

~MARSHMALLOW (29)

[Hebrew, *chal-la-muth*']

- A perennial plant that is closely related to the **hollyhock**. The woody stems of the **marshmallow**, *Althaea officinalis*, measure up to 1.8 meters (6 feet) in height.
- The plants large, wide leaves are notched and terminate in a sharp point. Both the stems and the leaves are covered with soft downy hair.
- The pale-pink, five-petal flowers are about 5 centimeters (2 inches) across. In times of famine, the marshmallows white carrot-like root has been used for food. The sole Scriptural reference to the **marshmallow** alludes to its tastelessness.
- Will tasteless things be eaten without salt, or is there any taste in the slimy juice of **marshmallow**? (**Job 6:6**)
- The **Hebrew** term *chal-la-muth'*, found only at;
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- Has been variously rendered, **egg**, **AS**, **KJ**, **purslain**, **AT**, and, as defined in a **Hebrew and Aramaic lexicon** by L. Koehler and W. Baumgartner, **marsh-mallow** [Lexicon in Veteris Testamenti Libros, Leiden, 1958, p. 304]