



OLD TESTAMENT • WISDOM

Song of Solomon

Love, desire, and faithful delight

AUTHORSHIP • Traditionally associated with Solomon

DATE & CONTEXT • Date of composition uncertain

The big picture

This collection of love poetry celebrates desire, beauty, mutual delight, and the strength of love. Rich images from gardens, animals, and the landscape should be read as poetry rather than literal description. Jewish and Christian readers have also reflected on its spiritual significance. At its most immediate level, the book honors love that attends to the beloved rather than treating a person as a possession.

Words to carry

“Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.”

Song of Solomon 8:7 • KJV • excerpt

Live it

- 01 Speak appreciation that honors a person’s whole character.
- 02 Respect another person’s boundaries and dignity.
- 03 Give unhurried attention to a relationship entrusted to your care.

Pause & reflect

How can love become more attentive and less self-centered?

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