

Song of Solomon May 21, 2023

Summary:

Solomon composed over 1,000 songs (1Ki 4:32) and of all of his songs this, the Song of Songs, was most excellent. It is made up of five songs which together show the progressive development of the love relationship between a bride and bridegroom. It also describes the many obstacles that the bride must overcome in order to be truly united with her beloved. The two main characters that speak in this song are the bridegroom, who speaks of his bride as his love, and the bride, who refers to her bridegroom as her beloved. There is a chorus of the daughters of Jerusalem that are heard throughout the song as well as a group of observers that are heard from in chapter three.

Outline:

First song; initial love 1:1 – 2:7
Second song; faltering love 2:8 – 3:5
Third song; growing love 3:6 – 5:1
Fourth song; transforming love 5:2 – 8:4
Fifth song; mature love 8:5 – 14

Christ Seen is seen as:

Beloved

1. lover, i.e., one who is beloved and a romantic kindred spirit, which may have sexual relations
SS 1:13 My beloved is to me a pouch of myrrh Which lies all night between my breasts.
2. love, i.e., the state or condition of romantic affection, which can include sexual relations
SS 1:2 May he kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! For your love is better than wine.

The King of Peace (Solomon's name means peaceable or peace).

Isa 9:6 For a child will be born to us, ... And His name will be called ... Prince of Peace.
(Is 26:3, 12; 54:10; 66:12)

Heb 7:1-2 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, ... was first of all, by the translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then also king of Salem, which is king of peace.

The Beloved Bridegroom,

2Cor 11:2 For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin.

The lover of the Church, who is "the fair one and undefiled" (Shulamite means peaceable, perfect).

Eph 5:32 "This is a great mystery; but I speak as saying Christ and the Church"
(Rev 19:7-8; 21:2, 9; 22:17)

The Three Stages of Love

Initial love - SS 2:16 "My beloved is mine, and I am his".

Growing love - SS 6:3 "I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine".

Mature love - SS 7:10 "I am my beloved's, and his desire is for me".

