

Richard Sacks – Dusting off the Classics: Homer's *Iliad* – DU Enrichment Program – Spring 2022

Exercise on Homeric epithets: the attestations of Iliadic *andro-phonos* "man-slaying" (most often of Hektōr)

<i>Il.</i> 1.242	chraismein, eut' an polloi huph' Hektoros androphonoio	be able to help them, when many at the hands of Hektōr, / killer of men
<i>Il.</i> 4.441	Areos androphonoio kasignētē hetarē te,	the sister and comrade of man-slaying Arēs; at first
<i>Il.</i> 6.134	thusthla chamai katecheuan hup' androphonoio Lukourgou	threw down their ritual wands, assailed by ... / ... Lykourgos the killer
<i>Il.</i> 6.498	Hektoros androphonoio , kichēsato d' endothi pollas	... of Hektōr / killer of men . Inside she found her many handmaidens
<i>Il.</i> 9.351	all' oud' hōs dunatai sthenos Hektoros androphonoio	even so can he hold back the might of Hektōr, killer of men
<i>Il.</i> 16.77	echthrēs ek kephalēs: all' Hektoros androphonoio	out of his loathsome head; no, it's man-killing Hektōr's
<i>Il.</i> 16.840	nēas epi glaphuras prin Hektoros androphonoio	... hollow ships, before you've sliced up the tunic of Hektōr/ killer of men
<i>Il.</i> 17.428	en koniēisi pesontos huph' Hektoros androphonoio .	had been laid low in the dust by Hektōr / killer of men
<i>Il.</i> 17.616	autos d' ōlese thumon huph' Hektoros androphonoio :	but died himself at the hands of Hektōr, killer of men
<i>Il.</i> 17.638	Hektoros androphonoio menos kai cheiras aaptous	that the rage and invincible hands of Hektōr, killer of men
<i>Il.</i> 18.149	thespesiōi alalētōi huph' Hektoros androphonoio	with deafening outcry, pursued by Hektōr, killer of men
<i>Il.</i> 18.317	cheiras ep' androphonous themenos stēthessin hetairou	laying his murderous hands upon his comrades breast
<i>Il.</i> 23.18	cheiras ep' androphonous themenos stēthessin hetairou:	laying his murderous hands upon his comrades breast
<i>Il.</i> 24.479*	cheiras / deinas androphonous , hai hoi poleas ktanon huias.	murderous hands, that had killed so many of his sons
<i>Il.</i> 24.509	tō de mnēsamenō ho men Hektoros androphonoio	both have their memories: Priam of Hektōr, killer of men
<i>Il.</i> 24.724	Hektoros androphonoio karē meta chersin echousa.	Cradling in her arms the head of Hektōr the killer

Notes:

- 1) Note that 24.478 ends with *cheiras* "hands" (the word modified by *androphonous* in 479); *cheiras* is attested line-initially at 18.317 and 23.18.
- 2) There is one Odyssean instance of *androphonos* (at 1.261): *pharmakon androphonon dizēmenos...* ("searching for a **man-killing** poison...").
- 3) Note that the form **Hektoros** appears 10 times without epithet between 7.38 and 9.351 (all in books 7-8), but not at all between 16.840 and 18.149.
- 4) Note also that a phrase with the same metrical form as *Hektoros androphonoi* – **Hektoros hippodamoio** ("horse-taming Hector") – is used in the *Iliad* at 7.38, 16.717, 22.161, 22.211 and 24.804 (the last line of the poem).