

Song of Songs The Wisdom of Love



Title: The Song of Songs (“best song”) by Solomon												
The Shulamite and her beloved express their mutual adoration of each other in anticipation of their union (1:2 –2:7).												
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Shulamite expresses her adoration of her beloved. (1:2-4a) (1:4b) Refrain: <i>Delight of the friends in the birth of love.</i> The Shulamite declares her insecurity in her appearance and position. (1:5-7) The beloved praises her loveliness and promises to adorn her. (1:8-11) The Shulamite relates the value of her lover, enraptured in his presence. (1:12-14) The beloved breaks into praise for his bride as fair and innocent. (1:15) The Shulamite expresses her adoration of her beloved and their setting. (1:16-2:1) The beloved corrects her opinion of herself, and she in turn praises him. (2:2, 3) The Shulamite enjoys the security and provision of her beloved. (2:4-6) (2:7) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Shulamite relates how her beloved called her away from solitude, and then in the night she longed for him and looked for him (2:8-3:5). The Shulamite relates how her beloved called her out of her solitude. (2:8-15) The Shulamite claims union with the king and longs for his presence. (2:16, 17) The Shulamite recalls how in the night she longed for him and looked for him. (3:1-4) (3:5) Advice: <i>Patiently wait for the birth of real love.</i> 											
1:1	1:2	2:7	2:8	3:5	3:6	5:1	5:2	6:3	6:4	8:7	8:8	8:14
First Cycle		Second Cycle		Third Cycle		Fourth Cycle		Fifth Cycle		Sixth Cycle		
1:1	1:2	3:5	3:6	5:1	5:2	8:7	8:8	8:14				
COURTSHIP			WEDDING			MARRIAGE			Epilogue			

Solomon recorded poetic reflections on the relationship of love between a husband and wife, showing the rapturous wonder of the love relationship through its growth from courtship to maturity, in order to demonstrate the glorious gift of human sexuality within the covenant of marriage and to admonish the daughters of Jerusalem (young, unmarried people) not to become involved in a love relationship before the proper time.