

Exodus 12:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,

Analysis

The divine initiative in establishing Passover emphasizes God's sovereignty in redemption. This inaugural command, given while Israel remained enslaved, demonstrates that deliverance precedes obedience—grace before law. The dual address to both Moses and Aaron establishes the prophetic-priestly leadership pattern that would guide Israel through the exodus.

Historical Context

Spoken in Egypt, likely in Goshen, during the final month of Israel's 430-year Egyptian sojourn (Exodus 12:40-41). This marks the beginning of Israel's sacred calendar.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does God's initiative in planning your redemption before you seek Him reflect His sovereign grace?

2. What does the dual leadership of Moses and Aaron teach about the complementary roles of teaching and intercession in spiritual leadership?

Interlinear Text

לֵאמֹר:	יְהוָה	אֶל	מֹשֶׁה	וְאֶל	אַהֲרֹן	בְּאֶרֶץ
saying	And the LORD	H413	unto Moses	H413	and Aaron	in the land
H559	H3068		H4872		H175	H776

לֵאמֹר:	מִצֵּרַיִם
saying	of Egypt
H559	H4714

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