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VERSES: Ex12-21a, Ex12-21b,

**Biblical text:**

Ex12-21a, b	Verbs used	Remainder of verse
First half	Drag (i.e. designate) or(1)	
2 <sup>nd</sup> hand	acquire (literally <i>take</i> )	Herd animals by your families and slaughter the Passover offerings

**Rashi text:** (1) The biblical hebrew uses the prefix *vav* which normally indicates *conjunction* but can also refer to other connectives such as *disjunctive*. Rashi rejects

Drag (designate) and acquire herd animals by your families and slaughter the Passover since it violates sequence: First you acquire and then you designate. Grammarians call this the *sequential and*. Hence the Rashi text

Drag (designate) herd animals (For the Passover offering) *provided* you own such animals;

If you don't so own, acquire them

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