

Plato's Timaeus vs. On Nature, Book 14

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Thank you. Yes, that gets us much closer!

HHH	HHHH	Ϝ	ϜH	ϜHH	ϜHHH	ϜHHHH
300	400	500	600	700	800	900

So the Attic numeric system used for the number of lines (where $\Delta=10$, $H=100$, $\Gamma=500$, $X=1000$) is different from "Greek" system used for the book numbers (where $\Gamma=3$, $\Delta=4$, $H=8$, $X=600$), presumably because the number of lines was a much larger number. But the system used for the book numbers could accommodate the high line numbers as well. It seems a bit odd to use two systems right next to each other.

Ancient	Byzantine	Modern	Value	Ancient	Byzantine	Modern	Value	Ancient	Byzantine	Modern	Value
A	ᾶ	A'	1	Ι	ἰ	I'	10	Ρ	ῥ	P'	100
B	ῃ	B'	2	Κ	῀	K'	20	Σ	σ	Σ'	200
Γ	ῃ	Γ'	3	Λ	῀	Λ'	30	Τ	τ	T'	300
Δ	ῃ	Δ'	4	Μ	῀	M'	40	Υ	υ	Υ'	400
E	ῃ	E'	5	Ν	῀	N'	50	Φ	φ	Φ'	500
Ϝ	Ϝ and ϝ	Ϝ'	6	Ξ	ῃ	Ξ'	60	Χ	χ	Χ'	600
Ϛ	Ϛ and ϛ	ΣΤ'									