

Song of Solomon

His Banner Over Me is His Love



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Interesting Facts About the Book

- Too confusing
- An allegory?
- An analogy
- Not mature enough to understand

“My beloved is to me a pouch of myrrh Which lies all night between my breasts.

Song of Solomon 1:13

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Analogy vs. allegory

- Not an allegory
 - Allegory is a made up fictional story with a hidden message
 - Allegory demands different conclusions
- Analogy is a fact (the Kingdom of heaven is like)

“My beloved is mine, and I am his; He pastures *his flock* among the lilies.

Song of Solomon 2:16

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 - Solomon is both the king and the shepherd boy wanting to romance the Shulamite girl (the prince marries the peasant girl). - Romans 5:8




THE LOVE STORY

Beginning at the End

Song of Songs 8:11






“Solomon had a vineyard at Baal-hamon; He entrusted the vineyard to caretakers. Each one was to bring a thousand *shekels* of silver for its fruit.

SONG OF SOLOMON 8:11







“I am black but lovely, O daughters of
Jerusalem, Like the tents of Kedar, Like
the curtains of Solomon.

SONG OF SOLOMON 1:5–6





“Do not stare at me because I am
swarthy, For the sun has burned me.
My mother’s sons were angry with me;
They made me caretaker of the
vineyards, *But* I have not taken care of
my own vineyard.”



I was looking toward him, and said,
"Blessed be the name of
God, who makes every one of the world like to be of
what I am. After me comes a man who walks before me,
because he was before me. I myself did not know him, but
for this purpose I came laughing with women, that he might
be revealed to them."

Song of Solomon 1:7–8

The man that he saw
was looking toward him, and said,
"Behold, the Lamb of
God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of
whom I said, After me comes a man who ranks before me,
because he was before me. I myself did not know him, but
for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might
be revealed to Israel."

Song of Solomon 1:9–10

The man they love was
 looking for a girl like you.
 He was like the birds of
 the sky, who search every
 corner of the world for
 the one they love. He
 was like a lion who
 searches for his prey in
 the forest, and he was
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Song of Solomon 1:17



MARRIAGE PROPOSAL

“Get your things ready”

Song of Solomon 2:8-17





NIGHTMARES

“I’ve Lost Him and I’m Looking for Him!”

Song of Solomon 1:3:3-4; 5:2-7

“The watchmen who make the rounds in the city found me, *And I said*, ‘Have you seen him whom my soul loves?’

Song of Solomon 3:3–4

“Scarcely had I left them When I found him
whom my soul loves; I held on to him and
would not let him go Until I had brought
him to my mother’s house, And into the
room of her who conceived me.”

“I was asleep but my heart was awake. A voice! My beloved was knocking: ‘Open to me, my sister, my darling, My dove, my perfect one! For my head is drenched with dew, My locks with the damp of the night.’

Song of Solomon 5:2-7

“I have taken off my dress, How can I put it on *again*? I have washed my feet, How can I dirty them *again*? “My beloved extended his hand through the opening, And my feelings were aroused for him.

“I arose to open to my beloved; And my
hands dripped with myrrh, And my fingers
with liquid myrrh, On the handles of the
bolt.

“I opened to my beloved, But my beloved
had turned away *and* had gone! My heart
went out *to him* as he spoke. I searched for
him but I did not find him; I called him but
he did not answer me.

“The watchmen who make the rounds in the city found me, They struck me *and* wounded me; The guardsmen of the walls took away my shawl from me.

The Wedding Day Has Arrived!

Song of Solomon 3:6-11; 6:8



“What is this coming up from the wilderness Like columns of smoke, Perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, With all scented powders of the merchant?”

Song of Solomon 3:6–11



**“Behold, it is the traveling couch of
Solomon; Sixty mighty men around
it, Of the mighty men of Israel.**



“All of them are wielders of the sword, Expert in war; Each man has his sword at his side, Guarding against the terrors of the night.



“King Solomon has made for himself a sedan chair From the timber of Lebanon.



**“He made its posts of silver, Its back
of gold And its seat of purple fabric,
With its interior lovingly fitted out
By the daughters of Jerusalem.**



“Go forth, O daughters of Zion, And gaze on King Solomon with the crown With which his mother has crowned him On the day of his wedding, And on the day of his gladness of heart.”



**“There are sixty queens and
eighty concubines, And
maidens without number;**

Song of Solomon 6:8



**“I am the rose of Sharon,
The lily of the valleys.”**

Song of Solomon 2:1-2



**“Like a lily among the
thorns, So is my darling
among the maidens.”**



**“He has brought me to his banquet
hall, and his banner over me is love.”**

Song of Solomon 2:4

- At the heart of our religion is a very personal relationship

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 - There is an emotional relationship



**God is Calling us out of pure and simple
love**