

**A Church of One Book**  
**Reading Plan for May 16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>**

Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>- Song of Solomon 1:1-2:7

Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>- Song of Solomon 2:8-3:5

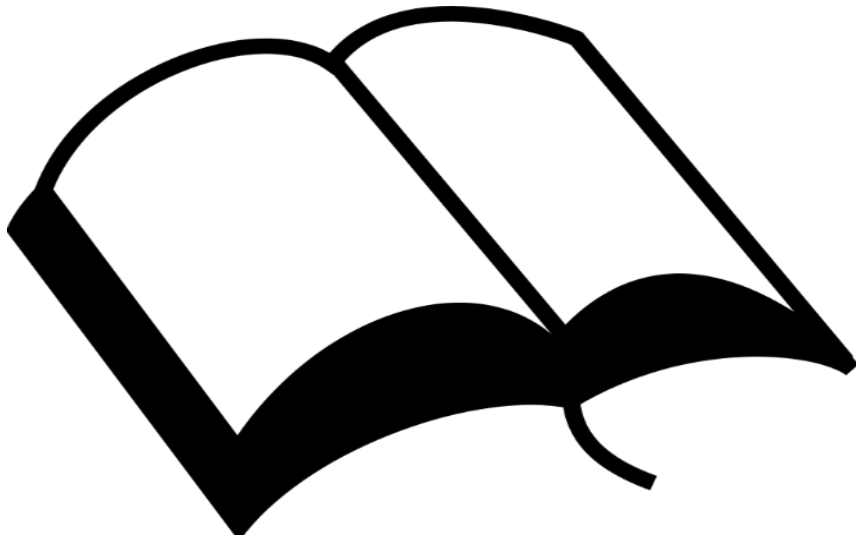
Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>- Song of Solomon 3:6-11

Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>- Song of Solomon 4:1-5:1

Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>- Song of Solomon 5:2-6:3

Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>- Song of Solomon 6:4-7:9a

Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>- Song of Solomon 7:9b-8:14



# "THE SONG OF SONGS, WHICH IS OF SOLOMON..."

**HEBREW IDIOM:**  
"HOLY OF HOLIES"  
"KING OF KINGS"  
**THE GREATEST SONG**

**MAYBE** **AUTHOR?** **MAYBE NOT**

✓ HIS NAME BEGINS THE BOOK.

✓ MAIN VOICE IS A JOHMAN.  
✓ THANKS VOICE ISNT SOLOMON.  
✓ SOLOMONS MENTIONED, BUT NEVER SPEAKS.  
✓ SOLOMON HAD 700+ WIVES! (SEE 1 KINGS 11:1-3:27)

POETS THAT EXPLORE **LOVE AND DESIRE**

SOLOMON WAS KNOWN FOR WISDOM, POETRY, AND A LOVE OF LEARNING. (SEE 1 KINGS 4:29-34)

## 1:2-7 INTRODUCTION

LET HIM KISS ME! (1:2)

COME FIND ME! (1:3)

TAKE ME AWAY WITH YOU! (1:4)

## ENDING: CARICING

1:1-1:2

1:3-1:4

1:5-1:6

1:7-1:8

1:9-1:10

1:11-1:12

1:13-1:14

1:15-1:16

1:17-1:18

1:19-1:20

1:21-1:22

# the Song of Songs

8:1-3

8:4-5

8:6-7

8:8-9

8:10-11

8:12-13

8:14-15

8:16-17

8:18-19

8:20-21

8:22-23

8:24-25

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8:28-29

8:30-31

8:32-33

8:1-3

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8:20-21

8:22-23

8:24-25

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8:28-29

8:30-31

8:32-33

## 8:6-14

### Love

...IS AS STRONG AS DEATH,  
ITS PASSIONS ARE AS SEVERE AS THE GRAB,  
ITS FLAMES ARE OF FIRE, A DIVINE FLAME.  
MANY WARRIORS CANNOT EXTINGUISH LOVE,  
RIVERS CANNOT SWEEP IT AWAY.  
IF ONE WERE TO GIVE ALL THE WEALTH  
OF ONE'S HOUSE FOR LOVE,  
HE WOULD BE UTTERLY SCORNED. (8:6-7)

THE POWER AND INTENSITY OF LOVE IS  
BEAUTIFUL & LIFEGIVING ... DANGEROUS & DESTRUCTIVE

THE HUMAN LONGING TO KNOW AND BE KNOWN

TRANSCENDENT, MYSTERIOUS, AND A GIFT FROM GOD

LET ME HEAR YOUR VOICE!

RUN AWAY WITH ME!

8:13-14

(OPEN)ENDING  
...A LOT LIKE LOVE...

## WHAT IS LOVE POETRY DOING IN THE BIBLE?

THREE MAIN INTERPRETATIONS THROUGH HISTORY:

### 1 JEWISH TRADITION

AN ALLEGORY OF ISRAEL AND GOD

### 2 CHRISTIAN TRADITION

AN ALLEGORY OF THE CHURCH AND CHRIST (SEE EPHESIANS 5:25-33)

\* THE DISCOVERY OF ANCIENT EGYPTIAN AND BABYLONIAN LOVE POETRY PART OF ISRAEL'S CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT

### 3 COLLECTION OF ANCIENT POETRY

THAT REFLECTS ON THE DIVINE GIFT OF LOVE

YOUR EYES ARE LIKE DOVES...  
YOUR HAIR, LIKE A FLOCK OF GOATS...  
YOUR TEETH, LIKE LAMBS...  
YOUR NECK IS A TOWER...  
YOUR Lips ARE HONEY...



## THEME TWO

REMEMBER...  
HEBREW METAPHORS ARE  
**NOT**  
—PRIMARILY—  
VISUAL!

## THE JOY OF PHYSICAL ATTRACTION

SEPARATE: SEEKING

INTENSE: DESIRE: SEEKING AND FINDING

ENDING: CARICING

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**A KEY FEATURE**  
GARDEN IMAGERY ECHOES  
*the Garden of Eden*  
(GENESIS 1-2)

MAN AND WOMAN NAKED AND VULNERABLE, YET UNITED AND SAFE  
VISION OF A RELATIONSHIP UNDAUNTED BY SIN  
THE SONG HIDS OUT THERE...