

Bible Reading Notes
SONG of SOLOMON

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Song of Solomon 1-4

Song of Solomon is a love story about Solomon and a young woman. The first section (1:1-3:5) takes us through the courtship phase. 3:6-5:1 refers to the wedding and honeymoon.

1:4 – chambers – Throughout the book this term refers to the bedroom.

2:7 – do not stir up – During the courtship period it is inappropriate to awaken love with sexual contact (also 3:5).

4:1-15 – Solomon’s description of his bride on their wedding day.

4:16-5:1 – This is a description of the honeymoon when the physical consummation of their relationship is now proper.

Song of Solomon 5-8

The second half of the book has a disruption in their love followed by a reconciliation.

5:2-8 – The disruption in the relationship.

5:9-16 – The bride gives the description of her husband.

6:1-7:10 – Reunion, and Solomon describes his bride.

7:13 – mandrakes – These were an ancient aphrodisiac.

8:4 – This time they must wait until they are in a private setting.

8:9 – wall = metaphor for being a virgin; **door** = metaphor for one who is sexually active.

