

Song of Solomon 1:1-17 **Love between Solomon and the Shulamite Touches Many**

*Solomon's Love for a Shulamite Girl*

<sup>1</sup> The song of songs, which *is* Solomon's.

*The Banquet*

The Shulamite\*

<sup>2</sup> Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth —

For your\* love *is* better than wine.

<sup>3</sup> Because of the fragrance of your good ointments,

Your name *is* ointment poured forth;

Therefore the virgins love you.

<sup>4</sup> Draw me away!

THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM

We will run after you.\*

THE SHULAMITE

The king has brought me into his chambers.

THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM

We will be glad and rejoice in you.\*

We will remember your\* love more than wine.

THE SHULAMITE

Rightly do they love you.\*

<sup>5</sup> I *am* dark, but lovely,

O daughters of Jerusalem,

Like the tents of Kedar,

Like the curtains of Solomon.

<sup>6</sup> Do not look upon me, because I *am* dark,

Because the sun has tanned me.

My mother's sons were angry with me;

They made me the keeper of the vineyards,

*But* my own vineyard I have not kept.

(TO HER BELOVED )

<sup>7</sup> Tell me, O you whom I love,

Where you feed *your* flock,

Where you make *it* rest at noon.

For why should I be as one who veils herself\*  
By the flocks of your companions?

#### THE BELOVED

<sup>8</sup> If you do not know, O fairest among women,  
Follow in the footsteps of the flock,  
And feed your little goats  
Beside the shepherds' tents.

<sup>9</sup> I have compared you, my love,  
To my filly among Pharaoh's chariots.

<sup>10</sup> Your cheeks are lovely with ornaments,  
Your neck with chains *of gold*.

#### THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM

<sup>11</sup> We will make you\* ornaments of gold  
With studs of silver.

#### THE SHULAMITE

<sup>12</sup> While the king *is* at his table,  
My spikenard sends forth its fragrance.

<sup>13</sup> A bundle of myrrh *is* my beloved to me,  
That lies all night between my breasts.

<sup>14</sup> My beloved *is* to me a cluster of henna *blooms*  
In the vineyards of En Gedi.

#### THE BELOVED

<sup>15</sup> Behold, you *are* fair, my love!  
Behold, you *are* fair!  
You *have* dove's eyes.

#### THE SHULAMITE

<sup>16</sup> Behold, you *are* handsome, my beloved!  
Yes, pleasant!  
Also our bed *is* green.

<sup>17</sup> The beams of our houses *are* cedar,  
*And* our rafters of fir.

Observations Revealed:

#### THE SHULAMITE\*

- ✧ The song of songs, which *is* Solomon's. [[Song of Songs 1:1](#)]
- ✧ The writer is clearly identified as Solomon.
- ✧ The word Shulamite *refers* to the bride of Solomon or "Daughter of Peace" as Solomon is called the "Prince of Peace".

- ✧ Many believe it to be Abishag a Shunammite from the city of Shunem, the beautiful young woman brought to David to keep him warm in his old age for whom Solomon killed his brother Adonijah. [1 Kings 1:1-4, 2:13-25]
- ✧ Also, Shunem was the city in the land of Issachar where Elisha raised the Shunammite's son. [Joshua 19:17-18, 2 Kings 4:8-37,
- ✧ Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth – For your\* love *is* better than wine. Because of the fragrance of your good ointments, Your name *is* ointment poured forth;  
Therefore the virgins love you.  
Draw me away! [Song of Songs 1:2-4]
- ✧ The bride is longing for intimacy with her lover.
- ✧ The Shulamite also realizes the attraction the virgins feel toward him.
- ✧ Elohiym created the woman and gave her a special desire for her man. [Genesis 3:16]
- ✧ This is a reflection of the desire for intimacy the Saints holds for Christ, longing for the closest possible relationship with our loving Lord.
- ✧ The Saints are also aware of the longing of the world around them and are sent to call all to repentance that they may also know the same love for the Lord.
- ✧ It is not a jealous realization, but an honest shared yearning.
- ✧ The Saints are the fragrance of Christ to the world before God. [2 Corinthians 2:14-15]

#### THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM

- ✧ We will run after you.\* [Song of Songs 1:4]
- ✧ Those who are open to the call will joyfully join the Church in her pursuit of the Savior.

#### THE SHULAMITE

- ✧ The king has brought me into his chambers. [Song of Songs 1:4]
- ✧ The bride is with her lover in his chamber.

#### THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM

- ✧ We will be glad and rejoice in you.\* We will remember your\* love more than wine. [Song of Songs 1:4]
- ✧ The Church remembers the love of God who sent His Savior into the world to redeem us from our sins. [John 3 16]

#### THE SHULAMITE

- ✧ Rightly do they love you.\*
- ✧ It is a right thing for all who will, to love the Savior.
- ✧ I *am* dark, but lovely, O daughters of Jerusalem, Like the tents of Kedar, Like the curtains of Solomon.  
Do not look upon me, because I *am* dark, Because the sun has tanned me.  
My mother's sons were angry with me; They made me the keeper of the vineyards,  
*But* my own vineyard I have not kept. [Song of Songs 1:5-6]
- ✧ The Shulamite describes herself as darkened by the sun from working in the fields of her mother's sons who were angry (jealous) of her comeliness.
- ✧ She was lovely in appearance and characteristic as was required in the search for one to warm and care for David in his old age. [1 Kings 1:1-4]
- ✧ The Church was dark with sin but greatly desired by God who provided a way to make her pure and lovely by the precious blood of our Lord Jesus for all who believe and repent.

### (TO HER BELOVED )

- ✧ Tell me, O you whom I love, Where you feed *your flock*, Where you make *it* rest at noon.  
For why should I be as one who veils herself\* By the flocks of your companions? [[Song of Songs 1:7](#)]
- ✧ The king is the shepherd of Israel and responsible for their guidance and care.
- ✧ The Lord is the Good Shepherd of the Church.
- ✧ Women with veils were harlots. [[Genesis 38:14](#)]
- ✧ The Shulamite does not want to appear as a harlot in the eyes of the world.

### THE BELOVED

- ✧ If you do not know, O fairest among women, Follow in the footsteps of the flock, And feed your little goats Beside the shepherds' tents.  
I have compared you, my love, To my filly among Pharaoh's chariots.  
Your cheeks are lovely with ornaments, Your neck with chains *of gold*. [[Song of Songs 1:8-10](#)]
- ✧ Solomon called her the fairest among women.
- ✧ Peter speaks of the beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit which is precious in the sight of God. [[1 Peter 3:4](#)]
- ✧ The flock follows the shepherd, so following the flock will certainly show the way to him. [[John 10:1-5](#)]
- ✧ In the presence of the shepherd, she can properly care for those in her custody.
- ✧ Solomon compares her beauty with that of his choice ornate chariot horses many of which came from Egypt.

### THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM

- ✧ We will make you\* ornaments of gold With studs of silver. [[Song of Songs 1:11](#)]
- ✧ The ladies of the court promise to make ornaments for the wedding attire of the bride.
- ✧ In Revelation we find the Bride of The Lamb arrayed in fine linen which is the righteous acts of the Saints. [[Revelation 19:8](#)]

### THE SHULAMITE

- ✧ 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. [[Song of Songs 1:12-14](#)]
- ✧ At the king's banquet, the spikenard (perfume) of the bride sends forth its fragrance.
- ✧ The Shulamite compared the fragrance of the king to the aroma of myrrh which she places between her breasts at night and to the fragrance of henna in the vineyards of En Gedi.

### THE BELOVED

- ✧ Behold, you *are* fair, my love! Behold, you *are* fair! You *have* dove's eyes. [[Song of Songs 1:15](#)]
- ✧ Solomon is enraptured by the beauty of the bride and her eyes.
- ✧ Dove's eyes speak of gentle innocence, a quality of the Holy Spirit in the life of the bride.

### THE SHULAMITE

☆ Behold, you *are* handsome, my beloved! Yes, pleasant!

Also our bed *is* green.

The beams of our houses *are* cedar, *And* our rafters of fir. [[Song of Songs 1:16-17](#)]

- ◇ The Shulamite is well pleased with her beloved in his appearance and personality.
- ◇ The green bed speaks of life and purity.
- ◇ There is an emerald rainbow around the Throne of God. [[Revelation 4:2-4](#)]
- ◇ The beams and rafters speak of their covering and protection.
- ◇ Peter said, love covers a multitude of sins. [[1 Peter 4:8](#)]