

The Song of Solomon

A Love Story with a Hidden Meaning

Preface

The Song of Solomon (SOS) has had a peculiar attraction throughout the ages for God's people, perhaps due to its unusual content or the fascination with trying to determine a deeper, hidden meaning. The goal of this book is to unravel SOS, and, in so doing, we will see it contains an intriguing love story. However, SOS' secrets will only begin to be uncovered once we decipher the love story; indeed, the depth of SOS lies below this surface story. The love story reveals something much more germane to the Bible—it reveals a far more ingenious, hidden message. Determining the hidden message need not be subject to conjecture or whimsical human imagination. The hidden message is a Scriptural truth told many times in the Bible, but in various ways, that is, alternative ways of telling the same story. The hidden message is actually a continuing theme in the Bible, but one deeply veiled within SOS.

Unfortunately, the actual love story is so obscure that we mistakenly think discovering that story is in itself the goal, the deeper truth. Thus, the effort to unravel the love story tends to divert our thoughts and attention from what may lie deeper within. The mystical nature of the love story obscures the underlying hidden message, perhaps for a God-given reason. However, once the love story is unraveled, the hidden message really is not so hidden after all; those familiar with how God instructs His own, through the Word, will readily see it. Those not so familiar with the Word will begin to see the wonder and awe inherent in the workings of the Lord.

The love story in SOS is the means by which the Lord uses an earthly story to symbolically portray something deeper. The love story will have a time of tender first love and many of the other features we expect in a love story. However, there are twists and turns we would not expect. Those twists and turns at times seem unfair to the heroine in the story, but the hidden meaning brings out all the truth so that the love story and its interpretation make perfect sense. The Song of Solomon is a true story of love, joy, sorrow, separation, and finally restoration. The interpretation (deeper hidden meaning) brings out the purpose of the Song of Solomon and explains why this book is not only historic but has profound future implications. Since the interpretation extends into the future, the Song ties in beautifully with prophesied future events, as seen in the book of Revelation.

There are wonderful applications for us today from this most remarkable book of the Bible. This study will reveal a compelling reason for the Rapture, the purpose of the Tribulation, what occurs during the Day of the Lord, and why our lives must be anchored to something deeper than that offered by this world. In addition, the Song of Solomon will teach us much about: God's faithfulness in spite of our failures, how He protects His own from the coming horrific world events, the meaning of true love, how God accomplishes the unthinkable in our lives, and what we must do not to end up like Solomon.

The final two chapters of this book will discuss some unusual ideas whose time may have come. The ideas and concepts presented will challenge some traditional views and introduce new thoughts, which can enhance our appreciation of the Lord. The final chapter will discuss how the stars and constellations in heaven relate to the Song of Solomon, and this chapter will offer insights into the Word that are indeed worth your time.