

~BITTER GREENS (33)

[Hebrew, *mero-rim*]

- Along with roasted lamb and unleavened bread, the Israelites were to eat **bitter greens** or **herbs** on the Passover night
- And they must eat the flesh on this night. They should eat it roasted with fire and with unfermented cakes along with **bitter greens**. (Exodus 12:8)
- And this continued to be the arrangement in all future Passover celebrations.
- In the second month, on the fourteenth day between the two evenings, they should prepare it. Together with unfermented cakes and **bitter greens** they should eat it. (Numbers 9:11)
- Nothing specific is stated as to the kind or kinds of **bitter greens**. The **bitter greens** were apparently intended to remind the Israelites of the **bitterness** of the experience during the Egyptian bondage.
- The same term, Hebrew *mero-rim* occurs at;
- He has given me a sufficiency of **bitter things**. He has saturated me with **wormwood**. (Lamentations 3:15)
- And is usually rendered **bitterness**, or **bitter things**, though some suggest **bitter herbs or greens** as a suitable translation to correspond to the mention of **wormwood** in the same verse.