

## Liquid Verbs

### Chapter 13

## Morphology

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν  
ὁ λόγος

**Liquid Verbs** are verbs whose stem ends in:

λ μ ν ρ

Because of pronunciation purposes, the sigma used to identify the **future** and **aorist** was dropped.

μένω → μενῶ  
μένω → ἐμείνα

## Liquid Futures

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν  
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The μένω future paradigm follows the **epsilon-type contract verb**.

An epsilon is added (ε + σ), causing the sigma to drop (intervocalic sigma).  
The vowels (e.g., εο) then contract (e.g., ου).

μένω + εσ + ομεν → μενεσόμεν → μενεομεν → μενοῦμεν

In some forms (e.g., μενεῖ), the only difference between the present and the future of some liquid verbs is the **accent**!

## Liquid Futures

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	Singular	Plural
1 <sup>st</sup> Person	μενῶ	μενοῦμεν
2 <sup>nd</sup> Person	μενεῖς	μενεῖτε
3 <sup>rd</sup> Person	μενεῖ	μενοῦσιν

## Liquid Futures

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν  
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Most liquid future stems change slightly to compensate for the dropped sigma. This makes them distinguishable from the present forms.

If the stem has an **iota**, it is dropped in the future.

αἶρω → ἀρῶ  
ἐγεῖρω → ἐγερῶ

## Liquid Futures

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν  
ὁ λόγος

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If the stem has **two lambdas**, one is dropped in the future.

ἀπαγγέλλω → ἀπαγγεῶ  
ἀποστέλλω → ἀποστεῶ  
βάλλω → βαλῶ

## Liquid Aorists

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν  
ὁ λόγος

The sigma is dropped and the main vowel in the verb stem lengthens to compensate for its loss.

This is known as **compensatory lengthening**.

μένω → ἔμεινα

## Liquid Aorists

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν  
ὁ λόγος

### Singular

### Plural

1 <sup>st</sup> Person	ἔμεινα	ἐμείναμεν
2 <sup>nd</sup> Person	ἔμεινας	ἐμείνατε
3 <sup>rd</sup> Person	ἔμεινε(ν)	ἔμειναν

## Liquid Aorists

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν  
ὁ λόγος

The aorist form of liquid verbs **drops the sigma**, but retains the augment and variable vowel.

If the stem has **two lambdas**, the first is changed to an **iota**.

ἀπαγγέλλω → ἀπήγγειλα  
ἀποστέλλω → ἀπέστειλα

If the stem has an **iota**, it is sometimes **dropped**.

αἶρω → ἤρα

## Liquid Aorists

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν  
ὁ λόγος

The changes in the stem help distinguish the imperfect from the aorist.

ἔμενεν → "he was remaining"

ἔμεινεν → "he remained"

## Summary of Liquid Verbs

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν  
ὁ λόγος

Liquid Verb	Future	Aorist
αἶρω	ἀρῶ	ἤρα
ἀπαγγέλλω	ἀπαγγελῶ	ἀπήγγειλα
ἀποκρίνομαι	---	ἀπεκρινάμην
ἀποκτείνω	ἀποκτενῶ	ἀπέκτεινα
ἀποστέλλω	ἀποστελῶ	ἀπέστειλα
ἐγείρω	ἐγερῶ	ἤγειρα
κρίνω	κρίνῶ	ἔκρινα
μένω	μενῶ	ἔμεινα
σπείρω	σπερῶ	ἔσπειρα

## Vocabulary

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν  
ὁ λόγος

αἰών, -ώνος, ὁ, **eternity, age, world (eon)**  
 ἀνήρ, ἀνδρός, ὁ, **man, husband**  
 (androgynous, android)  
 ἀρχιερεύς, -έως, ὁ, **high priest**  
 (archenemy, arch)  
 βασιλεὺς, -έως, ὁ, **king (basilica)**  
 πατήρ, πατρός, ὁ, **father, ancestor**  
 (patristics, patriarch)

## Vocabulary

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν  
ὁ λόγος

γυνή, γυναικός, ή, woman, wife  
(gynecology)

μήτηρ, -τρός, ή, mother (matriarch)

πίστις, -εως, ή, faith, trust

πόλις, -εως, ή, city, town (metropolitan)

σάρξ, σαρκός, ή, flesh, body, mortal nature  
(sarcoma, sarcophagus)

## Vocabulary

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν  
ὁ λόγος

χάρις, -ιτος, ή, grace, thanks (charity)

ἔθνος, -ους, τό, nation, people; Gentiles  
(pl) (ethnic)

ὄνομα, -ατος, τό, name (pseudonym)

πνεῦμα, -ατος, τό, Spirit, spirit, wind  
(pneumatology)

σῶμα, -ατος, τό, body (psychosomatic)