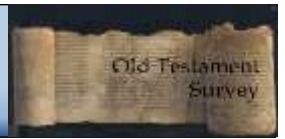




Song of Songs – Study Guide



Bible Reading (Other chapters may be read for extra credit/benefit)	Textbook Reading (Other material may be read for extra credit/benefit)
Song of Songs	Ch. 23
☐ ch. 1 ☐ ch. 2 ☐ 8:5-14	☐ Theological Themes – Song of Songs

Study Guide for Song of Songs

Chapter 1

- What does the woman say about her lover? What does she say about her experiences and her desires?
- What do the friends say about the woman? How does this contribute to the poetry and message?
- What does the woman say about herself? What does she state about her experiences? What does she want and ask from her lover? Why?
- How do the friends respond to her request?
- How does the man speak about his beloved? What is the significance of the symbolic imagery he used?
- How does the woman respond? How did she describe her lover? How do the two lovers respond to each other for the remainder of this chapter? What does this tell us about how they thought about each other? What is the point of all this?

Chapter 2

- How does this chapter continue the conversation begun in the prior chapter?
- What does each lover say about the other? How does this express their own feelings and desires? How does this describe how they treated each other? What can we learn from this?
- What does the woman charge to the “Daughters of Jerusalem”? What do you think is the meaning and purpose of this? What difference does this make?
- What do you think all the symbolism about the birds and animals is speaking about? How does this imagery contribute to the poetry? How does it contribute to the meaning of these chapters?

Chapter 8:5-14

- What does the woman request her lover to do? Why?
- How does the woman describe the strength of love? What does she compare love with? What does this tell us about love and how does this contribute to the message of this book?
- What point was the woman making when she used the symbolism of a wall and of a vineyard? How does this contribute to the point of this book?
- What invitations does each lover give to the other? How do you think these invitations could best be fulfilled? What difference does this make?
- What do all of these passages teach us about human love and how God has created His people to interact in that special relationship? How does this apply?

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Study Guide for Textbook chapter 23

Theological Themes

Song of Songs

- What point does the textbook make about “compartmentalizing”? How does this book demonstrate the opposite approach? What benefit can we gain from experiencing this part of life with a more Biblical view? How does this book contribute to teaching us this Biblical view? What should we learn from it? How should we respond?
- What does this book teach us about the marital relationship? How does it reflect the image of God? How does it promote unity? What else does it teach us? How does this apply?