Song of Solomon 4:1-16 **Solomon Described His Bride**She Invited Him To Come To Her Garden

The Bridegroom Praises the Bride

THE BELOVED

^{1.}Behold, you are fair, my love! Behold, you are fair!

You have dove's eyes behind your veil.

Your hair is like a flock of goats, Going down from Mount Gilead.

² Your teeth *are* like a flock of shorn *sheep* Which have come up from the washing, Every one of which bears twins, And none *is* barren among them.

³ Your lips *are* like a strand of scarlet, And your mouth is lovely.

Your temples behind your veil Are like a piece of pomegranate.

- ⁴ Your neck *is* like the tower of David, Built for an armory, On which hang a thousand bucklers, All shields of mighty men.
- ⁵ Your two breasts are like two fawns, Twins of a gazelle, Which feed among the lilies.
- ⁶ Until the day breaks And the shadows flee away,
- I will go my way to the mountain of myrrh And to the hill of frankincense.
- ⁷ You are all fair, my love, And there is no spot in you.
- ⁸ Come with me from Lebanon, *my* spouse, With me from Lebanon. Look from the top of Amana, From the top of Senir and Hermon, From the lions' dens, From the mountains of the leopards.
- ⁹ You have ravished my heart, My sister, my spouse;

You have ravished my heart With one *look* of your eyes, With one link of your necklace.

¹⁰ How fair is your love, My sister, my spouse!

How much better than wine is your love, And the scent of your perfumes Than all spices! ¹¹ Your lips, O *my* spouse, Drip as the honeycomb; Honey and milk *are* under your tongue; And the fragrance of your garments *Is* like the fragrance of Lebanon.

- ¹² A garden enclosed *Is* my sister, my spouse, A spring shut up, A fountain sealed.
- ¹³ Your plants *are* an orchard of pomegranates With pleasant fruits, Fragrant henna with spikenard,
- 14 Spikenard and saffron, Calamus and cinnamon, With all trees of frankincense, Myrrh and aloes, With all the chief spices -
- ¹⁵ A fountain of gardens, A well of living waters, And streams from Lebanon.

THE SHULAMITE

16 Awake, O north *wind*, And come, O south! Blow upon my garden, *That* its spices may flow out. Let my beloved come to his garden And eat its pleasant fruits.

Observations:

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❖ ·Behold, you are fair, my love! Behold, you are fair!

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Your hair is like a flock of goats, Going down from Mount Gilead.

Your teeth *are* like a flock of shorn *sheep* Which have come up from the washing,

Every one of which bears twins, And none *is* barren among them. Your lips *are* like a strand of scarlet, And your mouth is lovely.

Your temples behind your veil Are like a piece of pomegranate.

Your neck is like the tower of David, Built for an armory, On which hang a thousand bucklers, All shields of mighty men.

Your two breasts *are* like two fawns, Twins of a gazelle, Which feed among the lilies. [Song of Solomon 4:1-5]

- ♦ Solomon described the beautiful physical features of his bride.
- ♥ Until the day breaks And the shadows flee away,

I will go my way to the mountain of myrrh And to the hill of frankincense.

You are all fair, my love, And there is no spot in you. [Song of Solomon 4:6-7]

- ♦ Solomon will be with his bride until daybreak.
- ♦ She is spotless beauty to him.
- ♥ Come with me from Lebanon, my spouse, With me from Lebanon.

Look from the top of Amana, From the top of Senir and Hermon,

From the lions' dens, From the mountains of the leopards. [Song of Solomon 4:8]

- ♦ He invites her to go with him on a scenic tour of the high mountains around Israel.
- ♦ You have ravished my heart, My sister, my spouse;

You have ravished my heart With one *look* of your eyes, With one link of your necklace.

How fair is your love, My sister, my spouse!

How much better than wine is your love, And the scent of your perfumes Than all spices!

Your lips, O my spouse, Drip as the honeycomb; Honey and milk are under your tongue; And the fragrance of your garments Is like the fragrance of Lebanon. [Song of Solomon 4:9-11]

- ♦ Solomon described his attraction to her eyes, necklace, love, perfumes, and lips.
- ♦ Her kisses are like honey and milk, and the smell of her garments like the fragrance of Lebanon.
- A garden enclosed *Is* my sister, *my* spouse, A spring shut up, A fountain sealed. Your plants *are* an orchard of pomegranates With pleasant fruits, Fragrant henna 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. [Song of Solomon 4:12-15]

- ♦ Solomon likened his bride to a protected well watered garden with pleasant fruits.
- ♦ He described her fragrance and virtuous vitality.

THE SHULAMITE

- Awake, O north wind, And come, O south!

 Blow upon my garden, That its spices may flow out.

 Let my beloved come to his garden And eat its pleasant fruits. [Song of Solomon 4:16]
 - ♦ She calls on the north and south winds to carry her fragrance to Solomon inviting him to come and enjoy the fruits of her garden.
 - ♦ Inviting him to come and enjoy her love.