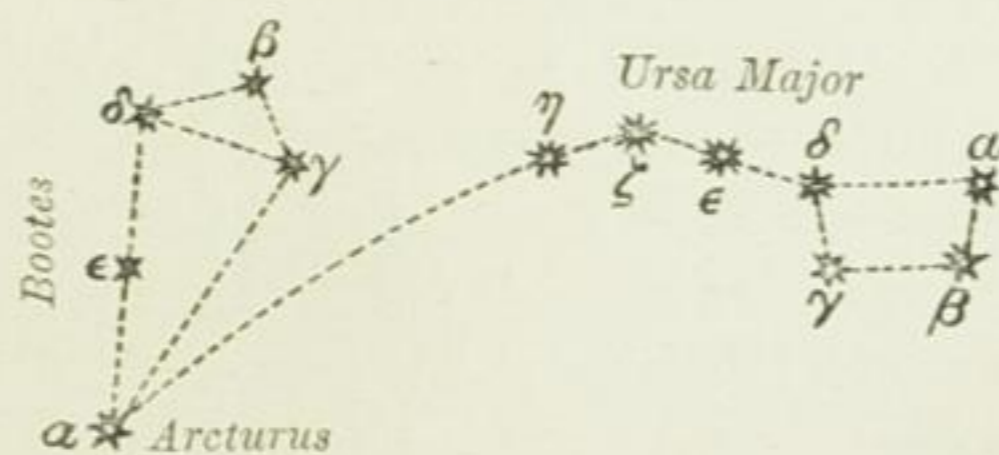


passive sense: *seen, though at a distance*: Arist. *Pol.* 2. 12 ὅπως ἄποπτος ἔσται ἡ Κορινθία ἐκ τοῦ χώματος: (2) in poetry and later prose, as an adject. meaning, 'away from the sight of': implying either (a) 'seen only afar,' 'dimly seen,' as *Ai.* 15: or (b) 'out of sight of,' as here: *i.e.* not seen, or not seeing, according as the ὄψις is that of object or subject. Dionys. Hal. 2. 54 ἐν ἀπόπτῳ τίθενται τὸν χάρακα (of an ambuscade), 'in a place out of sight' (not, 'in a place seen afar'). ἄποπτος does not occur in the *active* sense parallel with (1), as = 'seeing, though at a distance': analogy would, however, warrant it: see on 515. Ast strangely gives 'τὸ ἄποπτον, *specula*,' quoting the Platonic *Axiochus* 369 A, and Lidd. and Scott, referring to the same passage, give 'τὸ ἄποπτον, a look-out place, watch-tower': but there ἐξ ἀπόπτου θεώμενος = 'seeing afar off.' In this adverbial phrase (*Phil.* 467 ἐξ ἀπόπτου σκοπεῖν, Galen 3. 222 ἐξ ἀπόπτου θεασάμενος) the word has sense (1), meaning, 'so that the place at which you look is ἄποπτος to you.'

NOTE XV.

Verse 1137.

ἐξ ἧρος εἰς Ἀρκτοῦρον. *The significance of Arcturus in the popular Greek calendar.*



Arcturus is from ἄρκτος and οὔρος, 'watcher' (akin to ὄραω, and to our *ward*)—the 'bear-ward,' the keeper, or *leader*, of *Ursa Maior*. This name was also given to the whole constellation Βοώτης ('ploughman') of which *Arcturus* is the brightest star: Cic. *Arat.* 96 *Arctophylax, vulgo qui dicitur esse Boötes*. Greek writers speak of ἀρκτοῦρου ἐπιτολή not in a geometrical sense, but as meaning 'earliest visibility'; and this in two distinct applications.

(1) The season when *Arcturus* first begins to be visible, after sunset, as an evening star, shortly before the vernal equinox (March 20—21). This is sometimes termed the 'acronychal' rising (from ἀκρόνυχος, on the verge of night). Hippocrates, who was the contemporary of Sophocles,