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AKA: Song of Songs

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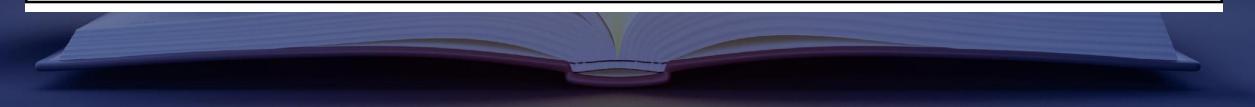
- Written by Solomon
- Approximately 965 BC
- Characters seen in the book:
 - "My love" The bride The Shulamite
 - "My beloved" The King
 - Others

"Brothers" &

Solomon "Sisters"

| THE SONG OF SOLOMON: The Song of Love | | | | |
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| Courtship – Love Anticipated | Marriage – Love Consummated | The Separation – Love Rejected | Restoration – Love Rekindled | Devotion – Love Grown |
| 1:1-3:5 | 3:6-5:1 | 5:2-7 | 5:8-6:13 | 7:1-8:14 |
| The Beginnings of Love | | The Deepening of Love | | |

THEME: The Song of Solomon is a celebration of marital love as ordained by God.



About the Author

- Prays for wisdom

(1 Kings 3:5-15)

- Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil
- Loved many foreign women (1 Kings 11:1-6)
 Solomon clung to these loves... his heart was not wholly true to the Lord his God



Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death, jealousy is fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, the very flame of the LORD.

Song of Solomon 8:6-7

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If a man offered for love all the wealth of his house, he would be utterly despised.

Song of Solomon 8:6-7

Nakedness prostitute formation Impurity Adultery



Poetic Literature & Highlights

Literal reading

- Proper timing
- Intimacy in marriage
- Building up over tearing down
- Oikos support of marriage
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- Allegorical interpretation
- Jewish covenant with God
- Christ as the Bridegroom of the Church

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Proper Timing

I adjure you... that you not stir up or awaken love until it pleases.

(2:7, 3:5, and 8:4)

- Strong statements to fall within God's design

- Given pre and post marriage

Intimacy in marriage

I came to my garden, my sister, my bride, I gathered my myrrh with my spice, I ate my honeycomb with my honey, I drank my wine with my milk. (5:1)

- Just after the wedding in Chapter 4

- Full, welcomed, and encouraged; without shame

Building up over tearing down



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My beloved is radiant and ruddy, distinguished among ten thousand. (5:10)

My dove, my perfect one, is the only one, the only one of her mother, pure to her who bore her. The young women saw her and called her blessed; the queens and concubines also, and they praised her. (6:9)

Building up over tearing down

- Compliment full character
- Do so in front of each other
- Supported to other people

Oikos support of marriage

We will exult and rejoice in you; we will extol your love more than wine; rightly do they love you. (1:4)

Direct encouragement or preparation of the marriage
Character development that strengthens the marriage

Warning of laziness

I had put off my garment; how could I put it on? I had bathed my feet; how could I soil them? (5:3)

- Happens quickly

- Causes separation

- Reconciliation through effort

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Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the LORD, for My people have committed two evils: they have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

Jeremiah 2:12-13

So that He might present the church to Himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

Ephesians 5:27-28

For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body.

Ephesians 5:29-30

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Ephesians 5:31-33

Application exercise!

For married individuals: Pray with your spouse for your marriage

<u>For single individuals:</u> Pray for contentment and possible future spouse

For All:

Pray to support and encourage the marriages around you

For All:

Pray that we would embrace a deeper relationship and live out recognizing that Christ is the bridegroom of the Church