

# OLD TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY

## Song of Songs

### Lesson 38

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# Status

- Edward Fudge
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# What is the Song of Songs?

- Love Poem (S)
- Read At Passover
- Unique
  - Content
  - Plot
  - Literature Type
  - No Direct Reference To God

# Who Wrote It?

- Solomon To Hezekiah To Who Knows?
- Arguments For An Early Date
  - 6:4 Tirzah
- Arguments For A Late Date
  - 3:9 Chariot / Carraige
  - 4:13 Orchard (*Paradim*)
- Arguments For Both!

# Why “Song of Songs”?

- *Sheer hasheerim* – Hebrew
- *Asma asmatov* – Greek
- *Canticum Canticorum* – Latin
- Superlatives:
  - *Holy of Holies* (Ex. 26:33)
  - *King of Kings* (Ez. 26:7)
  - *God of Gods / Lord of Lords* (Dt. 10:17)
  - *Hebrew of Hebrews* (Phil. 3:5)

# Subject Matter

- Difficult Story Line (2 Or 3 People)
- Lack Of Blatant Religious Themes
- Unusual Lyrics
- Impact Of Theme / Lyrics

# Approaches

- Allegorical
  - God's Love for His People
- Dramatic
  - Pure Story Telling
  - Codex Siniaticus

# Approaches

- Literal
  - Hits Collection
  - Jewish Curse / Catholic Heresy
  - Wedding Songs



# Approaches

- Liturgical
  - Hogwash
- Didactic – Moral
  - Teaching Purity And Wonder Of True Love
  - Dignity / God's Beauty In True Love
  - Contrast Asceticism & Pornography

# Points For Home

- Marriage Is Beyond Convenience And Politics
- Marriage Should Be Holy, Pure And Fun
- Physical Aspect Of Marriage Is God's Gift
- It Should Be Holy, Pure And Fun
- Human Love Is A Revelation Of God