

Week One | Song of Songs

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2 Things the Bible talks the most about

1. Money
2. Sex/Relationships

2 Things the Church is bad about talking about

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2. Sex/Relationships

Canon – “The collection of books which form the original and authoritative written rule of the faith and practice of the Christian Church”

2 Timothy 3:16-17

¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Controversy over inclusion of this book:

- Never directly talks about God.
- It is sexually explicit.

There is no such thing as an objective reading of the Bible

Ask yourself: “Where are you coming from?”

“[Our] question should not be why is the book of Song of Songs is IN the Bible — the question instead should be, “What would the Bible be like WITHOUT Song of Songs?””

Background:

- The phrase “Song of Songs” means the ‘greatest of songs.’
- Authorship: Some traditions say it was Solomon

1 Kings 4:32 – [Solomon] spoke three thousand proverbs and his songs numbered a thousand and five.

1 Kings 11:1–3

¹ King Solomon, however, loved many foreign women besides Pharaoh’s daughter—Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians and Hittites. ² They were from nations about which the Lord had told the

Israelites, “You must not intermarry with them, because they will surely turn your hearts after their gods.” Nevertheless, Solomon held fast to them in love.³ He had seven hundred wives of royal birth and three hundred concubines, and his wives led him astray.

- Authorship: Possibly written by Solomon, but more than likely it was simply ascribed to Solomon.

‘The Song of Songs is attributed to Solomon’

- Date or original poem is unknown. But gathered by the editor around 250bc
- Solomon is referenced three times, all negative.
- Much is written from standpoint of a woman.

Song of Songs 1:4

⁴Take me away with you—let us hurry!

Let the king bring me into his chambers.

“King”: A term of endearment, not a political word

Song of Songs 1:1 - Solomon’s Song of Songs.

Hebrew Title: “Solomon’s Song of Songs”. Meaning it is **BY, FOR or ABOUT** Solomon.

- “**By** Solomon.”
- “**For** Solomon.”
- “**About** Solomon.”
- “**Solomonic**” In the tradition of Solomon.

Organized and written down 600-700 years after Solomons death