

## An Introduction to Song of Solomon (“Song of Songs”)

### • **Three Reasons to Study This Book**

1. It is part of the i\_\_\_\_\_, i\_\_\_\_\_ Word of God which He has g\_\_\_\_\_ given to us (II Timothy 3:16-17, Westminster Confession of Faith – Chapter 1, Paragraphs 1,2,& 7).
2. A Biblical understanding of God’s gifts of m\_\_\_\_\_, s\_\_\_\_\_, and l\_\_\_\_\_ are too often ignored or misunderstood by both s\_\_\_\_\_ and s\_\_\_\_\_ in our day (Genesis 2:24-25, Deuteronomy 6:7, Proverbs 5:15-20, Proverbs 30:18-19, I Corinthians 7:1-5, Hebrews 13:5).
3. When considered Biblically, the subject of a h\_\_\_\_\_ and a w\_\_\_\_\_ relationship with one another will point us to C\_\_\_\_\_ relationship with His b\_\_\_\_\_, the church (Psalm 45, John 3:28-30, Ephesians 5:22-25, Revelation 19:6-9).

### • **The Title and Author of Song of Songs**

1. The book is often called the S\_\_\_\_\_ of S\_\_\_\_\_ based on 1:1. This s\_\_\_\_\_ description points to a Christo-centric approach to the book (“holy of holies”, “King of kings”, Lord of lords”) and is probably a b\_\_\_\_\_ n\_\_\_\_\_ than Song of Solomon.
2. Did you ever wonder how Solomon could write a book on marital faithfulness? There is great a\_\_\_\_\_ in the m\_\_\_\_\_ of the term “which is Solomon’s” (1:1). It is not the same s\_\_\_\_\_ found at the beginning of the P\_\_\_\_\_ (“of David”). It can be t\_\_\_\_\_ “for, to, or about Solomon.” That leaves us with the l\_\_\_\_\_ conclusion that the book has an a\_\_\_\_\_ author.

- **The Interpretation of the Book**

1. It is not an a\_\_\_\_\_, an extended m\_\_\_\_\_ in which there is no factual, historical truth but only a deep s\_\_\_\_\_ meaning.
2. It is not merely a m\_\_\_\_\_ on s\_\_\_\_\_. Some who emphasize a n\_\_\_\_\_ (literal, didactic) interpretation often treat it that way.
3. It is not, strictly speaking, a t\_\_\_\_\_ of C\_\_\_\_\_ and his love for the church, and the b\_\_\_\_\_ is never i\_\_\_\_\_ as such in the New Testament.
4. However, in keeping with a h\_\_\_\_\_ -r\_\_\_\_\_ approach to Scripture, we will not ignore C\_\_\_\_\_ and His r\_\_\_\_\_ love for us as we consider the “Song of Songs” (Luke 24:27 and 44-47).