

The SONG OF SOLOMON

Proverbs is about Wisdom. Ecclesiastes is about Foolishness. Song of Solomon is about Love.

Solomon is the author. 1:1 The Song of Songs, which is Solomon's.

The Jews called it the Holy of Holies of Scripture. The finest of all songs.

1 Kings 3:12 There was not anyone wiser before Solomon and not anyone wiser after Solomon.

1 Kings 4:29-32 Solomon wrote 3,000 proverbs and 1,005 songs, Not: "approximately 1,000"

Only 917 proverbs recorded in Proverbs and **the only 1 song is Song of Solomon.**

Song of Solomon is a love poem.

Some people think it does not belong in the Bible. It was settled in the Hebrew canon of Scripture by the first century BC. It would have been in the Scriptures Jesus quoted. Jesus did not challenge it.

Origen and also Jerome, who translated the Bible into the Latin Vulgate, said that Jews wouldn't permit their young men to read it until they were at least 30 years old.

2:16 My beloved is mine, and I am his. The Central Theme

2:4 His banner over me is love.

The romantic passion of a marriage union, Jehovah's covenant relationship with Israel,
The Union between Christ and the Church-the Bride of Christ,
and a Christian's relationship with Christ.

There are Four Interpretations and Applications of the Meaning of Song of Solomon

I. The Literal Meaning. The glory of wedded love. A satisfied husband and a devoted wife
Heb 13:4 Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled;
but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

2 extreme erroneous views:

Ascetics- Abstaining from sex and worldly pleasures ie. Monks, nuns, priests

Hedonists- Self-indulgence, food, drink, unrestrained lust, carnality

II. The Historical Meaning Jehovah God's covenant relationship with Israel

Boaz and Ruth, a perfect love story

Hosea, Idolatry is like an unfaithful wife

God often confronted Israel with "whoring after other gods."

III. The Typical Meaning The marriage relationship between Christ and the Church

Read Ephesians 5:22-33 and Revelation 21:2 A bride adorned for her husband

Husband is head of the wife as Christ is head of the Church

Philogyny- love, admiration and respect **VS Misogyny**- Woman haters & disrespect

If the husband is not under the Lordship of Christ, he can't claim the Biblical role of head of the house.

IV. The Practical Meaning The relationship and communion between Christ and the Christian

Many today are missing a knowledge of the Word of God and a personal relationship with Jesus.

It is not just some kind of experience, but a relationship.

There is no place for the legalism of the Pharisees.

A Brief Overview of some Highlights

- S: The Shulamite woman/wife B: The Beloved man/husband
- 1:6 S: I am dark from sunburn, my brothers made me keep the sheep and work the vineyard I've neglected my own vineyard (appearance) working girl, poor, unattractive
- 1:8 B: O fairest among women
 God always sees more in us than we see in ourselves
- 2:15 Her brothers only see her worth as a laborer in the vineyard
 God chose to bless Abraham and Israel – Jesus died for sinners
- 2:16 S: My beloved is mine, and I am his.
- Ch 3 S: Sees the arrival of Solomon to check out his vineyards and workers
- Ch 4 B: Behold you are fair. There is a long, detailed description of her beauty
- 4:7 B: He saw a working peasant girl who was without spot or blemish.
- 4:10 B: How much better than wine is your love. Reality is better than an altered state.
 You don't need wine to dull your senses when you have the best reality.
 Eph 5:18 Be not drunk with wine, but be filled with the Spirit.
 In Christ, God sees our perfection, our sin is covered by the blood of Christ.
- 4:15 B: A private place enclosed, There are boundaries in life.
 Living waters John 7:37 He who believes in Me, out of his heart will flow streams of living water.
 Rev. 7:17 for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."
- 5:2- S: The beloved knocked and she wouldn't let him in.
 Rev.3:10 Behold I stand at the door and knock.
 She went looking for him and was treated as an immoral woman walking the streets
 We end up in a worse condition when we reject Christ.
 Israel constantly walked away from God and wouldn't let Him in – Slavery
- 5:10-16 S: She describes her Beloved again
- 6:3 S: I am my beloved's. And my beloved's is mine.
- 7:1-9 B: Another graphic description of her beauty.
- 8:5 A relative is a reminder of the woman's humble beginnings
- 8:6 S: Love is stronger than death Jesus loved the church, and gave Himself for her. Eph 5:25
 Jealousy is cruel and flames of a fire. Jealousy robs the joy of what you have.
 Exodus 20:5 and Deuteronomy 5:9 I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers unto the 3rd and 4th generation of them that hate me.
- 8:8 Her brothers seem to see the error of their ways.
- Revelation 19:7-9 Marriage Supper of the Lamb