

SONG OF SONGS

A study using 18 questions per chapter
The purpose of this study is to find out
What the Bible says.



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INSTRUCTIONS

or suggestions as to how to conduct this study.

I can only suggest how this study was originally conducted and it was very successful. First of all, we tried to arrange a very informal atmosphere with the folks sitting in a loose circle. We would begin the session by having tea, or cokes and an informal time of fellowship. Then we would have a prayer time with everyone suggesting names of those for whom we should pray. It was also mentioned each session that we expected that each individual have at least one person for whom they would agree to pray for in regards to that person's salvation.

To actually begin the study the entire chapter would be read aloud with each one willing to read, taking the number of verses and dividing it by the number of people present and each one reading a portion.

Then the first one on the left (a habit of mine) would begin by reading the first question and giving their answer. The verse where their answer was found must also be given. Then the leader asks if everybody agrees. Let discussion carry on as necessary but not too long. Then go to the next question and the next person until all of the fifteen questions are answered.

For the discussion questions (numbers 16-17-18) each person present should give their answer once again going from the first one on the left and so on. Answer one question at a time, with each person present giving their reasons for their answer to each question. Discussion can be long or short depending on how the group feels. Do not carry the class session on too long.

Encourage each one to prepare his answers BEFORE the session begins if at all possible only because they will get more out of the discussion if they have thought about it.

INTRODUCTION

There is a question among scholars concerning what this book pictures. Some say it shows the love between Christ and his people. Others feel, and it is the more accepted view, that this is a collection of love poems between a lover and his beloved. In any case it is a beautiful picture of human love and marriage.

The masculine and feminine, as indicated by the Hebrew pronouns, have caused the translators to divide the narrative between the **Lover** and **Beloved** respectively. Any other sections is marked as **Friends** in the New International Version which I used for this study. There are some cases where it is uncertain just who is speaking.

SONG OF SONGS - Chapter 1
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What is more delightful than wine? _____. Verse _____
2. In one word, what is the complexion of the beloved? _____. Verse _____
3. Where is the most beautiful of women advised to graze her young goats? _____
_____. Verse _____
4. What is “my darling” compared to? _____. Verse _____
5. Describe the beams and rafters of their house. _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a “T” or an “F” in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ There is an indication as to who the lover is.
7. _____ There are many who adore the lover.
8. _____ Sheep rest at midday.
9. _____ The beloved was wearing earrings of gold studded with silver.
10. _____ The lover and the beloved ate meals together.

YES OR NO

(Put a “Y” or a “N” in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Were they in a hurry to get away?
12. _____ Did the beloved one think she was beautiful?
13. _____ Did the beloved one have any brothers?
14. _____ Did the beloved one put on perfume?
15. _____ Is the beloved one called “my darling” more than once in this chapter?

THINK FOR YOURSELF

16. What is the main theme of this chapter and why do you think so? (Can you do one word?)
17. What is the key verse and why do you think so?
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SONG OF SONGS - Chapter 2

SHORT ANSWERS

1. When in the banquet hall what is the banner over her? _____. Verse _____
2. Under what condition should the daughters of Jerusalem awaken love? _____. Verse _____
3. What time of the year did the lover awaken his beloved and say, "Come with me."? _____. Verse _____
4. What do little foxes do? _____. Verse _____
5. How long are the 2 together? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Her lover is like an apple tree in the desert.
7. _____ To eat raisins gives a person strength.
8. _____ The place where these 2 were staying had windows with lattice.
9. _____ Fig trees give fruit more than once a year.
10. _____ The loved one has a sweet voice.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Is the beloved like a flower?
12. _____ Is the loved one beautiful?
13. _____ Does love make a person faint?
14. _____ Is the loved one called a rose, a Lilly, and a gazelle in this chapter?
15. _____ Do olives grow on vines?

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SONG OF SONGS - Chapter 3
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Where did the loved one look for her lover and when? _____ . Verse _____
2. What advice is given to the daughters of Jerusalem for a second time in this chapter? _____

_____ . Verse _____
3. Who was coming up from the desert? _____ . Verse _____
4. What was on his head? _____ . Verse _____
5. Who put it there and when? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Nobody found the beloved one wandering about in the city.
7. _____ The loved one finally found her lover and took him home with her.
8. _____ The king's carriage had a large escort with it.
9. _____ They were traveling at night.
10. _____ The interior of the carriage was made by the daughters of Jerusalem.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Would you consider it safe to go about the city of Jerusalem at night?
12. _____ Was the one loved intense in her love?
13. _____ Were those with Solomon's carriage armed?
14. _____ Did Solomon make his carriage himself?
15. _____ Was Solomon happy when he got married?

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SONG OF SONGS - Chapter 4
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What are the teeth of the loved one compared to? _____ . Verse _____
2. How many flaws are found in the loved one? _____. Verse _____
3. What names are given to the loved one in this chapter? _____
_____. Verse _____
4. What kind of fountain is the beloved compared to? _____
_____. Verse _____
5. What is called to spread the fragrance abroad? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ The loved one wore a veil.
7. _____ The loved one might have worn lipstick.
8. _____ The beloved one calls his loved one his sister as well as his bride.
9. _____ How romantic, her neck was like the tower of Solomon.
10. _____ There is an invitation given to the lover.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Are the 2 in Lebanon?
12. _____ Is the wine as sweet as her love?
13. _____ With these 2 do you think it was love at first sight?
14. _____ Are honey and milk and honey mentioned in this chapter?
15. _____ Is it possible for a well to have flowing water?

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SONG OF SONGS - Chapter 5
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What had the lover eaten? _____ . Verse _____
2. Where was the lover? _____ . Verse _____
3. Where was the beloved? _____ . Verse _____
4. Her lover is more radiant and ruddy than how many others? _____ . Verse _____
5. To whom is the lover being described? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ The lover and the beloved were urged on by their friends.
7. _____ The lover could see no flaw in his beloved.
8. _____ His beloved was a most beautiful woman.
9. _____ The lover had black hair.
10. _____ The lover was also her friend.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ When you take off your robe and wash your feet, does that mean you are in for the night?
12. _____ Did the watchmen beat her and abuse her and take away her cloak?
13. _____ Did that stop her from looking for her lover?
14. _____ Have you ever seen anyone described like this lover is described?
15. _____ Does the lover have bad breath?

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SONG OF SONGS - Chapter 6
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Where had her lover gone and why? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. What are the beloved's teeth compared to? _____ . Verse _____
3. How many children did the beloved one's mother have? _____ . Verse _____
4. What women gave praise to the beloved? _____ . Verse _____
5. How do the friends describe the loved one? _____
_____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Others wanted to help her find her lover.
7. _____ Tirzah was as lovely as Jerusalem.
8. _____ The beloved did not have any teeth missing.
9. _____ The beloved one was more beautiful than queens, concubines and virgins without number.
10. _____ The beloved one is identified as Abishag the shunammite. (See 1 Kings 1:3)

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Was the beloved confident of her beloved's love?
12. _____ Did she have striking eyes?
13. _____ Was there anyone else like the beloved one?
14. _____ Was the lover filled with desire?
15. _____ Did other people admire the beauty of the beloved one?

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SONG OF SONGS - Chapter 7
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What is her waste likened to? _____ . Verse _____
2. What are her eyes like? _____
_____ . Verse _____
3. What about her is compared to apples? _____ . Verse _____
4. Why would they go to the vineyards early? _____ . Verse _____
5. What had she stored up for her lover? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ The prince's daughter had beautiful feet.
7. _____ Her legs were like ivory towers.
8. _____ They were in the city but wanted to go out into the countryside.
9. _____ She wanted to belong to her lover.
10. _____ Her love would be given in the vineyard.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Can you imagine a nose like the tower of Lebanon?
12. _____ Was her hair so tangled that it caught the king and held him?
13. _____ Did her lover have bad breath?
14. _____ Does her lover desire her?
15. _____ Were the pomegranates in bloom?

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SONG OF SONGS - Chapter 8
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Under what circumstances could she kiss her lover and no one could despise her? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. What phrases are used here and also are in Chapters 2 and 3? _____
_____. Verse _____
3. How strong is love? _____ . Verse _____
4. How much money would it take to buy true love? _____ . Verse _____
5. Is the beloved one a wall or a door? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ The beloved wished that her lover were her brother.
7. _____ Spiced wine is better than just plain wine.
8. _____ Love is like a mighty flame but a large river of water can put it out.
9. _____ The future of the younger sister is uncertain.
10. _____ The lover is King Solomon.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Were babies breast fed in those days?
12. _____ Did the beloved want to take her lover to her own mother's house?
13. _____ Did they live in a desert land?
14. _____ Were apples grown in that land?
15. _____ Did the beloved one own a vineyard?

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