

# **Song of Solomon & Poetical Books Reviewed**

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## **Song of Solomon**

1. The author is Solomon (1:1,5; 3:7,9,11; 8:11,12) who wrote 1,005 songs (1 Kings 4:32).
2. Interesting Facts: Never quoted in NT; There is no mention of the name of God; It is the only Bible book solely devoted to expressing the love of a bride and bridegroom.

## **Interpretations**

1. The fictional view
2. The allegorical view
3. The historical view

**Outline:** Courtship and Marriage (1:1-3:11)  
Marital Love (4:1-8:4)  
Climax and Conclusion (8:5-14)

## **Courtship and Marriage (1:1-3:11)**

1. The Language of Love (1:9-2:4)
2. The Desire of Love (2:6,7;3:1)
3. The Patience of Love (2:7)
4. The Exclusiveness of Love (2:16)
5. The Approval of Love (3:1-5)

## **Marital Love (4:1-8:4)**

1. The Shulammitte woman is described as a bride (4:8, 9, 10, 11, 12; 5:1).
2. The context for the expression of physical love between a man and a woman (4:12)

## **Climax and Conclusion (8:5-14)**

1. The power of love (8:6)
2. The purity of love (8:8-14)

## **Concluding Applications**

1. Sexual love is not to be stirred up prior to marriage (2:7; 3:5; 8:4).
2. The biblical male/female pursuit of marriage is not recreational dating.
3. Sexual love can only be kept pure within the exclusivity of heterosexual marriage.
4. Husbands and wives are to develop a godly jealousy for their exclusive relationship with one another just as Christ is jealous for his bride (Exod. 20:5; 2 Cor.11:2).

## Poetical Books Reviewed

### Poetical Books (5)

Job						Psalms	Proverbs Ecclesiastes Songs			
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### Historical Books (17)

Genesis	Exodus Leviticus	Numbers Deuteronomy	Joshua	Judges Ruth	1 Samuel	1 Chronicles 2 Samuel	2 Chronicles 1 Kings	2 Kings		Ezra Nehemiah Esther
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### Prophetical Books (17)

									<b>Pre-Exilic</b> <b>To Israel:</b> Hosea Amos <b>To Judah:</b> Habakkuk Isaiah Jeremiah Micah Zephaniah Lamentations <b>To Assyria:</b> Jonah Nahum <b>To Edom:</b> Obadiah	<b>Exilic</b> Ezekiel Daniel	<b>Post-Exilic</b> Haggai Zechariah Malachi Joel
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## Brief Survey of the Poetical Books

- Job:** Perhaps the earliest book of the Bible written to give us an example of a man who loves the Lord his God with all his heart, mind, soul, and strength simply because God is God, and not because God blesses man. Key verses 1:8,9; 13:15. If God were to destroy us or all that we own would we not love and worship him all the more?
- Psalms:** The Hebrew title is "Book of Praises." The Psalms were primarily used as a book of prayer and praise to God by God's people in the tabernacle, temple, and synagogues. The themes of praise and worship are clearly revealed in Psalm 100. Let us evaluate the passion, intensity, enthusiasm, zeal, and joy in our praise. What can we do to grow our worship toward a more pleasing response to God?
- Proverbs:** Brief pithy statements of counsel for God's covenant community. The key words are *wise*, *wisdom*, and *fear of the Lord*. Key passages on living wisely for God's glory through fearing him: Prov. 1:2-7; 3:5,6. What does it practically mean to live each day beginning with a fear of God and acknowledging him in all things?
- Ecclesiastes:** This book reviews the emptiness of trying to be happy apart from God. Solomon, with unlimited resources and opportunity tries it all and concludes that the most important pursuit in life is to "fear God and keep his commands" (12:13).
- Song of Solomon:** This is God's marriage manual for believers. It provides a dramatic presentation of the intimate relationship between Solomon and his Shulammite bride. Their love is exclusive and pure (2:16; 4:12; 8:8-14).