

Song of Solomon 3:1-11 **Night Search for Solomon – Solomon Arrives**

A Troubled Night

THE SHULAMITE

- ¹By night on my bed I sought the one I love; I sought him, but I did not find him.
²"I will rise now," *I said*, "And go about the city; In the streets and in the squares I will seek the one I love." I sought him, but I did not find him.
³The watchmen who go about the city found me; *I said*, "Have you seen the one I love?"
⁴Scarcely had I passed by them, When I found the one I love. I held him and would not let him go, Until I had brought him to the house of my mother, And into the chamber of her who conceived me.
⁵I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, By the gazelles or by the does of the field, Do not stir up nor awaken love Until it pleases.

The Coming of Solomon

THE SHULAMITE

- ⁶Who *is* this coming out of the wilderness Like pillars of smoke, Perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, With all the merchant's fragrant powders?
⁷Behold, it *is* Solomon's couch, *With* sixty valiant men around it, Of the valiant of Israel.
⁸They all hold swords, *Being* expert in war. Every man *has* his sword on his thigh Because of fear in the night.
⁹Of the wood of Lebanon Solomon the King Made himself a palanquin:
¹⁰He made its pillars *of* silver, Its support *of* gold, Its seat *of* purple, Its interior paved *with* love By the daughters of Jerusalem.
¹¹Go forth, O daughters of Zion, And see King Solomon with the crown With which his mother crowned him On the day of his wedding, The day of the gladness of his heart.

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an enclosed chair for conveying one person, carried between horizontal poles by two or more porters

Observations Revealed:

THE SHULAMITE

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The watchmen who go about the city found me; *I said*, "Have you seen the one I love?"
Scarcely had I passed by them, When I found the one I love. I held him and would not let him go, Until I had brought him to the house of my mother, And into the chamber

of her who conceived me.

I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, By the gazelles or by the does of the field,
Do not stir up nor awaken love Until it pleases. [\[Song of Solomon 3:1-5\]](#)

- ✧ On her bed at night, she reached out for her beloved but he was gone.
 - ✧ She sought him in the house but did not find him.
 - ✧ She went out into the city streets and squares seeking him but did not find him.
 - ✧ The city watchmen found her and she asked them if they had seen him but they had not.
 - ✧ Shortly after she left the watchmen she found her beloved.
 - ✧ She held him and would not let him go until she brought him to her mother's house and into the chamber where she had been conceived.
- ✧ Love was so precious to her, she again cautioned the daughters of Jerusalem to not stir up or awaken love until its proper time and setting.

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THE SHULAMITE

- ✧ Who *is* this coming out of the wilderness Like pillars of smoke, Perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, With all the merchant's fragrant powders?
Behold, it *is* Solomon's couch (*palanquin* - an enclosed chair or lounge-chair for bearing one person, carried between horizontal poles by two or more porters), With sixty valiant men around it, Of the valiant of Israel.
They all hold swords, *Being* expert in war. Every man *has* his sword on his thigh Because of fear in the night.
Of the wood of Lebanon Solomon the King Made himself a palanquin:
He made its pillars *of* silver, Its support *of* gold, Its seat *of* purple, Its interior paved *with* love By the daughters of Jerusalem. [\[Song of Solomon 3:6-10\]](#)
- ✧ Solomon, greatly perfumed, is riding out of the wilderness on a palanquin he had made for himself out of wood from Lebanon with pillars of silver and its support of gold.
- ✧ Out of love for him the daughters of Jerusalem had made its seat and interior of purple.
- ✧ Because of fear of the night he had a guard of sixty valiant men of Israel being expert in war, each with his sword on his thigh.
- ✧ Go forth, O daughters of Zion, And see King Solomon with the crown With which his mother crowned him On the day of his wedding, The day of the gladness of his heart. [\[Song of Solomon 3:11\]](#)
- ✧ The Shulamite invites the daughters of Zion to go out to see Solomon as he enters Jerusalem wearing the crown his mother placed on his head on his wedding day.