

Song of Songs – 8 Chapters

Title:

Song of Songs of Solomon

Therefore, called “Song of Songs”- (preeminent song)
or Song of Solomon

Sometimes called “Canticles” Latin for ‘songs’

Author:

Much of the book is possibly attributed to Solomon though many deny Solomon is the author. Scholars see at least three voices in this book and there is no consensus on authorship.

Occasion and Purpose:

Opinions vary about the occasion and purpose. It may be a straightforward series of love poems celebrating romantic love. It may be using romantic love as an allegorical symbol for divine love. It may be a subversive critique of Solomon’s abuse of power.

Theme:

1. Romantic Love

Summary:

The Bible speaks to all areas of life. This book speaks about human love, one for another. God created love and love (even sensual love) is good (in the proper context). This book talks about the emotions and feelings between a man and a woman.

Organization:

Intro.	Bride's longing	1:1-4
Poem 1	Mutual love	1:5-2:7
Poem 2	Mutual seeking and finding	2:8-3:5
Poem 3	Procession and marriage	3:6-5:1
Poem 4	Estrangement and reunion	5:2-6:3
Poem 5	Lovely beauty of the bride	6:4-84
Concl.	Love covenant	8:5-7
Append.	A little sister Solomon's vineyards Love call	8:8-14

Key Verses:

2:7; 3:5; 8:4; 8:6-7