

Selection of passages featuring *ethnos* in Homer

1. *Il.* 3.32; 11.585; 13.165; 13.533; 13.566; 13.596; 13.648; 14.408: ἄψ δ' ἐτάρων εἰς ἔθνος ἐχάζετο κῆρ' ἀλεείνων, 'Dodging fate, he turned back towards his close companions.'¹
2. *Ody.* 10.526 αὐτὰρ ἐπὶν εὐχῆσι λίση κλυτὰ ἔθνεα νεκρῶν. 'But when you have addressed the celebrated contingent of the dead with prayers'
3. *Ody.* 11.34: δ' ἐπεὶ εὐχολῆσι λιτῆσί τε, ἔθνεα νεκρῶν. 'And since you have called upon the celebrated contingent of the dead with prayers'
4. *Ody.* 11.632: ἐπὶ ἔθνε' ἀγείρετο μυρία νεκρῶν ἠχῆ θεσπεσίη, 'A divine (outcry) gathered before a countless assembly of the dead'
5. *Il.* 2.87 ἦ ὕτε ἔθνεα εἴσι μελισσάων ἀδινάων, 'Just as if they were a swarm of thickly-clustered bees'
6. *Il.* 2.91: ὡς τῶν ἔθνεα πολλὰ νεῶν ἄπο καὶ κλισιάων. 'As many crews (emerged) down from the covered ships'
7. *Il.* 7.115: ἀλλὰ σὺ μὲν νῦν ἵζεο ἰὼν μετὰ ἔθνος ἐταίρων, 'But go now and sit among your close companions'
8. *Il.* 13.494-5: ὡς Αἰνεΐα θυμὸς ἐνὶ στήθεσσι γεγῆθει ὡς ἴδε λαῶν ἔθνος ἐπισπόμενον ἐοῖ αὐτῷ. 'In this way, the heart of Aeneas rejoiced as he watched the united band of soldiers march before him.'

¹ All translations, unless otherwise noted, are from the presenter.

9. αὐτὰρ ἔπειτα
λαοὶ ἔπονθ', ὡς εἶ τε μετὰ κτίλον ἔσπετο μῆλα
πίομεν' ἐκ βοτάνης: γάνυται δ' ἄρα τε φρένα ποιμήν:
ὦς Αἰνεΐα θυμὸς ἐνὶ στήθεσσι γεγήθει
ὡς ἴδε λαῶν ἔθνος ἐπισπόμενον ἐοῖ αὐτῶ.
II. 13.491-95

“And the people after them followed on, as when the sheep follow the lead-ram as they leave the pasture to drink, and make proud the heart of the shepherd, and thus also the heart of Aeneias was gladdened within him as he saw the swarm of the host following his own leadership.”
-Richmond Lattimore, (1951) 284.

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