

SONG OF SOLOMON

Cast of Characters:

King Solomon /Shepherd / Shulamite / Shulamites' family / Daughters of Jerusalem (Solomon's entourage)

The Plot:

King Solomon is enticing the Shulamite with all that the world has to offer, yet the Shulamite is being pulled away with cords of love by a Shepherd who would be King! A prophetic story of the Messiah wooing His bride to fulfill her calling in being one with Him and working the harvest together.

The key to understanding is knowing who is doing the talking.

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Song of Solomon 5:4 **My beloved** put in **his** hand by the hole of the door, and my bowels were moved for him.

He always refers to her as "my love"

Song 4:1 Behold, you are beautiful, **My love**. Behold, you are beautiful; your eyes are like doves' from behind **your veil**;

Song of Solomon 2:10 **My beloved** spake, and said unto me,
"Rise up, **my love**, my fair one, and come away."

The Story is divided into 6 acts:

- I. Shulamites Double mindedness {1:2-2:7} She falls asleep
- II. The Shepherd calls her to Himself and His work {2:8-3:5} She falls asleep again
- III. The Shulamite searches for her Beloved {3:6-5:2} She falls asleep again
- IV. The Shulamite searches for her Beloved again {5:3-6:10} True Repentance
- V. The Shulamite joins her Beloved working the Harvest {6:11-8:4} Enters into Rest
- VI. The Shulamite enjoys full communion with Shepherd {8:5-8:14} Sanctification

Song of Solomon 1:1 The song of songs, which is Solomon's.

1 Kings 4:32 And he spoke three thousand proverbs, and his songs were a thousand and five.

Historical Background:

1 Samuel 8:7-21 And the LORD said to Samuel, Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you. For they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them. According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even until this day—works with which they have forsaken Me and served other gods— so they do also to you. And now listen to their voice. Only, you shall surely protest solemnly to them, and show them the kind of king who shall reign over them. And Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who asked a king of him. And he said, This will be the privilege of the king who shall reign over you. *He shall take your sons and appoint them for **himself**, for **his** chariots, and **his** horsemen. And they shall run before **his** chariots. And he will appoint commanders over thousands, and commanders over fifties, and some to plow **his** ground and reap **his** harvest, and make **his** weapons of war and weapons for **his** chariots. And he will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. And he will take your fields and your vineyards and your olive-yards, the best, and give them to his servants. And he will take the tenth of your seed and of your vineyards, and give it to his eunuchs and to his servants. And he will take your male slaves and your slave girls, and your finest young men, and your asses, and put them to his work. He will take the tenth of your sheep, and you shall be his servants. And you shall cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves, and the LORD will not answer you in that day. *But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. And they said, No, but we will have a king over us. And we shall be, also we, like all the nations, so that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles.* And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he repeated them in the ears of the LORD.*

1 Kings 9:22 But Solomon did not make any slave out of the sons of Israel. But they were men of war, and his servants, and his rulers, and his commanders, and rulers of his chariots, and his horsemen. These were the chief of the officers who were over Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty who ruled over the people who labored in the work.

What the people thought of Solomon's rule:

1 Kings 12:9-11 And he said to them, What advice do you give that we may answer this people who have spoken to me, saying, Lighten the yoke which your father put on us? And the young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, So shall you speak to this people who spoke to you, saying, Your father made our yoke heavy, but you make it lighter for us, so you shall say to them: My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins. And now my father loaded you with a heavy yoke, and I will add to your yoke. My father has whipped you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

1 Kings 5:12 And the LORD gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a league בְּרִית together. And king Solomon raised a levy out of all Israel; and the levy was thirty thousand men. And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses: a month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home: and Adoniram was over the levy. And Solomon had threescore and ten thousand that bare burdens, and fourscore thousand hewers in the mountains; Beside the chief of Solomon's officers which were over the work, three thousand and three hundred, which ruled over the people that wrought in the work. And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, and hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house. And Solomon's

builders and Hiram's builders did hew them, and the stonesquarers: so they prepared timber and stones to build the house.

Deuteronomy 7:1,2 When the LORD your God shall bring you into the land where you go to possess it, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you, and the LORD your God shall deliver them before you, you shall crush them, completely destroy them. You shall make no covenant בְּרִית with them nor show mercy to them.

1 Chronicles 28:11-19 And David gave to his son Solomon the pattern of the porch, and of its houses, and of its treasuries, and of its upper rooms, and of its innermost rooms, and of the place of the mercy-seat, and the pattern of all that he had by the Spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, and of all the rooms all around the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries of the holy things; And for the divisions of the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and for all the vessels of service in the house of the LORD; even gold by weight for things of gold, for all instruments of every kind of service; silver for all the vessels of silver by weight, for all vessels every kind of service; and by weight for the lampstands of gold, and for their lamps of gold, with the weight of each lampstand and its lamps. And he gave for the lampstands of silver by weight, for the lampstand and for its lamps, according to the use of each lampstand; and by weight gold for the tables of the showbread, for every table; silver for the tables of silver; and pure gold for the flesh-hooks, and the bowls, and the cups; and for the golden basins by weight for each basin, and by weight for each basin of silver; and the altar of incense refined gold by weight, and gold for the pattern of the chariot of the cherubs, who spread out their wings, and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD. All was in writing from the hand of the LORD. He made me understand all the work of this pattern.

1 Chronicles 29:1-8 And David the king said to all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone *God* has chosen, is young and tender, and the work is great. For the palace is not for man, but for the LORD God. And I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God **the gold** for things of gold, and **the silver** for things of silver, and **the bronze** for things of bronze, **the iron** for things of iron, and **wood** for things of wood, **onyx stones**, and stones to be set, and also stones of antimony, and stones of many colors, and every precious stone, and stones of alabaster, **in abundance**. And also, because I have delighted in the house of my God, out of my own treasure of gold and silver I have given to the house of my God over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses; the gold for things of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and for all kinds of work by the hands of skillful workers. And who is willing to consecrate his service this day to the LORD? And the chiefs of the fathers, and the rulers of the tribes of Israel, and the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work, offered willingly. And they gave for the service of the house of God five thousand talents of gold and ten thousand darics, and ten thousand talents of silver, and eighteen thousand talents of bronze, and one hundred thousand talents of iron. And he who had precious stones gave to the treasury of the house of the LORD by the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite.

1 Chronicles 29:16 O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared to build You a house for Your holy name comes from Your hand, and is all Your own.

1 Chronicles 29:19 And give to Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep Your commandments, Your testimonies, and Your statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the magnificent house for which I have made ready.

1 Kings 6:1 And it happened in the four hundred and eightieth year after the sons of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which is the second month, he began to build the house of the LORD.

1 Kings 6:37,38 In the fourth year, in the month Zif, the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. And in the eleventh year, in the month Bui, which is the eighth month, the house was finished as to all its parts, and as to all its plans. So he was seven years in building it.

1 Kings 7:1 And Solomon was thirteen years building his own house. And he finished all his house.

1 Kings 7:2 He built also the house of the forest of Lebanon; the length thereof was an hundred cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars.

1 Kings 7:8b Solomon made also an house for Pharaoh's daughter, whom he had taken to wife,

Psalms 127:1 A Song of degrees for Solomon. Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless the LORD keeps the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

2 Chronicles 6:1,2 And Solomon said, The LORD has said that He would dwell in the thick darkness. And I have built a house for You to live in, and a place for Your dwelling forever.

2 Chronicles 6:18 But truly will God in deed dwell with men on the earth? Behold, Heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You! How much less this house which I have built?

2 Chronicles 6:32-34 And also to the stranger who is not of Your people Israel, but has come from a far country for Your great name's sake, and Your mighty hand, and Your stretched out arm, if they come and pray in this house; then hear from Heaven, from Your dwelling-place, and do according to all that the stranger calls to You for, so that all people of the earth may know Your name, and fear You, as Your people Israel, and may know that this house which I have built is called by Your name. If Your people go out to war against their enemies by the way that You shall send them, and if they pray to You toward this city which You have chosen, and the house which I have built for Your name,

2 Chronicles 6:38 if they return to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity where they have carried them captives, and if they pray toward their land which You gave to their fathers and toward the city which You have chosen, and toward the house which I have built for Your name;

Ecclesiastes 2:11 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done, and on the labor that I had labored to do; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit; and there is no profit under the sun.

1 Chronicles 17:4-7 Go and tell David My servant, So says the LORD, You shall not build Me a house to dwell in. For I have not dwelt in a house since the day that I brought up Israel until today, but have gone from tent to tent, and from one tabernacle to another. Wherever I have walked with all Israel, did I speak a word to any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to feed My people, saying, Why have you not built Me a house of cedars? And now you shall say this to My servant David, So says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, so that you should be ruler over My people Israel.

A CLOSER LOOK AT SOLOMON:

Solomon lived 400 to 500 years after the Torah was given to Moses. Israel was very familiar with its instructions, especially when it came to a King, as the Torah was very specific concerning a King. Israel also had gone through two Kings already.

Deuteronomy 17:14,15 When you come to the land which the LORD your *God* gives you, and shall possess it and shall live in it and shall say, I will set a king over me, like all the nations around me, you shall surely set a king over you, whom the LORD your *God* shall choose. You shall set a king over you from among your brothers. You may not set a stranger over you, who is not your brother.

Deuteronomy 17:18-20 And it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write a copy of this law in a book from before the priests the Levites. And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, so that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law, and these statutes, to do them, so that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he does not turn aside from the commandment, to the right or the left, so that he may make his days longer in his kingdom, he and his sons, in the midst of Israel.

Deuteronomy 17:16a But he shall not multiply horses to himself,

1 Kings 4:26 And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen.

1 Kings 10:28,29 And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price. And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred shekels of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring them out by their means.

Deuteronomy 17:17a Nor shall he multiply wives to himself, so that his heart does not turn away.

1 Kings 11:1-4 And king Solomon loved many foreign women, even the daughter of Pharaoh, Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, Hittites; of the nations which the LORD had said to the sons of Israel, You shall not go in to them, and they shall not go in to you; surely they will turn away your heart after their gods. Solomon clung to these in love. And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines. And his wives turned away his heart. For it happened when Solomon was old, his wives turned away his heart after other gods. And his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.

Not only did he multiply wives but foreign wives.

Deuteronomy 17:17b Nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold to himself.

1 Kings 10:21 And all king Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold; none were of silver: it was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon.

1 Kings 10:27 And the king made silver to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycamore trees that are in the vale, for abundance.

Deuteronomy 8:10-14,17 And you shall eat and be satisfied, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you. Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God. in not keeping His commandments, and His judgments, and His statutes, which I command you today, lest when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and lived in them, and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then your heart might be lifted up. and you might forget the LORD your God who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of slaves. And so that you might not say in your heart, My power and the might of my hand has gotten me this wealth.

Ezekiel 28:2-5 Son of man, say to the ruler of Tyre. So says the Lord Jehovah: Because your heart is lifted up, and you have said, I am a god, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet you are a man and not God, though you set your heart as the heart of gods; Behold, you are wiser than Daniel; all secret things are not hidden from you! With your wisdom and with your understanding you have made riches for yourselves, and have worked gold and silver into your treasures. By your great wisdom and by your trade you have multiplied your riches, and your heart is lifted up because of your riches.

1 Kings 5:12 And the LORD gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a league בְּרִית together.

1 Kings 9:11 (Now Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar tree timber, fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire,) that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.

1 Kings 9:12 And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him; and they pleased him not.

Deuteronomy 17:19,20 And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, so that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law, and these statutes, to do them, so that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers,

Ecclesiastes 1:16 I communed with mine own heart, saying, Lo, I have become great and have acquired wisdom more than all they that have been before me over Jerusalem; and my heart hath seen much of wisdom and knowledge.

Ecclesiastes 2:4 **I made my works great; I built houses for myself; I planted vineyards for myself.**

- 5) **I** made gardens and orchards for **myself**, And **I** planted trees in them, of all fruit.
- 6) **I** made pools of water for **myself**, to water the forest shooting forth trees.
- 7) **I** bought slaves and slave women, and sons of the house were **mine**; also livestock, a herd and a great flock were **mine**, above all that were before me in Jerusalem.
- 8) **I** also gathered silver and gold to **myself**, and the treasure of kings and of the provinces. **I** got men singers and women singers for **myself**, and the delights of the sons of men, a wife and very many wives.
- 9) **I** was great and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem; also **my** wisdom remained with **me**.
- 10) And whatever **my** eyes desired **I** did not keep from them; **I** did not withhold **my** heart from any joy; for **my** heart rejoiced in all **my** labor, and this was **my** part of all **my** labor.
- 11) Then **I** looked on all the works that **my** hands had done, and on the labor that **I** had labored to do; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit; and there is no profit under the sun.
- 12) And **I** turned to behold wisdom, and madness, and folly; for what can the man do who comes after the king, when they have already done it?
- 13) Then **I** saw that wisdom excels folly, as far as light excels darkness.
- 14) The wise man's eyes are in his head; but the fool walks in darkness; and **I** also knew that one event happens to all of them.
- 15) Then **I** said in my heart, As it happens to the fool, so it happens even to **me**; and why was **I** then more wise? And **I** said in **my** heart that this also is vanity.
- 16) For there is no memory of the wise more than of the fool forever, since that which is now shall all be forgotten in the days to come. And how does the wise die above the fool!
- 17) Therefore **I** hated life; because the work that is done under the sun is sad to **me**; for all is vanity and vexation of spirit.
- 18) Yes, **I** hated all my labor which **I** had done under the sun; that **I** must leave it to the man who shall be after me.
- 19) And who knows whether he shall be wise or a fool? Yet he shall have rule over all **my** labor in which **I** have labored, and acted wisely under the sun. This is also vanity.

Ecclesiastes 8:15 So I commended enjoyment, because a man has nothing better under the sun than to eat, drink, and be merry:

Luke 12:15-21,27 And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses." Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. "And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' "So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry." "But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

1 Kings 4:30,31 Thus Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the men of the East and all the wisdom of Egypt. For he was wiser than all men—than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol; and his fame was in all the surrounding nations.

1 Kings 10:23-25 So King Solomon surpassed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom. Now all the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. Each man brought his present: articles of silver and gold, garments, armor, spices, horses, and mules, at a set rate year by year.

Ezekiel 16:11-21 I decked you also with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon your hands, and a chain on your neck. And I put a jewel on your forehead, and earrings in your ears, and a beautiful crown upon your head. Thus were you decked with gold and silver; and your raiment was of fine linen, and silk, and brodered work; you didst eat fine flour, and honey, and oil: and you were exceeding beautiful, and you didst prosper into a kingdom. And your renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty: for it was perfect through my comeliness, which I had put upon you, saith the Lord GOD. But you didst trust in your own beauty, and played the harlot because of your renown, and poured out your fornications on every one that passed by; his it was. And of your garments you didst take, and decked your high places with divers colors, and played the harlot thereupon: the like things shall not come, neither shall it be so. You hast also taken your fair jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given you, and made to yourself images of men, and didst commit whoredom with them, And took your brodered garments, and covered them: and you hast set my oil and my incense before them. My meat also which I gave thee, fine flour, and oil, and honey, wherewith I fed thee, you hast even set it before them for a sweet savour: and thus it was, saith the Lord GOD. Moreover you hast taken your sons and your daughters, whom you hast borne unto me, and these have you sacrificed unto them to be devoured. Is this of your whoredoms a small matter That you have slain my children, and delivered them to cause them to pass through the fire for them?

1 Kings 10:13,14 Now King Solomon gave the queen of Sheba all she desired, whatever she asked, besides what Solomon had given her according to the royal generosity. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants. The weight of gold that came to Solomon yearly was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold, 666

Deuteronomy 7:1-5 "When the LORD your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you, "and when the LORD your God delivers them over to you, you shall conquer them and utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them. "Nor shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son. "For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve other gods; so the anger of the LORD will be aroused against you and destroy you suddenly. "But thus you shall deal with them: you shall destroy their altars, and break down their sacred pillars, and cut down their wooden images, and burn their carved images with fire.

1 Kings 11:5-11 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and did not fully follow the LORD, as did his father David. Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, on the hill that is east of Jerusalem, and for Molech the abomination of the people of Ammon. And he did likewise for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods. So the LORD became angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned from the LORD God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice, and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods; but he did not keep what the LORD had commanded. Therefore the LORD said to Solomon, "Because you have done this, and have not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom away from you and give it to your servant.

Leviticus 18:21 And you shall not let any of thy seed pass through the fire to Molech, neither shall you profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD.

Jeremiah 32:35 And they built the high places of Baal, which are in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire unto Molech; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

1 Kings 11:31-33 And he said to Jeroboam, "Take for yourself ten pieces, for thus says the LORD, the *God* of Israel: 'Behold, I will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon and will give ten tribes to you '(but he shall have one tribe for the sake of My servant David, and for the sake of Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel), 'because they have forsaken Me, and worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the people of Ammon, and have not walked in My ways to do what is right in My eyes and keep My statutes and My judgments, as did his father David.

1 Kings 12:28,29 Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And he set the one in Bethel, and the other put he in Dan.

1 Kings 12:30 And this thing became a sin, for the people went to worship before the one, even to Dan. And he made a house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, who were not the sons of Levi. And Jeroboam ordered a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like the feast that is in Judah. And he offered on the altar. So he did in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he had made. And he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made. And he offered on the altar which he had made in Bethel the fifteenth day of the eighth month, in the month which he had devised out of his own heart. And he ordered a feast for the sons of Israel.

1 Kings 13:1,2 And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the LORD unto Bethel: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense. And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD; Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, **Josiah by name**; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee. / Then Over 300 years later:

2 Kings 23:11-14 Then he (King Josiah) removed the horses that the kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun, at the entrance to the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathan-Melech, the officer who was in the court; and he burned the chariots of the sun with fire. The altars that were on the roof, the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD, the king broke down and pulverized there, and threw their dust into the Brook Kidron. Then the king defiled the high places that were east of Jerusalem, which were on the south of the Mount of Corruption, which Solomon king of Israel had built for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Sidonians. for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites. and for Milcom the abomination of the people of Ammon. And he broke in pieces the sacred pillars and cut down the wooden images, and filled their places with the bones of men.

2 Kings 23.15-17 Moreover the altar that was at Bethel, and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he brake down, and burned the high place, and stamped it small to powder, and burned the grove. And as Josiah turned himself, he spied the sepulchres that were there in the mount, and sent, and took the bones out of the sepulchres, and burned them upon the altar, and polluted it, according to the word of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words. Then he said, What title is that that I see? And the men of the city told him, It is the sepulchre of the man of God, which came from Judah, and proclaimed these things that thou hast done against the altar of Bethel. / Then Over 100 years later:

Nehemiah 13:23-27 In those days I also saw Jews who had married women of Ashdod, Ammon, and Moab. And half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod, and could not speak the language of Judah, but spoke according to the language of one or the other people. So I contended with them and cursed them, struck some of them and pulled out their hair, and made them swear by God, saying, "You shall not give your daughters as wives to their sons, nor take their daughters for your sons or yourselves. "Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? Yet among many nations there was no king like him, who was beloved of his God; and God made him king over all Israel. Nevertheless pagan women caused even him to sin. "Should we then hear of your doing all this great evil, transgressing against our God by marrying pagan women?"

1 Kings 9:1-8 And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished building the house of the LORD and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he wanted to do, that the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, as He had appeared to him at Gibeon. And the LORD said to him: "I have heard your prayer and your supplication that you have made before Me; I have consecrated this house which you have built to put My name there forever, and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually. "Now if you walk before Me as your father David walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, and if you keep My statutes and My judgments, "then I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, as I promised David your father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man on the throne of Israel.' "But if you or your sons at all turn from following Me, and do not keep My commandments and My statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods and worship them, "then I will cut off Israel from the land which I have given them; and this house which I have consecrated for My name I will cast out of My sight. Israel will be a proverb and a byword among all peoples. "And as for this house, which is exalted, everyone who passes by it will be astonished and will hiss, and say, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this land and to this house?'

Deuteronomy 28:15 But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:

Deuteronomy 28:37 And you shall become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword among all nations where the LORD will drive you.

1 Kings 8:62-64 And the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the LORD. And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered unto the LORD, two and twenty thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD. The same day did the king hallow the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD: for there he offered burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings: because the brasen altar that was before the LORD was too little to receive the burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.

#6996. קטן kaw-tawn' figuratively (in age or importance):—least, less(-er)

Isaiah 40:15,16 Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing. And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt offering.

1 Samuel 15:22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

Hosea 6:6 For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

Micah 6:7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

Deuteronomy 17:18-20 And it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write a copy of this law in a book...

Matthew 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Deuteronomy 17:16a,17 But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.

רַבָּה׳ yirbeh, He shall not multiply

רַבָּה׳ rabah, He did not multiply

Solomon has changed the tense of the verb! Now instead of an imperative "He shall not" it implies his past multiplication of wives would not have the effect of leading his heart astray. By changing the tense it no longer is an imperative not to multiply wives but a statement implying that his past multiplication of wives will not have the effect of leading his heart astray.

In a famous midrash (Exodus Rabbah 6:1) Solomon arose and studied the reason God gave the commandment saying: "Why did God command, 'He shall not multiply wives for himself?' Was it not just to keep his heart from turning away? Well I will multiply wives and my heart will not turn away!"

In all his great wisdom Solomon supposed he understood the reasoning behind the commandment thinking "If I keep my heart from going astray then I am free to multiply wives! Because he understood the principle of the law he did not need to obey the literal meaning of it.

The rationale is "I understand what the Torah really meant by such and such a commandment, therefore I don't need to actually keep that commandment!"

The midrash continues: At that time the ׳ of the word רַבָּה׳ went up to heaven and prostrated itself before God and said, "Master of the universe! Didn't you say that no letter should ever be abolished from the Torah? Behold Solomon has now arisen and abolished one. Who knows? Today he has abolished one letter tomorrow he will abolish another until the whole Torah will be nullified!" God replied, "Solomon and a thousand like him will pass away, but the smallest tittle will not be erased from you."

We are not under the law in regard to salvation but it would be madness and folly to assume that by grace we possess some special immunity to God's commands.

Do we exempt ourselves from the rule of Sod's laws? Do we place ourselves above the kings of Israel? Even above Yeshua the ultimate King of Israel who didn't violate it? The midrash continues in regard to this verse:

1 Kings 11:4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods...

It would have been better for Solomon to clean sewers than to have this verse eternally written of him. In Christian theology we have erased whole sentences and chapters of the Torah because we have assumed ourselves to be wiser than the Torah. We have taken our cues from King Solomon rather than King Yeshua and if that is true it would be better if we cleaned sewers than to play at theology. (Restoration FFOZ)

I. Shulamites Double mindedness {1:2-2:7} She falls asleep
(She does most of the talking)

Shulamite speaking about her Beloved:

Song of Solomon 1:2-4a Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: for thy love is better than wine. Because of the savour of thy good ointments thy name is as ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee. Draw me, we will run after thee:

Isaiah 4:1,2 And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, we will eat our own bread and wear our own clothing; only let us be called by your name, to take away our shame. In that day shall the Branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth excellent and comely for those who have escaped from Israel.

What's in a name?

Ecclesiastes 7:1 A good name is better than precious ointment;

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor. The mighty God. The everlasting Father. The Prince of Peace.

Psalms 142:7 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

Psalms 119:132,133 Look on me, and be merciful to me, as You usually do to those who love Your name. Order my steps in Your word; and do not let any iniquity rule over me.

Psalms 66:2 Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious.

Jeremiah 31:3 The LORD has appeared to me from afar, saying, Yea, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with loving-kindness I have drawn you.

Hosea 11:1-4 When Israel was a child, then I loved him and called My son out of Egypt. As they called them, so they went from them. They sacrifice to the Baals, and burn incense to graven images. I also taught Ephraim to go; He took them on His arm. But they did not know that I healed them. I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love;

SHULAMITE CONTINUES:

Song of Solomon 1:4 Draw me, we will run after You, the king hath brought me into his chambers: we will be glad and rejoice in You, we will remember Your love more than wine: the upright love You.

She still has not professed her individual love for him.

Song of Solomon 1-5,6 I am black, but comely. O daughters of Jerusalem, like the tents of Kedar, like the curtains of Solomon. Do not look on me, that I am black, that the sun has looked on me. My mother's sons were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards; but my vineyard I have not kept.

Ezekiel 16:14 And thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty: for it was perfect through my comeliness, which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord GOD.

Isaiah 5:1-4 Now I will sing to my Beloved a song of my Beloved concerning His vineyard. My Beloved has a vineyard in a very fruitful hill. And He fenced it, and gathered out the stones of it, and planted it with choice vines, and built a tower in its midst, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and He looked for it to produce grapes. And it produced wild grapes. And now, O people of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, please judge between Me and My vineyard. What more could have been done to my vineyard that I have not done in it? Who knows? I looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes.

Isaiah 5:7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah His pleasant plant; and He looked for justice, but behold bloody iniquity; for righteousness, but behold a cry!

Genesis 25:13 And these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations. The first-born of Ishmael was Nebajoth; and **Kedar**.

Psalms 120:1-7 A Song of degrees. In my trouble I cried to the LORD, and He heard me. Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, from a deceitful tongue. What shall be given to you? Or what shall be done to you, O false tongue? Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of broom. Woe is me, that I live in Mesech; I dwell in the tents ^{לְקֵדָר} of Kedar! My soul has long dwelt with a hater of peace. I am for peace; but when I speak, they are for war.

Isaiah 60:5-7 Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the LORD. All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee.

2 Kings 23:4,5 And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven: and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Bethel. And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven.

2 Kings 23:11 And he took away the horses which the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entering in of the house of the LORD, by the room of Nathan-melech the eunuch, which was in the suburbs. And he burned the chariots of the sun with fire.

Song of Solomon 1:7 Tell me, O thou *whom my soul loveth*, where thou feedest. where thou makest thy flock to rest at noon: for why should I be as one that turneth aside by the flocks of thy companions?

DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM RESPOND:

Song of Solomon 1:8 If you know not, O fairest among women, go your way by the footsteps of the flock, and feed your kids beside the shepherds' tents **משכן**

Luke 16:8 And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.

1 Peter 5:2-4 Feed the flock of God among you, taking the oversight, not by compulsion, but willingly; nor for base gain, but readily; nor as lording it over those allotted to you by God, but becoming examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, you shall receive a never-fading crown of glory.

John 21:16 He said to him the second time, Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You. He said to him, Feed My sheep.

Who are the Daughters of Jerusalem? Who were her parents? Her sisters?

Ezekiel 16:1-3 Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations. And say, So says the Lord Jehovah to Jerusalem, Your origin and your birth is of the land of Canaan. Your father was an Amorite, and your mother a Hittite.

Ezekiel 16:44 Behold, every one that useth proverbs shall use this proverb against thee, saying, As is the mother, so is her daughter.

Ezekiel 16:45,46 You are your mother's daughter, who despises her husband and her sons. And you are the sister of your sisters, who despise their husbands and their sons. Your mother was a Hittite, and your father an Amorite. And your older sister is Samaria, she and her daughters who dwell at your left hand. And your younger sister, who dwells at your right hand, is Sodom and her daughters.

Ezekiel 16:48-52 As I live, says the Lord Jehovah, Sodom your sister, she nor her daughters, has not done as you have done, you and your daughters. Behold, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom; pride. Fullness of bread and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters. Nor did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. And they were haughty and did abominable things before Me, so I turned away as I saw fit. Nor has Samaria sinned as much as half your sins; but you have multiplied your abominations more than they, and have justified your sisters in all your abominations which you have done. You also, who have judged your sisters, bear your own shame for your sins which you have committed more abominable than they. They are more righteous than you! Yes, blush and bear your shame, since you have justified your sisters.

Ezekiel 16:60-63 But I will remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish to you an everlasting covenant. And you shall remember your ways and be ashamed, when you shall receive your sisters, your older and your younger. And I will give them to you for daughters, but not by your covenant. And I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall know that I am the LORD; so that you may remember and be ashamed; and it will not be possible to open your mouth any more because of your shame; in that I am propitiated for all that you have done, says the Lord Jehovah.

Isaiah 3:16,17a And the LORD says, Because the daughters of Zion are proud, and have walked with stretched out necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet; therefore the LORD will strike with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion,

THE SHEPHERD SPEAKS TO THE SHULAMITE:

Song of Solomon 1:9-11 I have compared thee, O my love, to a company of horses in Pharaoh's chariots. Thy cheeks are comely with rows of jewels, thy neck with chains of gold. We will make thee borders of gold with studs of silver.

Ezekiel 16:4-6 And as for your nativity, in the day you were born your navel was not cut, neither were you washed in water to supple you; you were not salted at all, nor swaddled at all. No eye pitied you, to do any of these unto you, to have compassion upon you; but you were cast out in the open field, to the loathing of your person, in the day that you were born. And when I passed by you, and saw you polluted in your own blood, I said unto you when you were in your blood, Live; yea, I said unto you when you were in your blood, Live.

Ezekiel 16:8-13 Now when I passed by you, and looked upon you, behold, your time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over you, and covered your nakedness: yea, I swore unto you, and entered into a covenant with you, saith the Lord GOD, and you became mine. Then washed I you with water; yea, I thoroughly washed away your blood from you, and I anointed you with oil. I clothed you also with broidered work, and shod you with badgers' skin, and I girded you about with fine linen, and I covered you with silk. I decked you also with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon your hands, and a chain on your neck. And I put a jewel on your forehead, and earrings in your ears, and a beautiful crown upon your head. Thus were you decked with gold and silver; and your raiment was of fine linen, and silk, and broidered work; you did eat fine flour, and honey, and oil: and you were exceeding beautiful, and you didst prosper into a kingdom.

Proverbs 1:8,9 My son, hear the instruction of your father, and forsake not the Torah of your mother; for they shall be an ornament of grace to your head and chains around your neck.

Job 39:19-25 Have you given the horse strength? Have you clothed his neck with thunder? Can you make him afraid as a grasshopper? The glory of his nostrils is terrible. He paweth in the valley, and rejoiceth in his strength: he goeth on to meet the armed men. He mocketh at fear, and is not affrighted; neither turneth he back from the sword. The quiver rattleth against him, the glittering spear and the shield. He swalloweth the ground with fierceness and rage: neither believeth he that it is the sound of the trumpet. He saith among the trumpets, Ha, ha; and he smelleth the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.

THE SHULAMITE SPEAKS OF HER BELOVED

Song of Solomon 1:12-14 While the king is at his table, My spikenard sends forth its fragrance. A bundle of myrrh is my beloved to me, That lies all night between my breasts. My beloved is to me a cluster of henna blooms In the vineyards of En Gedi.

Hosea 2:1-9 Say ye unto your brethren, Ammi; and to your sisters, Ruhamah. Plead with your mother, plead: for she is not my wife, neither am I her husband: let her therefore put away her whoredoms out of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts; Lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with thirst. And I will not have mercy upon her children; for they be the children of whoredoms. For their mother hath played the harlot: she that conceived them hath done shamefully: for she said, I will go after my lovers, that give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, mine oil and my drink. Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and make a wall, that she shall not find her paths. And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them: then shall she say, I will go and return to my first husband; for then was it better with me than now. *For she did not know that I gave her corn, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, which they prepared for Baal.* Therefore will I return, and take away my corn in the time thereof, and my wine in the season thereof, and will recover my wool and my flax given to cover her nakedness.

Song of Solomon 4:12-16 A garden inclosed is my sister, my spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed. Thy plants are an orchard of pomegranates, with pleasant fruits; camphire, with spikenard, Spikenard and saffron; calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense; myrrh and aloes, with all the chief spices: A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters, and streams from Lebanon. / Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south; blow upon my garden, that the spices thereof may flow out. Let my beloved come into his garden, and eat his pleasant fruits.

Song of Solomon 5:1 I am come into my garden, my sister, my spouse: I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk:

SHEPHERD SPEAKS TO SHULAMITE

Song 1:15 Behold, you are beautiful, my love; behold, you are beautiful; you have doves' eyes.

SHULAMITE ADDRESSES THE SHEPHERD

Song of Solomon 1:16,17 Behold, you are beautiful, my Beloved, yea, pleasant. Also our bed is green. The beams of our house are cedar, and our rafters are of fir.

Song of Solomon 3:1 By night on my bed I sought Him whom my soul loved; I sought Him, but I did not find Him.

Daughters of Jerusalem consists of Solomon's harem.

The Shepherd rescued His love from the castle and brought her to His place.

Song of Solomon 1:15-17 Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair; thou hast doves' eyes. Behold, thou art fair, my beloved, yea, pleasant: also our bed is green. The beams of our house are cedar, and our rafters of fir.

Matthew 6:28-30 "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; "and yet I say to you that even *Solomon in all his glory* was not arrayed like one of these. "Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

Song of Solomon 6:1,2 Where has your Beloved gone, most beautiful among women? Where has your Beloved turned? For we seek Him along with you. My Beloved has gone down to His garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens and to gather lilies.

Hosea 14:1,4,5 O Israel, return to the LORD your God, for you have fallen by your iniquity. I will heal their backslidings; I will love them freely; for My anger has turned away from him. I will be as the dew to Israel; he shall grow as the lily and cast out his roots like Lebanon.

Shulamite declares:

Song of Solomon 2:1 I am the rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys.

Isaiah 35:2 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall *see the glory of the LORD*, and the excellency of our God.

Isaiah 65:10 And Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, and the valley of Achor a place for the herds to lie down in, for my people that have sought me.

Acts 10:24 And the morrow after they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius waited for them, and had called together his kinsmen and near friends.

Acts 21:8 And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was one of the seven; and abode with him.

Shepherd responds:

Song of Solomon 2:2 As the lily among thorns, so is My love among the daughters.

Mark 4:18,19 And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

Jeremiah 4:3 For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns.

Song 2:3 As the apple among the trees of the wood, so is my Beloved among the sons. I sat down *under His shadow* with great delight, and *His fruit was sweet to my taste*.

Shulamite declares to the daughters of Jerusalem:

Song of Solomon 2:3 As the apple among the trees of the wood, so is my Beloved among the sons. I sat down under His shadow with great delight, and His fruit was sweet to my taste.

Hosea 14:8,9 Ephraim shall say, What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard him and watched him; I am like a green fir tree. Your fruit is found from Me. Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? Understanding, and he shall know them? For the ways of the LORD are right, and the just shall walk in them; but sinners shall fall in them.

Galatians 5:22,23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance

Psalms 91:1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Psalms 34:8 O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

Psalms 119:103 How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Shulamite continues to speak to daughters of Jerusalem:

Song of Solomon 2:4-6 He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love. Stay me with flagons, comfort me with apples: for I am sick of love. His left hand is under my head, and his right hand doth embrace me.

Psalms 60:4 You have given a banner to those who fear You, to lift it up because of the truth. Selah.

Hosea 3:1-5 Then said the LORD unto me, Go yet, love a woman beloved of her friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of the LORD toward the children of Israel, who *look to other gods,* and love flagons of wine. So I bought her to me for fifteen pieces of silver, and for an homer of barley, and a half homer of barley: And I said unto her, Thou shalt abide for me many days; thou shalt not play the harlot, and thou shalt not be for another man: so will I also be for thee. For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphimi; Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.

Exodus 21:32 If the ox shall push a manservant or a maidservant; he shall give unto their master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.

Isaiah 43:3,4 For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee. Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.

But now that they have gone a whoring from him he will give but fifteen pieces of silver for them, so much have they lost in their value by their iniquity.

She falls asleep.

The Shepherd speaks to the daughters of Jerusalem;

Song of Solomon 2:7 I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake *my love*, till she please.

Psalms 121:4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Shulamite awakes and she speaks:

Song of Solomon 2:8-10a The voice of my beloved! behold, he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills. My beloved is like a roe or a young hart: behold, he standeth behind our wall, he looketh forth at the windows, showing himself through the lattice. My beloved spake, and said unto me,

The Shepherd responds:

Song of Solomon 2:10-15 Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land; The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely. Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes.

Proverbs 10:5 He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.

Jeremiah 8:7 Yea, the stork in the heavens knoweth her appointed times; and the turtledove and the swallow and the crane observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the law of Jehovah.

Jeremiah 8:20-22 The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved. For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I hurt; I am black; astonishment hath taken hold on me. Is there no balm in Silead; is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?

Jeremiah 23:20-24 The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly. I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings. Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.

Ezekiel 13:3,4 Thus saith the Lord SOD; Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing! O Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts.

Shulamite responds:

Song of Solomon 2:16,17 My beloved is mine, and I am his: he feedeth among the lilies. Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, turn, my beloved, and be thou like a roe or a young hart upon the mountains of Bether.

Mountains of Bether means mountains of division or cutting off

Shulamite continues:

Song of Solomon 3:1,2 By night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not. I will rise now, and go about the city in the streets, and in the broad ways I will seek him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not.

Matthew 7:13-15 Go in through the narrow gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many there are who go in through it. Because narrow is the gate and constricted is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. Beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Hosea 5:5,6 And the pride of Israel testifies to his face. So Israel and Ephraim shall fall in their iniquity; Judah also shall fall with them. They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek the LORD; but they shall not find Him. He has withdrawn Himself from them.

Jeremiah 29-13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

2 Chronicles 15:2b-7 Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The LORD is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you. Now for a long season Israel hath been without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without Torah. But when they in their trouble did turn unto the LORD God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them. And in those times there was no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the countries. And nation was destroyed of nation, and city of city: for *God* did vex them with all adversity. Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded.

Shulamite Continues:

Song of Solomon 3:3,4 The watchmen going about the city found me. I said, Have you seen Him whom my soul loves? But a little while after I passed from them, I found Him whom my soul loves. I held Him and would not let Him go, until I had brought Him into my mother's house, and into the room of her who conceived me.

Exhausted from her search she falls asleep.

The Shepherd speaks to the daughters of Jerusalem:

Song of Solomon 3:5 I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, till she please.

Daughters of Jerusalem declare:

Song of Solomon 3:6-8 Who is this that cometh out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all powders of the merchant? Behold his bed, which is Solomon's; threescore valiant men are about it, of the valiant of Israel. They all hold swords, being expert in war: every man hath his sword upon his thigh because of **fear in the night**.

Joel 2:30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

Psalms 74:1 O God, why hast thou cast us off for ever? why doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture?

Exodus 13:22 He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.

Isaiah 50:10,11 Who among you fears the LORD, who obeys the voice of His servant, who walks in darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the LORD and rest on his God. Behold, all you who kindle a fire, who are surrounded with sparks; walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks which you have kindled. This you shall have of My hand; you shall lie down in sorrow.

The wicked, in times of darkness, instead of trusting in *God*, trust in themselves (kindle a light for themselves to walk by) sparks = flash of fire, or a burning arrow

Speaks of those who reject the light *God* brings, and instead rest in their own works, going about to establish their own righteousness, and not submitting unto the righteousness of *God*.

1 Thessalonians 5:5,6 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

Amos 6:3-6 Woe to you who put far off the day of doom, Who cause the seat of violence to come near; Who lie on beds of ivory. Stretch out on your couches, Eat lambs from the flock And calves from the midst of the stall; Who sing idly to the sound of stringed instruments, And invent for yourselves musical instruments like David; Who drink wine from bowls, And anoint yourselves with the best ointments, But are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph.

1 Kings 10:14,15,22 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred threescore and six talents of gold, Beside that he had of the merchantmen, and of the traffick of the spice merchants, and of all the kings of Arabia, and of the governors of the country. For the king had at sea a navy of Tharshish with the navy of Hiram: once in three years came the navy of Tharshish, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

Ezekiel 27:3 And say unto Tyrus, O thou that art situate at the entry of the sea, which art a merchant of the people for many isles, Thus saith the Lord GOD; O Tyrus, thou hast said, I am of perfect beauty.

Ezekiel 27:12,13 Tarshish was your merchant because of the multitude of your wealth; with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they gave for your wares. Javan, Tubal, and Meshech were your merchants. They traded the souls of men and vessels of bronze for your goods.

Revelation 18:11-13 And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.

Psalms 137:5,6 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.

Revelation 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Shulamite responds:

Song of Solomon 3:9-11 King Solomon made himself a chariot of the wood of Lebanon. He made the pillars thereof of silver, the bottom thereof of gold, the covering of it of purple, the midst thereof being paved with love, for the daughters of Jerusalem. Go forth, O ye daughters of Zion. and behold king Solomon with the crown wherewith his mother crowned him in the day of his espousals, and in the day of the gladness of his heart.

Isaiah 3:16 Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet:

Shepherd addresses the Shulamite:

Song of Solomon 4:1-5 Behold, you are beautiful, My love. Behold, you are beautiful; your eyes are like doves' from behind your veil; your hair is like a flock of goats that appear from Mount Gilead. Your teeth are like a flock of shorn sheep, which came up from the washing; they all are bearing twins and not one is barren among them. Your lips are like a thread of scarlet, and your speech is becoming; your temples are like a piece of pomegranate behind your veil. Your neck is like the tower of David built for an armory, on which there hang a thousand bucklers, all shields of mighty men. Your two breasts are like two fawns, twins of a gazelle, feeding among the lilies.

Joshua 2:18 Behold, when we come into the land, you shall set this line of scarlet thread in the window from which you let us down. And you shall bring your father and your mother, and your brothers, and all your father's household, home to you.

Song of Solomon 2:17 Until the day breaks And the shadows flee away, Turn, my beloved, And be like a gazelle or a young stag upon the mountains of Bether.

Shepherd continues:

Song of Solomon 4:6 Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, I will get me to the mountain of myrrh, and to the hill of frankincense. (Mt Moriah)

Song of Solomon 4:7,8 Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee. Come with me from Lebanon, my spouse, with me from Lebanon: look from the top of Amana, from the top of Shenir and Hermon, from the lions' dens, from the mountains of the leopards.

1 Kings 7:1,2 But Solomon was building his own house thirteen years, and he finished all his house. He built also the house of the forest of Lebanon; the length thereof was an hundred cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars.

Hosea 13:4-7 Yet I am the LORD your God from the land of Egypt, and you shall know no God but Me. For there is no Savior besides Me. I have known you in the wilderness, in the land of great dryness. According to their pasture, so were they filled. They were filled and their heart was lifted up. Therefore they have forgotten Me. Therefore I will be as a lion to them; as a leopard by the way I will watch them.

Hosea 13:8b-11 And there I will devour them like a lion; the wild beast shall tear them. O Israel, you have destroyed yourself; but in Me is your help. **Where is your king now**, that he may save you in all your cities; and your judges of whom you said, Give me a king and rulers? I gave you a king in My anger, and took him away in My wrath.

Shepherd continues:

Song of Solomon 4:9-15 Thou hast ravished my heart, my sister, my bride; Thou hast ravished my heart with one of thine eyes, With one chain of thy neck. How fair is thy love, my sister, my bride! How much better is thy love than wine! And the fragrance of thine oils than all manner of spices! Thy lips, O my bride, drop as the honeycomb: Honey and milk are under thy tongue; And the smell of thy garments is like the smell of Lebanon. A garden shut up is my sister, my bride; A spring shut up, a fountain sealed. Thy shoots are an orchard of pomegranates, with precious fruits; Henna with spikenard plants, Spikenard and saffron, Calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense; Myrrh and aloes, with all the chief spices. Thou art a fountain of gardens, A well of living waters, And flowing streams from Lebanon.

Shulamite responds:

Song of Solomon 4:16 Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south; Blow upon my garden, that the spices thereof may flow out. Let my beloved come into his garden. And eat his precious fruits.

Shepherd responds:

Song of Solomon 5:1a I am come into my garden, my sister, my spouse: I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk:

Shulamite responds:

Song of Solomon 5:1b eat, O friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved.

Isaiah 65:11-13 But ye are they that forsake the LORD, that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a table for that troop, and that furnish the drink offering unto that number. Therefore will I number you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter: because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spake, ye did not hear; but did evil before mine eyes, and did choose that wherein I delighted not. Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry: behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty: behold, my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed:

Song of Solomon 5:2a I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying,

Daniel 12:2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake.

1849. דָּפַחַק daphaq, to press severely:—beat, overdrive.

Judges 19:22 Now as they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, certain sons of Belial, beset the house round about, and *beat* at the door, (fire)

Shepherd appeals to her:

Song of Solomon 5:2b Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night.

Ge 27.28,29 Therefore may God give you of the dew of heaven,

Dew of heaven

Equates to the resurrection of the dead

Isaiah 26:19 Your dead shall live; Together with my dead body they shall arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; For your dew is like the dew of herbs, And the earth shall cast out the dead.

Ephesians 5:14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

Romans 13:11,12 And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

Shulamite responds to His appeal:

Song of Solomon 5:3,4 I have taken off my robe. Indeed, must I put it on? I have washed my feet. Indeed, must I soil them? My beloved thrust his hand in through the latch opening. My heart pounded for him.

Song of Solomon 5:5,6 I rose up to open for my beloved. My hands dripped with myrrh, my fingers with liquid myrrh, on the handles of the lock. I opened to my beloved; but my beloved left; and had gone away. My heart went out when he spoke. I looked for him, but I didn't find him. I called him, but he didn't answer.

Song of Solomon 5:7,8 The watchmen who went about the city found me. They struck me, they wounded me; The keepers of the walls took my veil away from me. I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, If you find my beloved, That you tell him I am lovesick!

#8104 שָׁמַר shamar to hedge about (as with thorns), i.e. guard; generally, to protect, attend to, Isaiah 7:9 And the head of Ephraim is Samaria

#8111. שֹׁמֵרוֹן sho-mer-one' from #8104; watch-station;

(Samaria was to be a hedge of thorns around Jerusalem)

Isaiah 56:10-12 His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter. Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and tomorrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant.

Jeremiah 31:6-13 For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God. For thus saith the LORD; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O LORD, save thy people, the remnant of Israel. Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither. They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock. For the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he. Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all. Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow.

Took away her veil:

Married women would cover their faces with veils in the presence of strangers.

Daughters of Jerusalem respond:

Song of Solomon 5:9 What is your Beloved more than another beloved, most beautiful among women? What is your Beloved more than another beloved, that you adjure us so?

Shulamite cries out:

Song of Solomon 5:10-16 My Beloved is bright and ruddy, standing out among ten thousand. His head is like refined gold; His locks are bushy, black as a raven. His eyes are as doves' eyes on the rivers of waters, washed with milk, sitting on a setting. His cheeks are like a bed of spices, a raised bed of aromatic herbs. His lips are as lilies dropping flowing myrrh. His hands are like rings of gold filled with jewels; His body an ivory plate overlaid with sapphires. His legs are like pillars of marble set on sockets of fine gold; His face is like Lebanon, excellent as the cedars. His mouth is most sweet; yes, He is altogether lovely. This is my Beloved, and this is my Friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.

Deuteronomy 32:1-3 Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. My instruction shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

Psalms 29:9 The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in his temple doth every one speak of his glory.

James 2:23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was imputed to him for righteousness, and he was called the Friend of God."

John 15:14,15 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

Daughters of Jerusalem enthusiastically respond:

Song of Solomon 6:1 Where has your Beloved gone, most beautiful among women? Where has your Beloved turned? For we seek Him along with you.

Zechariah 8:20-23 So says the LORD of hosts: There yet shall be peoples and inhabitants of many cities; and the residents of one shall go to another, saying, Let us go at once to seek favor of the face of the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts; I will go also. And many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem and to seek the favor of the face of the LORD. So says the LORD of hosts: In those days ten men, out of all languages of the nations, shall take hold, and will seize the skirt of a man, a Jew, saying, We will go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.

Isaiah 55:1-7 Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat. Yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you weigh silver for what is not bread? and your labor for what never satisfies? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Bow down your ear, and come to Me; hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. Behold, I have given Him for a witness to the people, a Leader and Commander of peoples. Behold, You shall call a nation that You do not know; a nation that did not know You shall run to You because of the LORD Your God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for He has glorified You.

Seek the LORD while He may be found; call on Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake His way, and the unrighteous man His thoughts; and let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Hosea 5:14-6:3 For I will be unto Ephraim as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah: I, even I, will tear and go away; I will take away, and none shall rescue him. I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early. Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.

Shulamite responds:

Song of Solomon 6:2,3 My Beloved has gone down to His garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens and to gather lilies. I am my Beloved's, and my Beloved is mine; He feeds among the lilies.

Song of Solomon 2:16 My beloved is mine, and I am his: he feedeth among the lilies.

Song of Solomon 1:7 Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth, where thou feedest.

Song of Solomon 4:16 Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south; blow upon my garden, that the spices thereof may flow out.

Psalms 126:6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Shepherd appears on the scene:

Song of Solomon 6:4-9 O my love, you are as beautiful as Tirzah, as lovely as Jerusalem, as inspiring as armies with banners. Turn away your eyes from Me, for they have overcome Me; your hair is like a flock of goats that appears from Gilead. Your teeth are like a flock of ewes which go up from the washing; they all are bearing twins, and a barren one is not among them. Your temples behind your veil are like a piece of pomegranate. There are sixty queens, and eighty concubines, and virgins without number. But My dove. My undefiled is one alone. She is the only one of her mother. She is the choice of her who bore her. The daughters saw her and blessed her; the queens and the concubines saw her, and they praised her.

Numbers 26:33b the daughters of Zelophehad were Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. (Delightful)

1 Kings 15:33/1 Kings 16:8 /1 Kings 16:23 For 32 years Kings of Israel reigned in Tirzah.

Daughters of Jerusalem speak:

Song of Solomon 6:10 Who is she who looks forth like the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, awesome armies with banner?

#1713. דגל daw-gal' to flaunt, i.e. raise a flag; figuratively, to be conspicuous:

Isaiah 13:1-8 The burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz did see. Lift ye up a banner upon the high mountain, exalt the voice unto them, shake the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles. I have commanded my sanctified ones, I have also called my mighty ones for mine anger, even them that rejoice in my highness. The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together: the LORD of hosts mustereth the host of the battle. They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, even the LORD, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land. Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt: And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames.

Shulamite responds to DOJ:

Song of Solomon 6:11,12 I went down into the garden of nuts to see the greenery of the valley, to see whether the vine flowered and the pomegranates budded. I did not know, but my soul set me on the chariots of my princely people.

Daughters of Jerusalem speak:

Song of Solomon 6:13 Return, return, O Shulamite! Return, return, that we may look on you.

Shulamite responds to Daughters of Jerusalem:

What will you see in the Shulamite?

Daughters of Jerusalem respond:

As it were the company of two armies.

1 Chronicles 14:14,15 Therefore David enquired again of Sod; and God said unto him, Go not up after them; turn away from them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees. And it shall be, when thou shalt hear a sound of going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt go out to battle: for God is gone forth before thee to smite the host of the Philistines.

Shepherd addresses the Shulamite:

Song of Solomon 7:1-7 How beautiful are thy feet with shoes, O prince's daughter! the joints of thy thighs are like jewels, the work of the hands of a cunning workman. Thy navel is like a round goblet, which wanteth not liquor: thy belly is like an heap of wheat set about with lilies. Thy two breasts are like two young roes that are twins. Thy neck is as a tower of ivory; thine eyes like the fishpools in Heshbon, by the gate of Bathrabbim'- thy nose is as the tower of Lebanon which looketh toward Damascus. Thine head upon thee is like Carmel, and the hair of thine head like purple; the king is held in the galleries. How fair and how pleasant art thou, O love, for delights! This thy stature is like to a palm tree, and thy breasts to clusters of grapes.

Isaiah 52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings,

Hebrews 5:14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Job 27:3 All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils;

Psalms 92:12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree:

Shulamite responds:

Song of Solomon 7:8a I said, I will go up in the palm tree, I will take hold of its stalk.

Leviticus 23:40 And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days.

Shepherd continues:

Song of Solomon 7:8b the smell of thy nose like apples;

Song of Solomon 2:3 As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons. I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.

Shulamite responds:

Song of Solomon 7:9 And the roof of your mouth is like the best wine for my beloved, that goeth down sweetly, causing the lips of those that are asleep to speak.

Shulamite continues:

Song of Solomon 7:10-13 I am my Beloved's, and His desire is toward me. Come, my Beloved, let us go out into the field; let us stay in the villages. Let us rise up early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine flourish, whether the tender grape appears, and the pomegranates bud forth; there I will give You my loves. The love-apples give a scent, and over our doors are all pleasant fruits, new and old, which I have laid up for You, O my Beloved.

Leviticus 25:19-22 And the land shall yield her fruit, and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety. And if ye shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase: Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years. And ye shall sow the eighth year, and eat yet of old fruit until the ninth year; until her fruits come in ye shall eat of the old store.

Song of Solomon 8:2,3 I would lead You, and bring You into my mother's house. You would instruct me; I would cause You to drink spiced wine of the juice of my pomegranate. His left hand would be under my head, and His right embrace me.

Shepherd speaks to Daughters of Jerusalem:

Song of Solomon 8:4 I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, why should you stir up or awaken my Love until she pleases?

Daughters of Jerusalem speak:

Song of Solomon 8:5a Who is this coming up from the wilderness, leaning on her Beloved?

Ezekiel 34:25-31 And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods. And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing. And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her *increase*, and they shall be safe in

their land, and shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them. And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid. And I will raise up for them a plant of renown, and they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land, neither bear the shame of the heathen any more. Thus shall they know that I the LORD their God am with them, and that they, even the house of Israel, are my people, saith the Lord GOD. And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, are men, and I am your God. saith the Lord GOD.

Shepherd addresses the Shulamite:

Song of Solomon 8:5b I awakened you under the apple tree; there your mother travailed with you; there she travailed and bore you.

Ezekiel 16:4,5 And as for your birth, in the day you were born your navel was not cut, nor were you washed with water to cleanse you. And you were not salted, nor swaddled at all. No eye pitied you, to do any of these to you, to have compassion on you. But you were thrown out into the open field, because your life was despised in the day that you were born.

Shepherd continues:

Song of Solomon 8:6,7 Set me as a seal on Your heart, as a seal on Your arm; for love is strong as death. Jealousy is cruel as the grave; its flames are flames of fire, a flame of Jehovah. Many waters cannot quench love, nor will the rivers overflow it. If a man would give all the wealth of his house for love, it would be scorned.

Deuteronomy 6:10-15 And it shall be when the LORD your God has brought you into the land which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you great and good cities which you did not build, and houses full of every good thing which you did not fill, and wells which are dug, but which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant, and you shall eat and be full, you shall be on guard lest you forget the LORD who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of slaves. You shall fear the LORD your God and serve Him, and shall swear by His name. You shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people all around you, for the LORD your God is a jealous God among you, lest the anger of the LORD your God be kindled against you and destroy you from off the face of the earth.

Shulamite responds:

Song of Solomon 8:8 We have a little sister, and she has no breasts; what shall we do for our sister in the day when she shall be spoken for? (Not yet of marriageable age)

Shepherd answers:

Song of Solomon 8:9 If she is a wall, we will build on her a palace of silver; and if she is a door, we will enclose her with boards of cedar.

#2346. חומה chowmah, a wall of protection:

1 Samel 25:15,15 But the men were very good unto us, and we were not hurt, neither missed we any thing, as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields: They were a wall unto us both by night and day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep.

Proverbs 26:14 As the door turneth upon his hinges, so doth the slothful upon his bed.

Shulamite responds:

Song of Solomon 8:10b-12 Solomon had a vineyard at Baalhamon; he let out the vineyard unto keepers; every one for the fruit thereof was to bring a thousand pieces of silver. My vineyard, which is mine, is before me: thou, O Solomon, must have a thousand, and those that keep the fruit thereof two hundred.

#1174. בעל המון Ba'alHamown, the possessor of a multitude;

1 Samuel 8:14-17 And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliveyards, even the best of them, and give them to his servants. And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants. And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put them to his work. He will take the tenth of your sheep: and ye shall be his servants.

1 Peter 2:13-17 Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

Shepherd speaks to Shulamite:

Song of Solomon 8:13 You who dwell in the gardens, the companions listen to your voice; cause me to hear.

Song of Solomon 2:14 O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely.

John 20:15 Jesus said to her, Woman, why do you weep? Whom do you seek? Supposing Him to be the gardener,

Shulamite responds:

Song of Solomon 8:14 Hurry, my Beloved, and be like a gazelle, or a young deer, the stag, on the mountains of spices.

Micah 4:2 And many nations shall come and say, Come and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob. And He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths; for the law shall go forth out of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.