

# Correspondence Bible Study

## Lesson #21 – Song of Songs

### PRAYER:

Holy Father, I thank You for Your love. Help me to know that I am to share Your love with others. In Jesus I have the perfect example of genuine – sacrificial love. Help me to share the love of Jesus with those in my family, church, at work and those in my community. In Christ's name I pray. Amen.

### Notes on Song of Songs:

In the history of the church, there has been different ways of looking at Song of Songs. The first impression is that it is a love story. Apparently, Solomon has met some lovely girl that he hopes to marry and join his harem. The sensual words and pictures show that God endorses marital love in all its physical and emotional beauty. I think Song of Songs is mainly meant to be love story depicting God's gift to man of love and intimacy.

The Lutheran church has also looked at Song of Songs as an allegory showing the Old Testament picture of Israel as the bride of God and the New Testament picture of Christ being the bridegroom and the church His bride. In order to follow this interpretation, you need to look more at the general picture than at the intimate details. Song of Songs completes the three books written by Solomon. (Proverbs, Eccl., Song of Songs) It also ends the wisdom literature section of the Old Testament. Next will come the major and minor prophets.

Attached is a chart from the organization – Jews for Jesus. It shows how Jesus is the key to understanding all of the Scriptures. Look at it as you continue your walk through the Bible.

Song of Songs is not quoted in the New Testament.

### Questions:

You can see why for centuries there were rules that said you had to be of age before you could read Song of Songs. Part of the beauty of the book is that its descriptions are so beautiful and poetic, not vulgar at all. Read through the book, thinking of it as a love story. I'll let you ask the questions.

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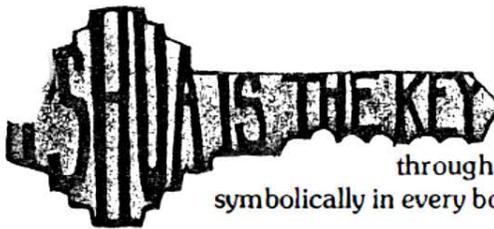
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4. Read Ephesians 5:22-33 – What parallels can you find in Song of Songs as you think of Christ as the bridegroom and the church as the bride?

Your questions on Song of Songs...

Begin reading Isaiah



Yshua is the key that unlocks all of Scripture. The central and unifying theme of the Bible is God's plan of universal redemption through Israel's Messiah, whom we can see either literally, prophetically or symbolically in every book of both Old and New Testaments.

<b>In Genesis:</b>	He is the Creator and the Seed of the Woman	<b>In Proverbs:</b>	He is our Pattern and our Example	<b>In Nahum:</b>	He is the Avenger and Stronghold in time of trouble
<b>In Exodus:</b>	He is the Passover Lamb	<b>In Ecclesiastes:</b>	He is life's Goal	<b>In Habakkuk:</b>	He is the God of our salvation
<b>In Leviticus:</b>	He is the Atoning Sacrifice	<b>In Song of Solomon:</b>	He is the long-awaited, beloved Bridegroom	<b>In Zephaniah:</b>	He is the Instrument of judgment and the mighty King who will rejoice over his people in love
<b>In Numbers:</b>	He is the smitten Rock, the One lifted up in the wilderness and the Bread sent from heaven	<b>In Isaiah:</b>	He is the Root out of dry ground, the Suffering Servant, wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace	<b>In Haggai:</b>	He is the Desire of all nations
<b>In Deuteronomy:</b>	He is the true Prophet	<b>In Jeremiah's Writings:</b>	He is the Righteous Branch and the Sovereign Lord	<b>In Zechariah:</b>	He is Israel's King and Savior coming in humility
<b>In Joshua:</b>	He is the Captain of the Lord's host	<b>In Ezekiel:</b>	He is the Likeness of the glory of God	<b>In Malachi:</b>	He is the Sun of Righteousness with healing in his wings
<b>In Judges:</b>	He is our great Deliverer	<b>In Daniel:</b>	He is the Son of Man, the smiting Stone not cut with hands and the ruling Prince	<b>In the Gospels:</b>	He is the loving Redeemer who came to seek and save
<b>In Ruth:</b>	He is our Kinsman-Redeemer	<b>In Hosea:</b>	He is the redeeming Husband of the fallen wife	<b>In Acts:</b>	He is the risen Messiah who empowers by his Spirit
<b>In I and II Kings, Samuel and Chronicles:</b>	He is the promised King	<b>In Joel:</b>	He is the Restorer	<b>In Romans:</b>	He is our Righteousness
<b>In Ezra and Nehemiah:</b>	He is Israel's Restorer	<b>In Amos:</b>	He is the heavenly Husbandman	<b>In the Epistles:</b>	He is at the Father's right hand
<b>In Esther:</b>	He is the Advocate for his people	<b>In Obadiah:</b>	He is Savior	<b>In the Revelation:</b>	He is the returning King and Judge of all the earth
<b>In Job:</b>	He is the ever-living Redeemer	<b>In Jonah:</b>	He is the Resurrector		
<b>In Psalms:</b>	He is the Only-begotten of God, universal King, Shepherd of our souls and chief Cornerstone	<b>In Micah:</b>	He is the Witness against transgression and Israel's eternal Ruler born in Bethlehem		