

Mastering NT Greek

12. Imperfect Verbs

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Quick Review ΠΑΙ verbs

- λύω I loose λύομεν We loose
- λύεις You loose λύετε You all loose
- λύει He/she looses λύουσι(ν) They loose

2-1-2 Noun Paradigms

2	1	2
■ λόγος	γραφή	ἱερόν
■ λόγου	γραφῆς	ἱεροῦ
■ λόγῳ	γραφῇ	ἱερῶ
■ λόγον	γραφῆν	ἱερόν
■ λόγοι	γραφαί	ἱερά
■ λόγων	γραφῶν	ἱερῶν
■ λόγοις	γραφαῖς	ἱεροῖς
■ λόγους	γραφάς	ἱερά

The "is" verb ΠΑΙ -- εἶμί

■ εἶμί	I am	ἐσμέν	We are
εἶ	You are	εἶστέ	You are
ἐστί(ν)	He/she/it is	εἶσί(ν)	They are

Present Middle/Passive Indicative

- λύομαι, -όμεθα,
-η, -εσθε,
-εταί, -ονται

- I loose myself [Mid.] // I am loosed [Pas.]
I loose [subject emphasis]

Shape of the Future in Greek

■ λύσω

I will loose

λύσεις

You will loose

λύσει

He/she/it will loose

λύσομεν

We will loose

λύσετε

You all will loose

λύσουσι(ν)

They will loose

Future Middle Paradigm

- λύσομαι --ομεθα
 --η --εσθε
 --εταί --ονταί
- I will loose for myself (Dep. = active)
 I will loose (subject emphasis)

First Person Personal Pronoun

	Singular		Plural
■ Nom.	ἐγώ	σὺ	ἡμεῖς
■ Gen.	μου	σοῦ	ἡμῶν
■ Dat.	μοι	σοι	ἡμῖν
■ Acc.	με	σε	ἡμᾶς

■ αὐτός, αὐτή, αὐτό = he, she, it

Demonstrative and Relative Pronouns Summary

- ἐκεῖνος, ἐκείνη, ἐκεῖνο = that
- οὗτος, αὕτη, τοῦτο
τούτου, ταύτης, τούτου = this
- ὅς ἢ ὅ = Relative (who, which)
οὗ ἤς οὗ

Rapping the Lord's Prayer

- Πάτερ ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς·
■ father our the one in heaven
- ἁγιασθήτω τὸ ὄνομά σου
■ make holy name your
- ἐλθέτω ἡ βασιλεία σου·
■ let come kingdom your
- γενηθήτω τὸ θέλημά σου,
■ let be will your

Introduction

- English: only one past
- They stood at the top of Mt. Jefferson.

Greek has 2 past tenses

- Imperfect: continuous/process past
- They were standing at the top of Mt. Jefferson. (is verb + participle [-ing])
- Aorist: complete/wholistic past--it happened
- They stood at the top of Mt. Jefferson.

Imperfect Formation

■ Augment + PRESENT STEM + CV +
2nd Ending

◆ CV = connecting vowel

■ $\epsilon + \lambda\upsilon + \omicron + \nu = \acute{\epsilon}\lambda\upsilon\omicron\nu$

■ The connecting vowel is:

◆ \omicron before μ and ν

◆ ϵ before everything else

Imperfect Active Paradigm of λύω

- | Singular | Plural |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ■ ἔλυον
I was loosing | ἐλύομεν
We were loosing |
| ■ ἔλυες
You were loosing | ἐλύετε
You (pl.) were loosing |
| ■ ἔλυε(ν)
He/she/it was loosing | ἔλυον
They were loosing |
- Secondary endings: (primary = present/future)
 - Chant: ἔλυον, ν, σ, ε, μέν, τε, ν

Imperfect Middle/Passive of λύω

■ Singular

■ ἐλύομην

I was being loosed

■ ἐλύου

You were being loosed

■ ἐλύετο

He/she/it was being loosed

■ Chant: ἐλύομην,

-μην, -ου, -ετο, -όμεθα, -εσθε, -οντο

Plural

ἐλύομεθα

We were being loosed

ἐλύεσθε

You all were being loosed

ἐλύοντο

They were being loosed

Four Ways to Augment an Augment

- 1) **Before a consonant:** ϵ
- 2) **Before a vowel:** lengths vowel
 - ◆ α and ϵ lengthen to η ($\epsilon + \alpha = \eta$; $\epsilon + \epsilon = \eta$)
 - ◆ o lengthens to ω ($\epsilon + o = \omega$)
 - ◆ i ending a diphthong subscript ($\epsilon + \epsilon i = \eta$)
 - ◆ u ending a diphthong stays strong ($\epsilon + \alpha u = \eta u$)

Four Ways to Augment and Augment

- 3) **Prepositional with final consonant:** insert ε augment in middle
 - ◆ ἐκβαλλω -- ἐξεβάλλον
- 4) **Prepositional with final vowel:** drop+insert -- final vowel dropped and ε inserted
 - ◆ ἀποκτείνω (I die) –
ἀπέκτεινον (I was dying)

Augmenting Imperfect Examples

- $\epsilon + \alpha = \eta$ ἤκουον ($\epsilon + \acute{\alpha}\kappa\omicron\upsilon\omega$)
- $\epsilon + \epsilon = \eta$ ἤγειρον ($\epsilon + \acute{\epsilon}\gamma\epsilon\iota\rho\omega$)
- $\epsilon + \omicron = \omega$ ὄρχουμένην ($\epsilon + \acute{\omicron}\rho\chi\acute{\epsilon}\omicron\mu\alpha\iota$)
 - I was dancing
- $\epsilon + \alpha\iota = \eta$ ἦρον ($\epsilon + \acute{\alpha}\iota\rho\omega$)
- $\epsilon + \omicron\iota = \omega$ ὄκοδόμουν ($\epsilon + \omicron\iota\kappa\omicron\delta\omicron\mu\acute{\epsilon}\omega$)
 - I was building

Imperfect εἰμί (a big one)

- Singular

- ἦμην

I was

- ἦς

You were

- ἦν

He/she/it was

Plural

ἦμεν

We were

ἦτε

You all were

ἦσαν

They were

- Chant this one in your sleep.

Some Translation Examples

- ἐκεῖνος δὲ ἔλεγεν περὶ τοῦ ναοῦ τοῦ σώματος (body) αὐτοῦ (Jn 2:21)
 - but that one was speaking concerning the temple of his body
- καὶ ἦρχοντο πρὸς αὐτόν (Jn 4:30)
 - And they were coming to him

Vocabulary - Chapter 12

- ἀποθνήσκω I die
- ἐκεῖ there
- ἕως until
- ἰδοὺ behold
- ἵνα in order that, that

Vocabulary - Chapter 12

- Ἰωάννης, -ου, ὁ John
- μέν on the one hand, indeed
- ὅλος, -η, -ον whole, entire
- ὅτε when
- σύν with

Imperfect IAI (I M/P I)

- Chant: ἔλυον, ν, σ, ε, μεν, τε, ν
- Chant: ἐλύομην,
-ομην, -ου, -ετο, -ομεθα, -εσθε, -οντο

Imperfect εἰμί (a big one)

■ ἦμην
ἦς
ἦν

ἦμεν
ἦτε
ἦσαν

I was, you were, s/he/it was...