

regard for the things of the world, in looking back was lost.

The bitter herbs, symbol of the reproach, scourging and reviling tyranny of their cruel oppressors, unite in memorizing their painful condition of slavery in Egypt. We see in them a prefiguring of that part of Christ's life in Gethsemane, bearing the world's sorrow and the bitter cup of the world's reproach, which Christ in His agony sought if possible to pass from Him. Wine, the drink of freedom and of gladness, had no place here as regards the Israelites, for they were slaves, and, as such, fled from before their enemies, from whose power the Almighty Arm of God protected them.

Contrast this with Abraham, who, by a strategic flank movement, overcame the five kings of Elam and recaptured Lot, prefiguring Christ's victory over the powers of darkness, and the recaptivating of man. After this Abraham was met by Melchisedec with bread and wine.