

" The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of  
 " Egypt : This month shall be to you the beginning of  
 " months : it shall be the first in the months of the year.  
 " Speak ye to the whole assembly of the children of Is-  
 " rael, and say to them : On the tenth day of this month  
 " let every man take a lamb by their families and houses.  
 " If the number be less than may suffice to eat the lamb,  
 " he shall take unto him his neighbour that joineth to  
 " his house, according to the number of souls which may  
 " be enough to eat the lamb. It shall be a lamb with-  
 " out blemish, of one year. You shall keep it until the  
 " fourteenth day of this month : and the whole multitude  
 " of the children of Israel shall sacrifice it in the evening.  
 " They shall take the blood thereof, and put it upon both  
 " the side posts and on the upper door-posts of the houses,  
 " wherein they shall eat it. They shall eat the flesh that  
 " night roasted at the fire, and unleavened bread with wild  
 " lettuce. You shall not eat thereof anything raw nor  
 " boiled in water, but only roasted at the fire. Neither  
 " shall there remain anything of it until morning. If  
 " there be anything left, you shall burn it with fire.

" And thus you shall eat it : you shall gird your  
 " reins, and you shall have shoes on your feet, holding  
 " staves in your hands, and you shall eat in haste : for it  
 " is the Phase (that is, the passage) of the Lord.

" And I will pass through the land of Egypt that  
 " night, and will kill every first-born in the land of  
 " Egypt : and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute  
 " my judgments, I am the Lord.

" And the blood shall be unto you for a sign in the  
 " houses where you shall be, and I shall see the blood,  
 " and shall pass over you : and the plague shall not be  
 " upon you to destroy you, when I shall strike the land  
 " of Egypt.

" And this day shall be for a memorial to you : and  
 " you shall keep it a feast to the Lord in your generations  
 " with an everlasting observance.

" Moses called all the ancients of the children of Is-  
 " rael, and said to them : Go take a lamb by your fami-  
 " lies, and sacrifice the Phase. And dip a bunch of hys-  
 " sop in the blood, and sprinkle the transom of the door  
 " therewith, and both the door cheeks : let none of you go