

Outline of Song of Songs

1:1	The Superscription
1:2-3:5	The Courtship
3:6-5:1	The Wedding
5:2-8:4	The Maturing Process
8:5-7	The Conclusion
8:8-14	The Epilogue

Author

The first verse tells us the author is Solomon. This is why it is often called, "The Song of Solomon". Most perceive the date of writing to be early in Solomon's life (c. 965BC). Questions about Solomon are plenty. How could he who had 700 wives and 300 concubines (1Ki.11:3), be the same faithful lover this book presents? The early date may be before he became polygamous. But then why did he not remain faithful to the one as implied in this book.

Summary

The poem takes the form of a dialogue between a husband (the king) and a wife (the Shulamite). This is a single poem (one of 1,005 written by Solomon, 1Ki.4:32) Solomon designed it to deal with the subject of human love and marriage. This book should be interpreted the same way other books are, including literal, historically, and grammatically. It is incredible to see what many have done to this text, including giving it a church-centered meaning.

Purpose

The book gives us revelation concerning the way love between a

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Song of Songs presents an example of the pre-martial, martial, and post-martial relationship between a man and a woman. It presents marriage as God's intended design.

man and a woman should look like. The players in the book conduct themselves with love in attitudes and activities. God gave this book so we could understand the nature of love. God wants us to apply that understanding in our love for our spouses, as well as our love toward Him. Human life finds its highest fulfillment in the love of a man and a woman. Spiritual life finds its highest fulfillment in the love of a human

girl. One seems to be a lowly shepherd, and the other is the majestic king (Solomon). These are either two men, or one man in two roles. This was exactly the question that Israel faced when looking for her Messiah. There seemed to be 2 pictures of Him, one as a humble, Suffering Servant (Isaiah 53), the Good Shepherd, who lays down His life for His sheep, and the other as the powerful

WISDOM

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NATURE OF HUMAN LOVE

Foundation of Love	We have affection for people who satisfy some need or desire in us.		
Strength of Love	It is the strongest force in life (Sg.8:6-7) Commit yourselves to satisfying each other more than yourself.		
How to Love	Solomon takes the initiative in reaching out to his loved one with intensity and protecting her. The "Shulamite" responded to her beloved by yielding to him and trusting in him.		
Continual Commitment	It is not something you "fall into" or "out of" as the world tends to see it.		
FRUITS OF LOVE	• There is rest and perfect contentment	• There is joy that even adverse conditions cannot take away. Love fills the heart with a song.	• There is courage where both gain strength from their love

being and God. A person who has experienced the love of God can know best how to express and receive love on the human level. Believers should be the world's best lovers.

Analysis

It is clearly a romance involving Solomon and the Shulamite. The main problem is that there seems to be 2 men interested in the

Conquering King.



CHRIST IN SONG OF SONGS

- The two men (Shepherd and king) that are interested in the woman certainly pictures the two comings of Christ. They picture His first coming humbly as a Shepherd and His second coming in power as King.