



## *Study Outline*

**Main Point:** The rabbi's of ancient Israel viewed the "Song of Solomon" as being the "Holy of Holies of Scripture". Beyond simply being a series of love songs passed between a king and his bride, the Song of Solomon was viewed with such high regard because it creatively taught God's people the true nature and manifestation of love. The love cycle established in this book is true in its most literal interpretation - the love between a man and a woman.... and its pattern also remains true in the allegorical sense of describing the love affair which exists between God and His people through salvation.

### *Song of Solomon Illustrates 4 Basic Things.....*

ILLUSTRATION #1: Literal Interpretation

- Describes Wedding Love & the Enjoyed Sexual Experience

ILLUSTRATION #2: Figurative Interpretation

- Declares Gods Passionate Love for the Children of Israel

ILLUSTRATION #3: Metaphorical Interpretation

- Depicts Christs (Groom) Love for the Church (Bride)

ILLUSTRATION #4: Allegorical Interpretation

- Displays Personal Relationship between Jesus & the Believer

### *Love Cycle Illustrated in the Song of Solomon.....*

*Cycle 1 - Love Born..... Attraction & the Pursuit*

Song of Solomon 1:1 - 3:5

*Cycle 2 - Love Enjoyed..... Sex & the Marriage*

Song of Solomon 3:6 - 5:1

*Cycle 3 - Love Tested..... Selfishness & the Results*

Song of Solomon 5:2 - 6:3

*Cycle 4 - Love Endured..... Grace & the Restoration*

Song of Solomon 6:4 - 6:13

*Cycle 5 - Love Deepened..... Victory & the By-product*

Song of Solomon 7:1 - 8:4

*Cycle 6 - Love Matured..... Faithfulness & the Satisfaction*

Song of Solomon 3:6 - 5:1



### *Day 1: Tan of Beauty.....*

**Song of Solomon 1:1-6 // THINKING POINTS:** (1). In her reference to being “dark”, what reason does the Shulamite give as to why her skin had darkened? (2). Though her tan was brought on by the persecution of her brothers, do you think this was attractive to her beloved? (3). Do you think Jesus’ love for you deepens as He looks upon the marks of suffering? Should this mature our view of persecution?

### *Day 2: Dress Like a Ho - Get a Pimp.....*

**Song of Solomon 1:7 // THINKING POINTS:** (1). In what way is the Shulamite proclaiming her modesty to her beloved? (2). According to this passage, in what way was a women of low sexual morals easy to identify? (3). If the clothes we wear is part of the way we attract the opposite sex, what kind of attire would attract a pimp and what kind would attract the loving shepherd?

### *Day 3: Dont Awaken the Beast.....*

**Song of Solomon 2:2-7 // THINKING POINTS:** (1). Why do you think the Shulamite warns not to “stir up or awaken love until it pleases”? (2). Do you think this advice can apply to more than just marriage love and maybe refer to sexual desires? (3). How can we refrain from stirring up sexual desires before it can be enjoyed in the marriage bed?

### *Day 4: One of Ownership.....*

**Song of Solomon 2:16-17 // THINKING POINTS:** (1). What cool reality can be realized from this passage when we see ourselves as the Shulamite and Jesus as the beloved? (2). In what way does the statement “I am His” describe the permanence of your relationship with Jesus? (3). In what ways is the statement “He is mine” so incredible?

### *Day 5: Protect the Garden.....*

**Song of Solomon 4:12-16 // THINKING POINTS:** (1). In what ways can you compare the “garden” and the maiden’s virginity? (2). The idea promoted by saying she’s a “fountain sealed” describes the protection of her innocence for the rightful owner... how can you protect your innocence for your future spouse? (3). With this in mind, how carefully should you preserve your virginity and protect your innocence?

### *Day 6: The Lean.....*

**Song of Solomon 8:5-7 // THINKING POINTS:** (1). What can we learn about this relationship from the “leaning” description? (2). What is the benefits of leaning upon Jesus? (3). Are you?

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