

## Vocabulary

**ἔνοικος** an inhabitant

**λεύσσω** to look or gaze upon, see, behold

**κλεινός** famous, renowned, illustrious

**αἴνιγμα** αἰνίσσομαι a dark saying, riddle

**ζήλος** (from ζέω) eager rivalry, zealous imitation, emulation, a noble passion; the object of emulation or desire, happiness, bliss, honour, glory

**τύχη** (τυγχάνω) the good which man obtains (τυγχάνει) by the favor of the gods, good fortune, luck, success

**κλύδων** (κλύζω) a wave, billow, and collectively surf Od.; a sea of troubles

**συμφορά** συμφέρω an event, circumstance, chance, hap; the results, issues of the counsels.; a mishap, mischance, misfortune; in a good sense of the word, good luck, a happy issue

**ἔληλυθεν** ἔρχομαι

**κείνην** ἐκεῖνος in Attic Greek

**ἐπισκοπέω** to look upon or at, inspect, observe, examine, regard; to watch over, of tutelary gods; to visit; to examine with oneself, meditate

**ὀλβίζω** to make happy; to deem or pronounce happy

**τέρμα** an end, boundary; an end, issue, event; τ. βίου the term or end of life, death,

**πέρασις** a crossing; βίου πέρασις passage from life to death

**ἀλγεινός** giving pain, painful, grievous; feeling pain, grievously suffering, suffering

## Last lines of *Oedipus Rex*

*spoken by the chorus*

ὦ πάτρας Θήβης ἔνοικοι, λεύσσετ', Οἰδίπους ὄδε,  
ὃς τὰ κλείν' αἰνίγματ' ἤδει καὶ κράτιστος ἦν ἀνὴρ,  
οὗ τίς οὐ ζήλω πολιτῶν ἦν τύχαις ἐπιβλέπων,  
εἰς ὅσον κλύδωνα δεινῆς συμφορᾶς ἐλήλυθεν.  
ὥστε θνητὸν ὄντα κείνην τὴν τελευταίαν ἰδεῖν  
ἡμέραν ἐπισκοποῦντα μηδέν' ὀλβίζειν, πρὶν ἂν  
τέρμα τοῦ βίου περάσῃ μηδέν ἀλγεινὸν παθῶν.