

Future Indicative Verbs

Chapter 10

Meaning

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν
ὁ λόγος

1. Predictive Future

Predicts a future event or at least indicates the expectation that something will take place from the author's perspective.

"And she **will bear** (τέξεται) a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he **will save** (σώσει) his people from their sins" (Matt 1:21).

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2. Imperative Future

The future can express a **command** or **exhortation**.

"**You shall worship** (προσκυνήσεις) the Lord your God" (Matt 4:10; quoting Deut 6:13).

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3. Deliberative Future

A (real or rhetorical) question that implies some amount of uncertainty as to the response.

"Lord, to whom **shall we go** (ἀπελευσόμεθα)? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68).

Voice

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-ω and middle only (ομαι) verbs

Lexical Form: λύω

λύσω paradigm = active form/meaning

λύσομαι paradigm = middle form/meaning

λυθήσομαι paradigm = pass form, pass (m/p) meaning

Lexical Form: πορεύομαι

πορεύσομαι paradigm = middle form/meaning

πορευθήσομαι paradigm = pass form, mid meaning

Morphology

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Future and Present Forms

The only difference between the future and the present forms is the addition of a **sigma** (σ) to the stem.

Present

λύω

Future

λύσω

Future **Active**

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λυσ

1. Stem

Future **Active**

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν
ὁ λόγος

λυσο

1. Stem

2. Connecting Vowel

Future **Active**

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν
ὁ λόγος

λυσομεν

1. Stem

2. Connecting Vowel

3. Personal Ending

Future **Active**

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν
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λύσομεν

1. Stem

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Future **Active**
Indicative

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Singular

Plural

1st Person λύσω λύσομεν

2nd Person λύσεις λύσετε

3rd Person λύσει λύσουσι(ν)

Future **Middle**

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ὁ λόγος

λυσ

1. Stem

Future **Middle**

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν
ὁ λόγος

λυσο

1. Stem

2. Connecting Vowel

Future **Middle**

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν
ὁ λόγος

λυσομεθα

1. Stem

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Future **Middle**

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν
ὁ λόγος

λυσόμεθα

1. Stem

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3. Personal Ending

Future **Middle**
Indicative

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	Singular	Plural
1 st Person	λύσομαι	λυσόμεθα
2 nd Person	λύση	λύσεσθε
3 rd Person	λύσεται	λύσονται

Present	Active	λύω
	M/P	λύομαι
Imperfect	Active	ἔλυον
	M/P	ἐλύομην
Future	Active	λύσω
	Middle	λύσομαι
	Passive	λυθήσομαι

Future **Passive**

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Start with verb stem

λυ

Future **Passive**

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν
ὁ λόγος

λυ σομεθα

1. Passive ending

Future **Passive**

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ὁ λόγος

λυθησομεθα

1. Passive ending

2. Addition of θη after the stem

Future **Passive**

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ὁ λόγος

λυθησόμεθα

1. Passive ending

2. Addition of θη after the stem

Future **Passive** Indicative

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	Singular	Plural
1 st Person	λυθήσομαι	λυθησόμεθα
2 nd Person	λυθήσῃ	λυθήσεσθε
3 rd Person	λυθήσεται	λυθήσονται

*Memory Help: The ending of the future passives are the same as the future middle with the addition of **θη**.

Stem Variations

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A **sigma (σ)** is added to the stem to form the future tense (or simple stem).

Certain regular changes occur if the resulting formation is hard to pronounce or if another Greek character communicates the same sound.

σφίζω → σφίζω → σώω

πεμπω → πεμπω → πεμψω

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Dentals δ, ζ, θ, τ + σ → σ (δοξάω)

Velars γ, κ, σκ/σσ, χ + σ → ξ (διώξω)

Labials π, β, πτ, φ + σ → ψ (βλέψω)

Stem Variations

	Unvoiced	Voiced	Aspirated	After combining with sigma:
Dentals	τ	δ	θ	σ
Palatals	κ	γ	χ	ξ
Labials	π	β	φ	ψ

Stem Variations

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Contract Verbs and the Future Tense

The future (simple) stem of contract verbs does not contract because the sigma of the simple stem separates the contract vowel and the variable vowel.

καλέσω → "I will call"

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Contract Verbs and the Future Tense

With most contract verbs, the contract vowel **lengthens** to either **eta** (for **α** & **ε** types) or **omega** (for **ο** type).

ἀγαπάω → ἀγαπῶσ

Notice: The accent is placed above the lengthened vowel.

Future Indicative of εἰμί

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Singular Plural

1 st Person	ἔσομαι	ἐσόμεθα
2 nd Person	ἔσῃ	ἔσεσθε
3 rd Person	ἔσται*	ἔσονται

*Note that the connecting vowel (ε) has dropped (cf. λύσεται).

Vocabulary

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν
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ἀνοίγω, I open
ἀπολύω, I set free, dismiss, divorce
ἄρχω, I rule, begin (mid) (oligarch)
προσεύχομαι, I pray
προσκυνέω, I worship

Vocabulary

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν
ὁ λόγος

συνάγω, I gather, bring together (synagogue)
ἀρχή, ἡ, beginning (archaic)
δαιμόνιον, τό, demon (demon)
διδάσκαλος, ὁ, teacher (didactic)
θρόνος, ὁ, throne (throne)

Vocabulary

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ἱμάτιον, τό, clothing, garment

καρπός, ό, fruit, crop

πλοῖον, τό, ship, boat

συναγωγή, ή, synagogue, assembly
(synagogue)

χαρά, ή, joy (charity)