

Song of Solomon

Author and Date

Who wrote Song of Solomon and when?

Title

Where does the book derive its name?

Structure

What is the structure of the book?

Place in the Canon

Where does the Song of Solomon fit in the Jewish and Christian canon?

Themes and Characteristics

What are the themes and characteristics of the Song of Solomon?

Christian Perspective

How does the Song of Solomon relate to Christian revelation?

(Read 1:1) What is the Hebraic meaning of this verse? (Note 1:1)

(Read Note 1:2-7) (Read 1:2) How does the Church interpret this verse in a spiritual sense? (Note 1:2)

(Read 1:5) Who are the daughters of Jerusalem? (Note 1:5)

(Read 1:9-11) What does “my love” and “mare” mean? (Note 1:9)

(Read 2:8-13) (Note 2:8-17) How does the Church interpret the “voice of my beloved”? (Note 2:8)

What do fig trees symbolize? (Note 2:13)

(Read 2:16) What is a covenant commitment? (Note 2:16)

(Read Note 4:1-15) (Read 4:1-15) What is meant “there is no flaw in you”? (Note 4:7)

What is the imagery of “the garden”? (Note 4:12)

(Read 5:1-2) What does the passage “my beloved is knocking” allude to? (Note 5:2)

(Read 6:9) My dove, my perfect one. (Note 6:9)

Topical Essay: The Song of Solomon and the Spiritual Life

How does Jewish and Christian tradition integrate the three books of Solomon – Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon into the spiritual life?

(Read 7:5) Where is Mount Carmel? (Note 7:5)

(Read 8:6) Is love as strong as death? (Note 8:6)

Word Study: Desire

Is there a rupture in the spousal relationship and can it be healed?