

OLD TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY

Song of Songs

Lesson 38

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Status

- Edward Fudge
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What is the Song of Songs?

- Love Poem (S)
- Read At Passover
- Unique
 - Content
 - Plot
 - Literature Type
 - No Direct Reference To God

Who Wrote It?

- Solomon To Hezekiah To Who Knows?
- Arguments For An Early Date
 - 6:4 Tirzah
- Arguments For A Late Date
 - 3:9 Chariot / Carraige
 - 4:13 Orchard (*Paradim*)
- Arguments For Both!

Why “Song of Songs”?

- *Sheer hasheerim* – Hebrew
- *Asma asmatov* – Greek
- *Canticum Canticorum* – Latin
- Superlatives:
 - *Holy of Holies* (Ex. 26:33)
 - *King of Kings* (Ez. 26:7)
 - *God of Gods / Lord of Lords* (Dt. 10:17)
 - *Hebrew of Hebrews* (Phil. 3:5)

Subject Matter

- Difficult Story Line (2 Or 3 People)
- Lack Of Blatant Religious Themes
- Unusual Lyrics
- Impact Of Theme / Lyrics

Approaches

- Allegorical
 - God's Love for His People
- Dramatic
 - Pure Story Telling
 - Codex Siniaticus

Approaches

- Literal
 - Hits Collection
 - Jewish Curse / Catholic Heresy
 - Wedding Songs

Approaches

- Liturgical
 - Hogwash
- Didactic – Moral
 - Teaching Purity And Wonder Of True Love
 - Dignity / God's Beauty In True Love
 - Contrast Asceticism & Pornography

Points For Home

- Marriage Is Beyond Convenience And Politics
- Marriage Should Be Holy, Pure And Fun
- Physical Aspect Of Marriage Is God's Gift
- It Should Be Holy, Pure And Fun
- Human Love Is A Revelation Of God