

Dr. Shirley's Greek Courses

Grammar

The Principal Parts of the **-μι** Verbs

The **-μι** verbs are related to **εἶμι** and are very old verb forms in Greek. They were in use at the time the New Testament was written, but have disappeared from modern Greek. The **-μι** verbs differ from verbs ending in **-ω** only in the Present, Imperfect, and 2nd Aorist tenses. **εἶμι** is irregular.

Present	Future	Aorist Active	Perfect Active	Perfect Passive	Aorist Passive	
εἶμι	ἔσομαι	—	—	—	—	be
ἄπολλυμι	ἄπολεσω ἄπολω	ἄπωλεσα	—	—	—	destroy
ἄπολλυμαι	ἄπολουμαι	ἄπωλομην	ἄπολωλα	—	—	perish
ἄφιημι	ἄφησω	ἄφηκα	—	ἄφεομαι	ἄφεθην	forgive
διδωμι	δωσω	ἔδωκα	δεδωκα	δεδομαι	ἔδοθην	give
ἵστημι	στησω	ἔστησα	—	—	—	cause to stand, put
—	—	ἔστην	ἔστηκα	—	ἔσταθην	stand
συνιημι	συνησω	συνηκα	—	συνεομαι	συνεθην	understand
τιθημι	θησω	ἔθηκα	τεθεικα	τεθειμαι	ἔτεθην	place, put
φημι	—	—	—	—	—	say

δεικνυμι, I show, and other **-υμι** verbs, by the time of the New Testament, were already beginning to use the endings of verbs in **-ω**, though some endings similar to those of **τιθημι** may be encountered.

ἵημι, I stand, occurs in the New Testament only as the compounds **ἀφιημι** and **συνιημι**