

~MALLOWS (46)

[Hebrew, 'o-roth' or 'oh-roth']

- The dwarf mallow is a creeping plant having nearly round, somewhat lobed, saw-edged leaves with long leafstalks. Its flowers are over 1 centimeters (0.5 inches) across and vary in color from pale blue to white. The flat and circular mucilaginous fruits are commonly called cheeses.
- **Mallows** translates the Hebrew word 'o-roth'.
- Accordingly a certain one went out to the field to pick **mallows**, and he got to find a wild vine and went picking wild gourds from it, his garment full, and then came and sliced them into the stewpot, for they were not acquainted with them. (2 Kings 4:39)
- Your dead ones will live. A corpse of mine, they will rise up. Awake and cry out joyfully, you residents in the dust! For your dew is as the dew of **mallows**, and the earth itself will let even those impotent in death drop in birth. (Isaiah 26:19)
- Considered to be the plural of 'oh-rah', **light**.
- For the Jews there occurred **light** and rejoicing and exultation and honor. (Esther 8:16)
- Even the darkness itself would not prove too dark for you, but night itself would shine just as the day does, the darkness might just as well be the **light**. (Psalms 139:12)
- According to L. Koehler and W. Baumgartner's *Lexicon in Veteris Testamenti Libros* [Leiden, 1958, p. 90], 'o-roth' denotes the **dwarf mallow**, *Malva rotundifolia*.
- This identification is based on the fact that this plant is very sensitive to light, hence perhaps the Hebrew designation meaning, **light-herbs**. Also, its fruit is edible, thus harmonizing with.
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