

# *The Song of Solomon*

## Introduction:

1. There are many approaches to interpreting the meaning of this book.
  - A. The \_\_\_\_\_ meaning
  - B. The \_\_\_\_\_ meaning
  - C. The \_\_\_\_\_ meaning
  - D. The \_\_\_\_\_ meaning
2. A description is given of the events preceding the wedding, the events accompanying the wedding, and the events following the wedding:
  - I. The Events \_\_\_\_\_ The Wedding (1:1-3:5)
    - A. The Bride Speaks To The \_\_\_\_\_ (1:1-4a, 5-7, 12-14, 16-17, 2:1, 3-13, 16-17, 3:1-5)
      1. Your love is sweeter than \_\_\_\_\_ (1:2)
      2. How pleasing is your name (1:3)
      3. I am darkened by the sun, but beautiful (1:5-6)
      4. Where do you graze your \_\_\_\_\_, O my love (1:7)
      5. I desire to hold you in my bosom (1:12-14, 2:4-7)
      6. I will be to you as a rose of Sharon, the lily of the valley (2:1)
      7. You will be to me as an apple tree (2:3)
      8. I hear you coming for me (2:8-13, 16-17)
      9. I dreamed that I searched for you in the streets of the city (3:1-5)
    - B. The Groom Speaks to The \_\_\_\_\_ (1:8-11, 15)
      1. You are like a beautiful horse (1:9)
      2. How lovely are your cheeks and neck (1:10)
      3. Your eyes are soft like doves eyes (1:15)
    - C. The Young Women of Jerusalem Speak to the \_\_\_\_\_. (1:4b, 2:15)
      1. We rejoice and delight in you (1:4b)
      2. Guard the vineyard of your love (1:15)

## II. The Events Accompanying the Wedding (3:6-5:1)

### A. The wedding day (3:6-11)

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of King Solomon (3:6): Solomon is seen sweeping in from the deserts like a cloud of smoke, coming for his bride.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of King Solomon (3:7-10)
  - a. The Soldier (3:7-8): Solomon's carriage is guarded by 60 of Israel's strongest and most experienced warriors.
  - b. The Splendor (3:9-10)
    - (1) Made from wood imported from Lebanon (3:9)
    - (2) It has silver posts and a golden canopy (3:10a)
    - (3) It is upholstered with purple (3:10b)
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Solomon (3:11): the bride invites the daughters of Jerusalem to see and admire his crown, given him by his mother on the very day of their wedding.

### B. The Wedding Night (4:1-5:1)

1. As spoken by the husband to his wife (4:1-15, 5:1a): He praises her in the following ways:
  - a. Her eyes are like doves (4:1a)
  - b. Her hair is like a flock of goats (4:1b)
  - c. Her teeth are like shorn sheep (4:2)
  - d. Her lips are like a scarlet ribbon (4:3a)
  - e. Her cheeks are like the halves of a pomegranate (4:3b)
  - f. Her neck is like the tower of David (4:4)
  - g. Her breasts are like twin fawns of a gazelle (4:5)
  - h. Her love is much better than wine (4:10a)
  - i. Her perfume is more fragrant than the richest spices. Her love is his own private garden, an enclosed spring, a sealed fountain, a lovely orchard filled with precious fruit (4:10b-15, 5:1)
2. As spoken by the wife to her husband (4:16): She urges him to take his fill of love.
3. As spoken by the young women of Jerusalem to both (5:1b):  
"Drink abundantly of this love."

### III. The Events Following the Wedding (5:2-8-14)

- A. In regard to the \_\_\_\_\_ (5:2-8, 10-16, 7:10-8:4, 6-7, 10-14)
1. Her \_\_\_\_\_ (5:2-8)
    - a. The sin (5:2-4): In her dream she rebuffs her husband, causing him to walk away sadly.
    - b. The search (5:5-8): Regretting this, she searches for him in the city streets and is mistreated by the watchmen.
  2. Her \_\_\_\_\_ (7:10-8:4)
    - a. To visit the countryside and spend the night on one of the fields. (7:10-13)
    - b. To publicly demonstrate her love for him (8:1-4)
    - c. To offer herself totally to him (8:10-12, 14)
  3. Her \_\_\_\_\_ (5:10-16, 8:6-7)
    - a. She describes her lover (5:10-16)
    - b. She describes her love (8:6-7)
- B. In regard to the husband (6:4, 12-13, 7:1-9, 8:5b, 13)
1. He characterizes the beauty of his wife (6:4-7): Solomon speaks in glowing terms concerning his wife's hair, teeth, cheeks, etc.
  2. He contrasts the beauty of his wife (6:8-10): Her beauty far surpasses that of his 60 other wives and 80 concubines, and unnumbered virgins!
- C. In regard to the young women of Jerusalem (5:9, 6:1, 13a, 8:5a): They ask the wife several questions.
- D. In regard to the wife's brothers (8:8-9)
1. The question (8:8): "What will happen to our sister?"
  2. The answer (8:9): We will help her remain pure until she marries"