Introduction to Biblical Greek

Aorist Indicative Active and Middle Verb Forms

Voeltz Ch. 8

Devotion – Ephesian 4:11-12

καὶ αὐτὸς ἔδωκεν τοὺς μὲν ἀποστόλους, τοὺς δὲ προφήτας, τοὺς δὲ εὐαγγελιστάς, τοὺς δὲ ποιμένας καὶ διδασκάλους,
πρὸς τὸν καταρτισμὸν τῶν ἁγίων εἰς ἔργον διακονίας, εἰς οἰκοδομὴν τοῦ σώματος τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

Aorist Tense

- Punctiliar

- A sense of past time, but only in the indicative mood

- Imperfect tense (we haven't learned this yet) is a movie, aorist is a snapshot

- Meaning: punctiliar past
    λυω = loose; loosed
    λειπω = leave; left

Aorist Sign and Augment

- Sign of aorist: augment + σα

- Augment: generally an ε at the front of the stem

- Verbs beginning with a vowel tend to lengthen the vowel sound

Weak Aorist Active Indicative

	Singular	Plural
1ˢᵗ Person	–σα	–σαμεν
2ⁿᵈ Person	–σας	–σατε
3ʳᵈ Person	–σε(ν)	–σαν

Weak Aorist Middle Indicative

	Singular	Plural
1st Person	–σαμην	–σαμεθα
2nd Person	–σω	–σασθε
3rd Person	–σατο	–σαντο

Weak Aorist Active Indicative Example (λυω)

	Singular	Plural
1ˢᵗ Person	ἐλυσα	ἐλυσαμεν
2ⁿᵈ Person	ἐλυσας	ἐλυσατε
3ʳᵈ Person	ἐλυσε(ν)	ἐλυσαν

Weak Aorist Middle Indicative Example (λυω)

	Singular	Plural
1st Person	ἐλυσαμην	ἐλυσαμεθα
2nd Person	ἐλυσω	ἐλυσασθε
3rd Person	ἐλυσατο	ἐλυσαντο

Strong Aorist Active Indicative

	Singular	Plural
1st Person	–ον	–ομεν
2nd Person	–ες	–ετε
3rd Person	–ε(ν)	–ον

Strong Aorist Middle Indicative

	Singular	Plural
1st Person	–ομην	–ομεθα
2nd Person	–ου	–εσθε
3rd Person	–ετο	–οντο

Strong Aorist Active Indicative Example (λειπω)

	Singular	Plural
1st Person	ἐλιπον	ἐλιπομεν
2nd Person	ἐλιπες	ἐλιπετε
3rd Person	ἐλιπε(ν)	ἐλιπον

Strong Aorist Middle Indicative Example (λειπω)

	Singular	Plural
1st Person	ἐλιπομην	ἐλιπομεθα
2nd Person	ἐλιπου	ἐλιπεσθε
3rd Person	ἐλιπετο	ἐλιποντο

Homework

- Section H: Practice Sentences, both Greek to English & English to Greek

- Section I: Bible Passages