

Song of Solomon 8:1-14 **Shulamite's Desire For Her Beloved**  
**Advice to Daughters of Jerusalem**  
**Brothers Concern For Little Sister**

*Lovers Reunited at Their Country Home*

THE SHULAMITE

- <sup>1</sup> Oh, that you were like my brother, Who nursed at my mother's breasts!  
If I should find you outside, I would kiss you; I would not be despised.  
<sup>2</sup> I would lead you *and* bring you Into the house of my mother, She *who* used to instruct me. I would cause you to drink of spiced wine, Of the juice of my pomegranate.

(TO THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM )

- <sup>3</sup> His left hand *is* under my head, And his right hand embraces me.  
<sup>4</sup> I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, Do not stir up nor awaken love Until it pleases.  
<sup>5</sup> Who *is* this coming up from the wilderness, Leaning upon her beloved?  
I awakened you under the apple tree.  
There your mother brought you forth; There she *who* bore you brought *you* forth.

THE SHULAMITE *TO HER BELOVED*

- <sup>6</sup> Set me as a seal upon your heart, As a seal upon your arm;  
For love *is as* strong as death, Jealousy *as* cruel as the grave;\* Its flames *are* flames of fire, A most vehement\* flame.  
<sup>7</sup> Many waters cannot quench love, Nor can the floods drown it.  
If a man would give for love All the wealth of his house, It would be utterly despised.

THE SHULAMITE 'S BROTHERS

- <sup>8</sup> We have a little sister, And she has no breasts.  
What shall we do for our sister In the day when she is spoken for?  
<sup>9</sup> If she *is* a wall, We will build upon her A battlement of silver;  
And if she *is* a door, We will enclose her With boards of cedar.

THE SHULAMITE

- <sup>10</sup> I *am* a wall, And my breasts like towers; Then I became in his eyes As one who found peace.  
<sup>11</sup> Solomon had a vineyard at Baal Hamon; He leased the vineyard to keepers;  
Everyone was to bring for its fruit A thousand silver coins.  
<sup>12</sup> My own vineyard *is* before me.  
You, O Solomon, *may have* a thousand, And those who tend its fruit two hundred.  
<sup>13</sup> You who dwell in the gardens, The companions listen for your voice – Let me hear it!

<sup>14</sup> Make haste, my beloved, And be like a gazelle Or a young stag On the mountains of spices.

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Observations:

THE SHULAMITE

- ✧ Oh, that you were like my brother, Who nursed at my mother's breasts!  
If I should find you outside, I would kiss you; I would not be despised.  
I would lead you *and* bring you Into the house of my mother, She *who* used to instruct me. I would cause you to drink of spiced wine, Of the juice of my pomegranate. [Song of Solomon 8:1-2]
- ✧ She expressed innocent desire for her beloved.

(TO THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM )

- ✧ His left hand *is* under my head, And his right hand embraces me.  
I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, Do not stir up nor awaken love Until it pleases. [Song of Solomon 8:3-4]
- ✧ She described their embrace and cautioned the daughters of Jerusalem to wait for the proper time and occasion to awaken love.
  
- ✧ Who *is* this coming up from the wilderness, Leaning upon her beloved?  
I awakened you under the apple tree.  
There your mother brought you forth; There she *who* bore you brought *you* forth.  
[Song of Solomon 8:5]
- ✧ She described how she awakened love.

THE SHULAMITE *TO HER BELOVED*

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For love *is as* strong as death, Jealousy *as* cruel as the grave;\* Its flames *are* flames of fire, A most vehement\* flame.  
Many waters cannot quench love, Nor can the floods drown it.  
If a man would give for love All the wealth of his house, It would be utterly despised.  
[Song of Solomon 8:6-7]
- ✧ She asked to be cherished as a seal on his heart and arm.
- ✧ She described the enduring power and value of true love.
- ✧ And the cruelty of Jealousy.

THE SHULAMITE '*S BROTHERS*

- ✧ We have a little sister, And she has no breasts.  
What shall we do for our sister In the day when she is spoken for?  
If she *is* a wall, We will build upon her A battlement of silver;  
And if she *is* a door, We will enclose her With boards of cedar. [Song of Solomon 8:8-9]
- ✧ If the little sister has moral strength, they will adorn her with silver.
- ✧ If she is weak and easy, they will do their best to protect her.

## THE SHULAMITE

- ✧ I *am* a wall, And my breasts like towers; Then I became in his eyes As one who found peace. [[Song of Solomon 8:10](#)]
- ✧ The Shulamite described herself as strong, and his appreciation and confidence in her.
  
- ✧ Solomon had a vineyard at Baal Hamon; He leased the vineyard to keepers; Everyone was to bring for its fruit A thousand silver coins.  
My own vineyard *is* before me.  
You, O Solomon, *may have* a thousand, And those who tend its fruit two hundred.  
[[Song of Solomon 8:11-12](#)]
- ✧ She acknowledged Solomon's vineyard and his keepers.
- ✧ She mentioned that her vineyard is still in the future for her.
- ✧ You who dwell in the gardens, The companions listen for your voice – Let me hear it!  
[[Song of Solomon 8:13](#)]
- ✧ Solomon's companions hear his voice and she desires to hear it also.
- ✧ Make haste, my beloved, And be like a gazelle Or a young stag On the mountains of spices. [[Song of Solomon 8:13](#)]
- ✧ She is yearning for his love.