the truth, they experienced 7-stages of degradation.

- 1) They did not glorify Him as God
- 2) They were not thankful

Instead

- 3) They became empty in their thinking.
- 4) Their heart that was without understanding was darkened

v)22

5) While professing to be wise

6) They became fools

v)23

7) They changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image like to:

1) corruptible man

2) birds

3) four footed beasts

4) reptiles

## **Romans 1:24-27: Reprobate**

Three Stages of Judgment

v)24 "God gave them over"

"in lusts of their hearts" - condition

"for uncleanness" - purpose

"to dishonor their own bodies among themselves"

v)25 "Who changed the truth of God in the lie"

The Lie

Man as his own god

First presented in Genesis 3:4-5

<sup>4</sup> And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

<sup>5</sup> For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Presented by Satan in Matthew 4:8-10

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

<sup>9</sup> And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

<sup>10</sup> Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

## Paul's teaching in I Corinthians 10:19-20

<sup>19</sup> What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing?

<sup>20</sup> But I *say*, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.

"and worshiped and served the creation more than the One who created"

The result of self-deification is self-indulgence.

## Summary

Because man has substituted God for a god of his own making, God gave man over to his own way.

# 3 Stages of Judgment

verses 24, 26, 28

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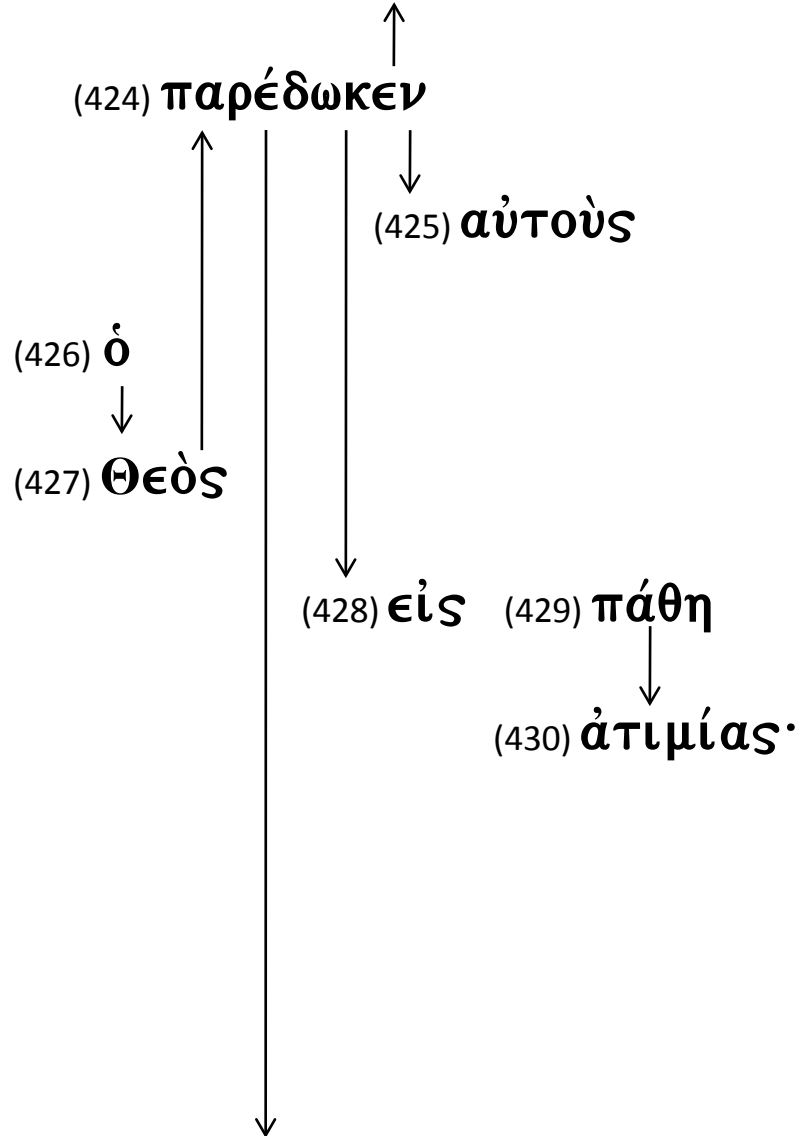
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Refers back to what was said in verses 24-25

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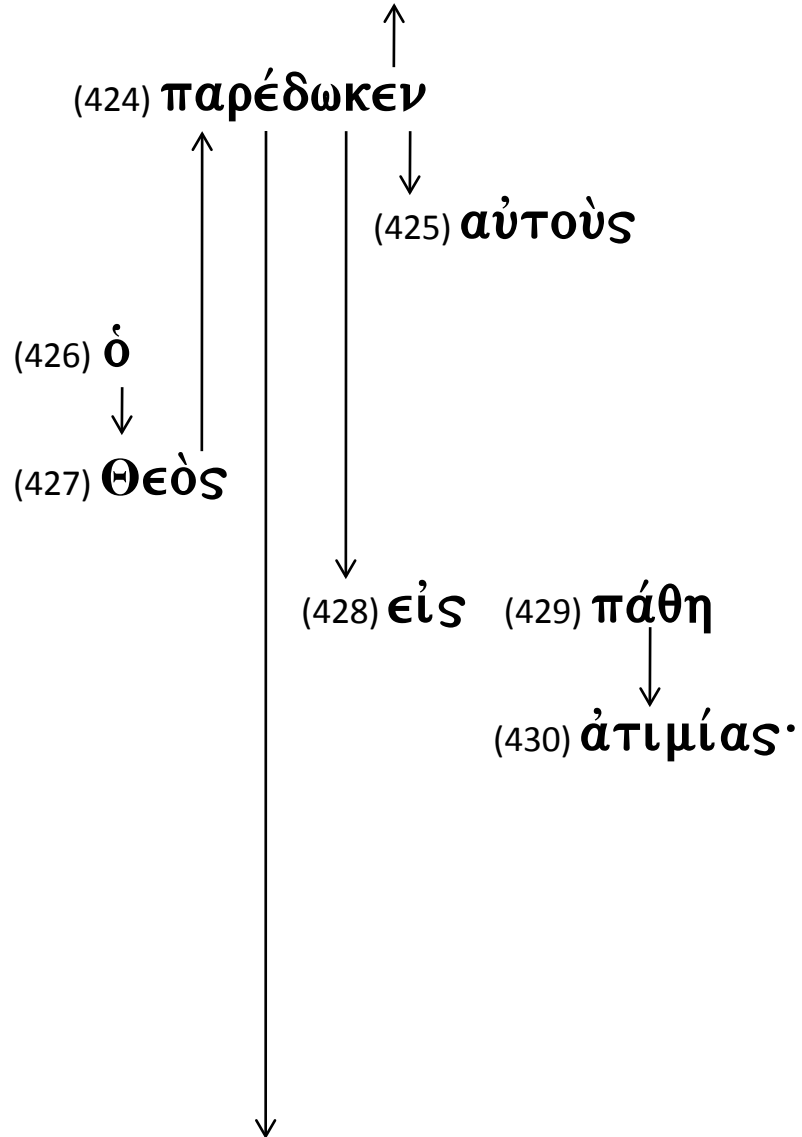
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Judicial Term:  
to hand a prisoner over for his sentence

God withdrawing His protective and restraining hand.

## **Hosea 4:17**

Ephraim *is* joined to idols: let him alone.

## **II Chronicles 15:2**

And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The LORD *is* with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.

Freedom for us to do what we want  
is punishment for our rebellion against God.

Given freedom that they demanded  
they became free to be enslaved to themselves.

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ἐπιθυμία = evil desire

πάθος = constant burning passion

to experience something  
with the emotions

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characterized by disgrace

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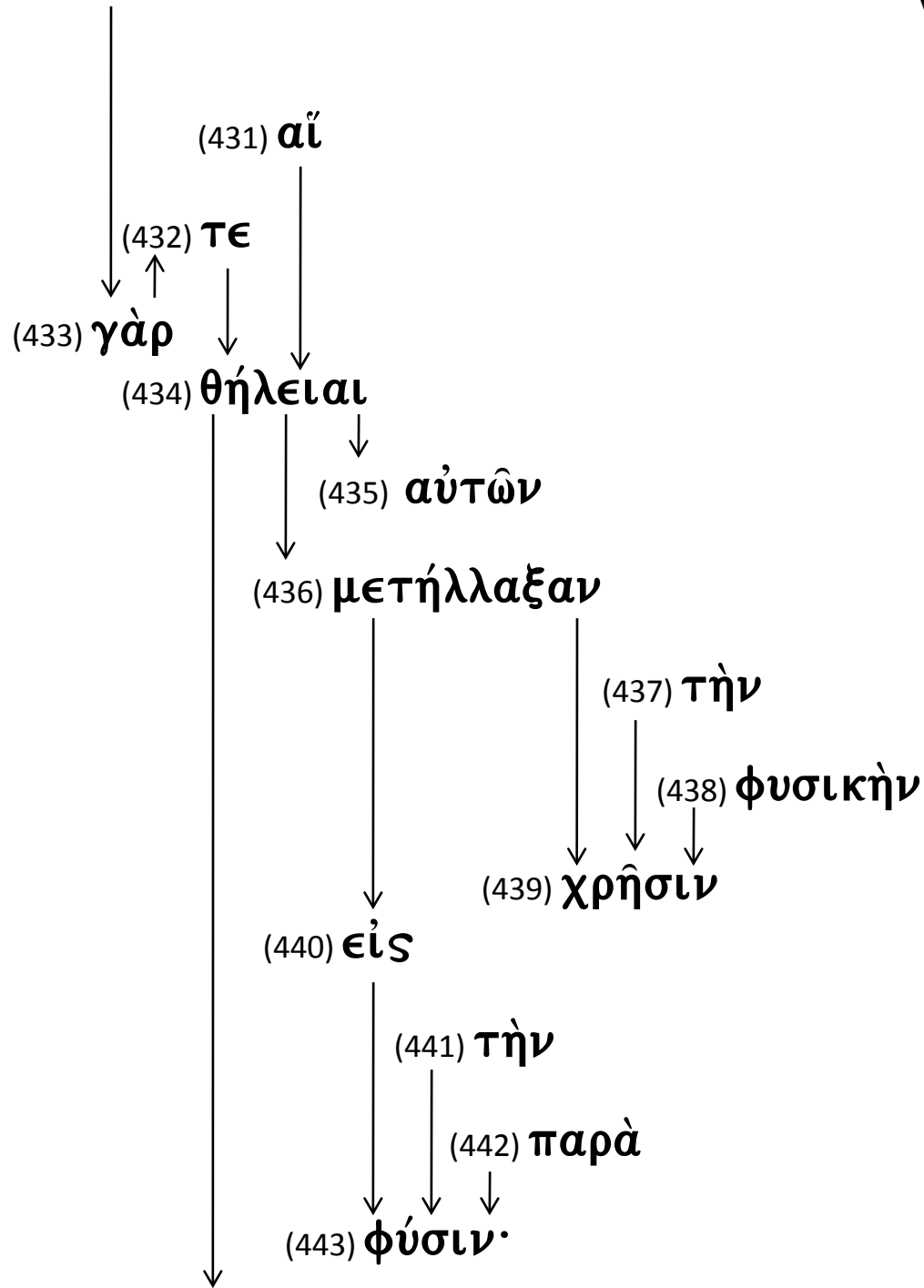
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explanation of verse 26a

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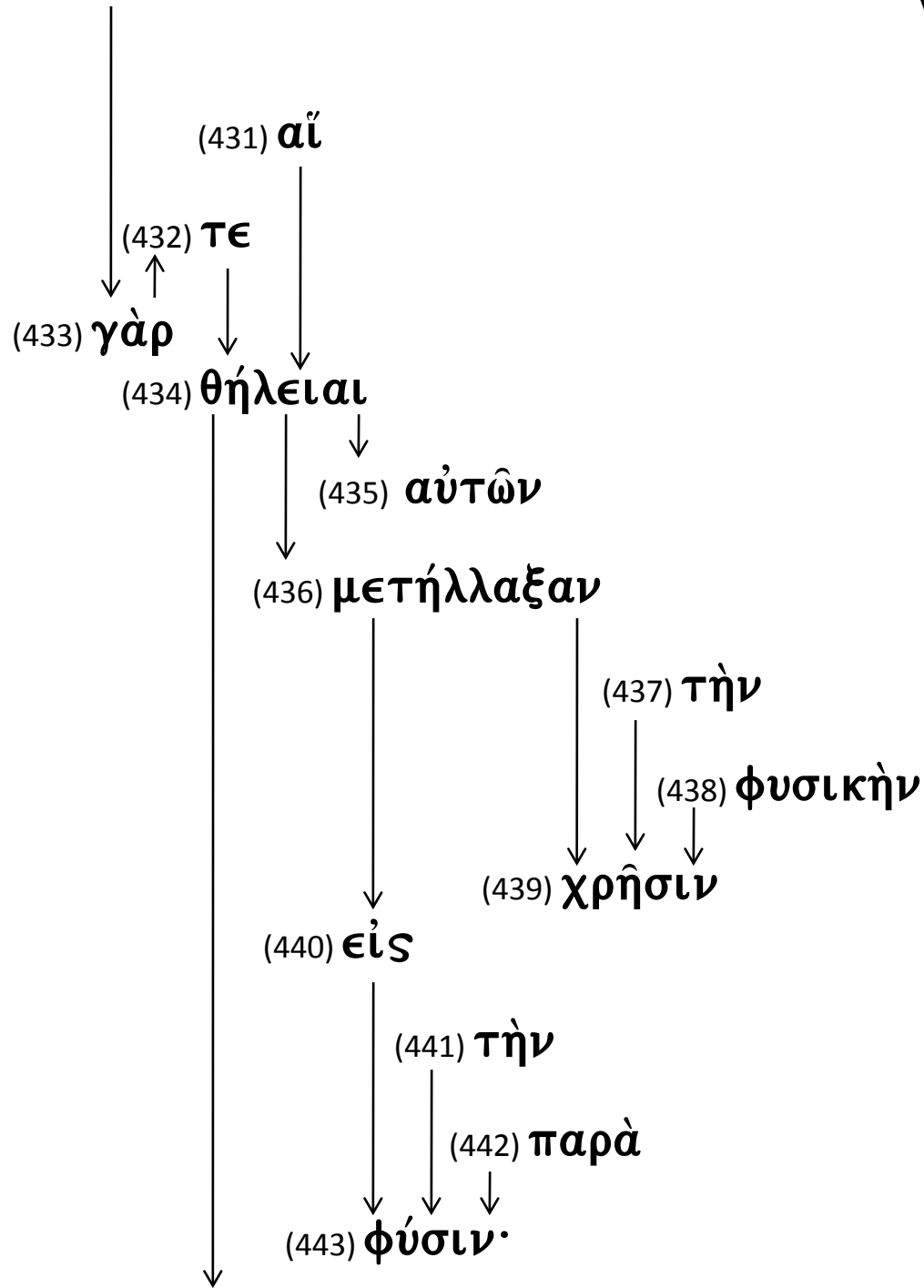
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γυνή = woman

άνήρ = man

## **Genesis 1:27**

So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Rebellion against

**Genesis 1:28**

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

## **Genesis 2:21-25**

<sup>21</sup> And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

<sup>22</sup> And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

<sup>23</sup> And Adam said, *This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.*

<sup>24</sup> *Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.*

<sup>25</sup> *And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.*

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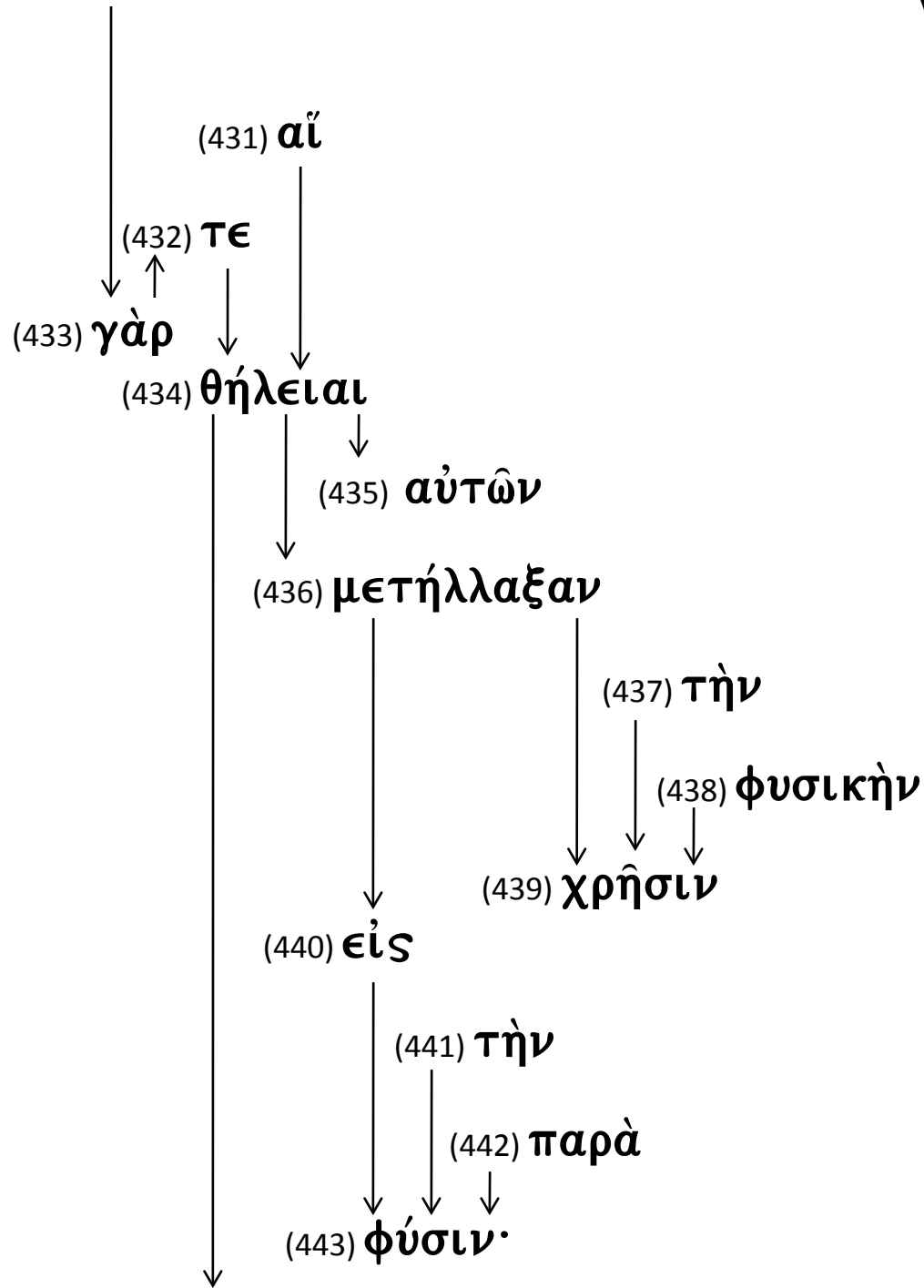
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Natural = according to nature

Anatomy reveals natural use.

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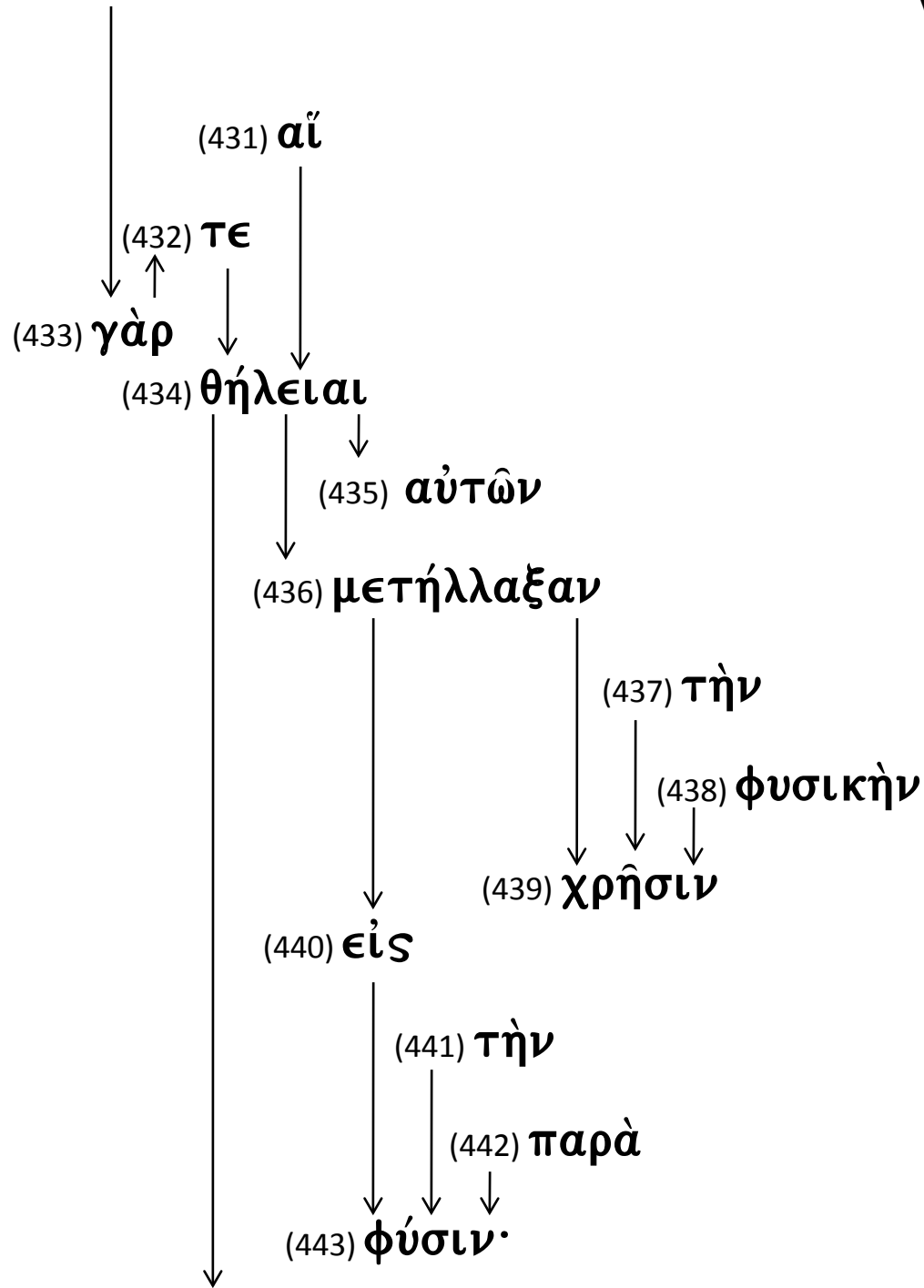
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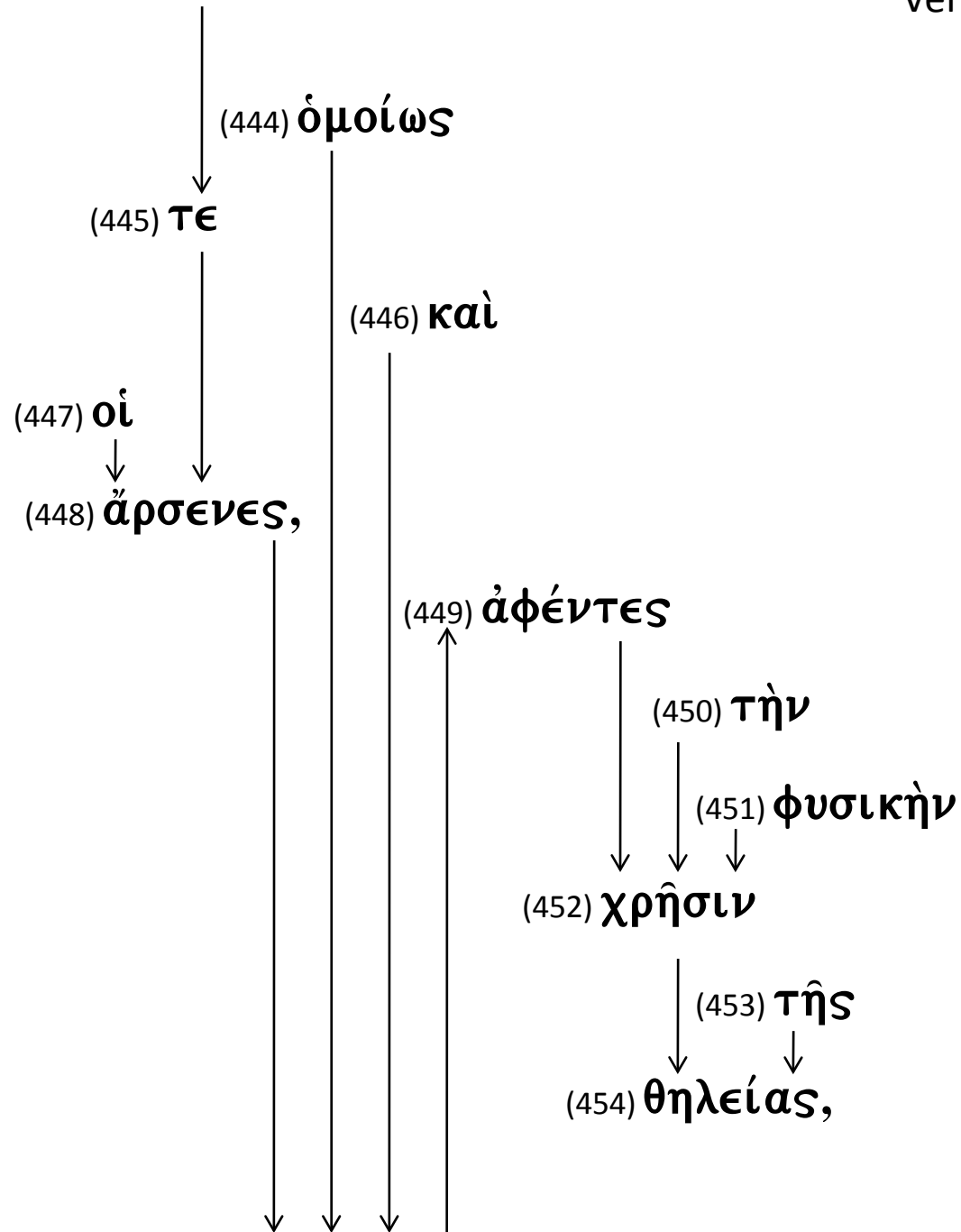
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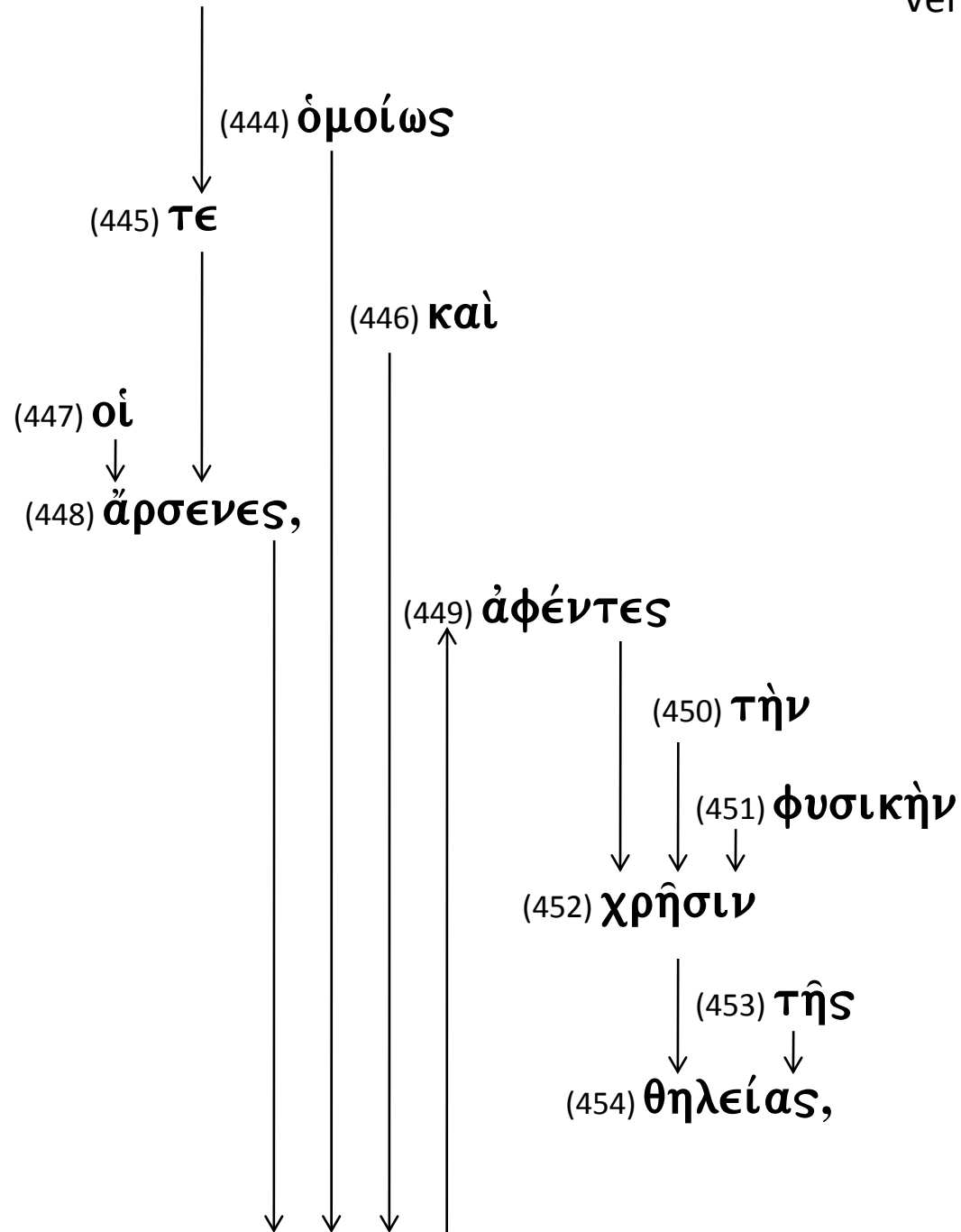
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## **Leviticus 18:22**

Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it *is* abomination.

## **Leviticus 20:13**

If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood *shall be* upon them.

## **I Timothy 1:9-10**

<sup>9</sup> Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

<sup>10</sup> For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

## **Jude 7**

Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

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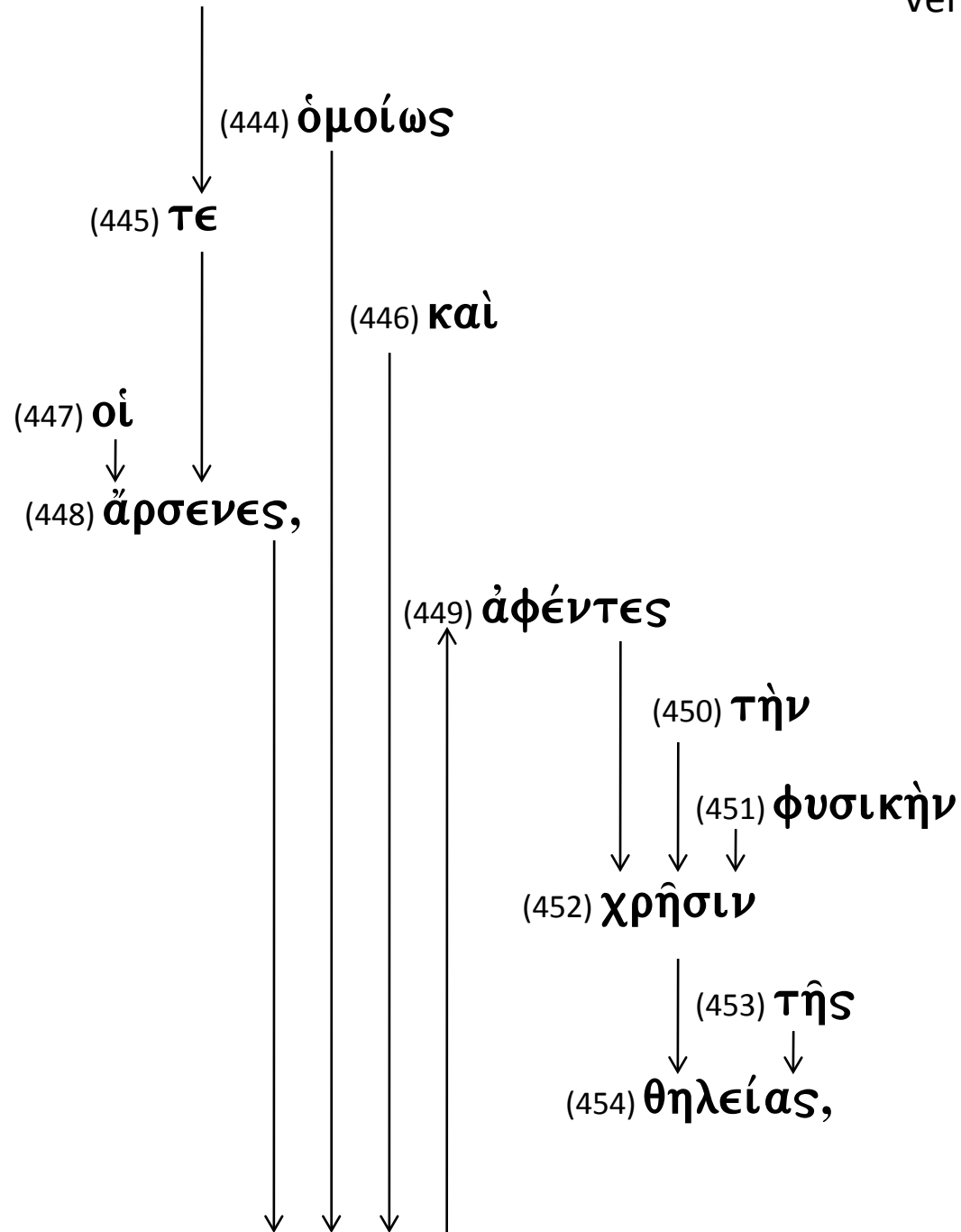
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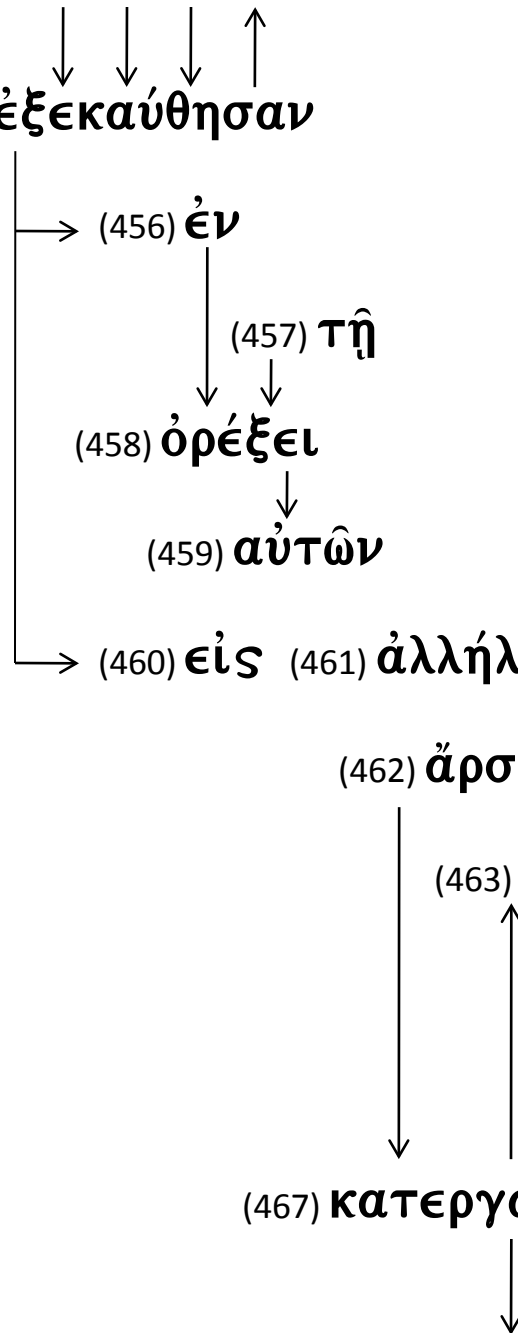
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Lust  
only here in NT

Natural sexual desires  
which are unfulfilled.

## **I Corinthians 7:9**

But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.

**πυρόω** = to burn

The words used here represent perversion  
instead of normal sin.

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**ἀπό** expresses the  
deservedness of the punishment

"to receive back what is due"

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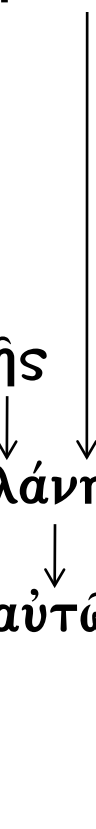
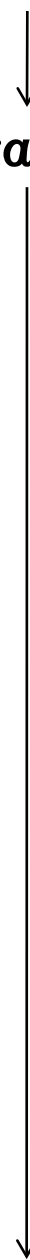
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## **Galatians 6:7-8**

7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

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