

lamb, a firstling of the flock, without blemish, set it apart on the tenth day of the month, kill it in the evening of the fourteenth, sprinkle the blood on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, then go in, shut the door, and remain till morning, shoes on the feet, loins girded, and staff in hand, but eating with haste of the slain lamb roast with fire, that they might be ready for the coming of the Lord at midnight, and be ready to go forth with him in the morning to the promised land.

At midnight the angel of the Lord went through the land and smote the first born with death. Wherever he saw blood upon the house, he passed over (it was the Lord's Pass-over), knowing that the judgment of death had been met in the death of the substitute. In the morning there was one dead in every house. In the houses of the Egyptians there was wailing and anguish, because it was the death of their own first born. In the houses of the Israelites it was the first born, unblemished lamb, the ordained substitute, that was dead.

Under Moses, and by the outstretched arm of the Lord, the people were led forth from the land of bondage, through the divided waters of the Red Sea, into the wilderness way, and then, as on eagles' wings, to the foot of Mount Sinai. There the people took themselves voluntarily from under the uncon-