

Song of Songs

Chapter 3-4

Royal wedding procession. Bride of the King being carried to the ceremony. Carried by royal attendants. Safety.

V9: Solomon made it himself. The King made it **Himself**. The king made the chariot himself. Jesus made the one we rest in. He had to become Man, die, and save us. He did the work.

The wood of Lebanon. The Temple had wood from Lebanon covered with gold. Wood represents human work; gold represents God's work. Jesus also has flesh.

V10: Silver and gold. The support is gold – the Bride will not fall out. Supported by the Power and Wisdom of God. Silver - Beauty of God; also the faithfulness of redemption. The chair is wood (flesh) and silver and gold (God). He is partaker of human nature.

Seat of purple – royalty and authority. We now understand the Authority of Jesus.

The Gospel is the whole carriage. Made from Love. Love for the daughters of Jerusalem. We are safe when we understand this.

Solomon is a “type” of Christ.

V 11 – come and see Jesus. Come and see this! Come and see Him as King and as the Bridegroom. Waiting for the wedding day. If you come and see, you can be like I have become. Evangelization.

Mother is the Church – God is our Father and the Church is our Mother. We come to knowledge of Him through the Church. Wedding day is when we surrender everything to Him. The Church proclaims Him as King. Also Last Day is a wedding feast. Rev 19:6-8.

Jesus has many crowns. His Crown as King – makes Him the most glad. “Looks forward” to this. We become co-heirs. Power of death and fear are broken.

Chapter 4:

The Bride is maturing. Has been disciplined, tested, saw her redemption . In verses 1-5, Jesus shows how He cherishes His bride. Eph 5: 26-29 – presents the Church to show His Glory. By cherishing us, He strengthens weak believers. When we feel loved and cherished we become stronger and more bold. He affirms us even in our weakness. Importance of a willing spirit. He sees the end of our journey. Example: Gideon, Peter.

The enemy wears us down with accusations of shame and worthlessness.

Jesus changes His bride by nourishing and cherishing her. Church feeling loved and loving Him back is the radiance of the Bride. Takes the stain of sin out of her. We are partners with Him.

V 1: Encourages her again by telling her how fair and beautiful she is. Even though she is a sinner. Repeated twice. Dove’s eyes – purity and loyalty. No peripheral vision - eyes are fixed on Him. Singleness of mind. Veil- humility. She also has a private life with Him.

Hair- sign of dedication to God. Like Nazorites. Beauty of submission to God. Also a spiritual covering.

Flock of goats - a stately walk – Proverbs 30:29-31. Goats at Mt. Gilead were well fed. Very fertile area. She is well-fed on God’s Love and His Word.

V 2: Teeth – receive nourishment and chew meat. Meat of God’s Word. Sheep’s wool is uneven-represents fleshly desires. Shorn sheep- flesh under control. Washed- cleansed from dirt. The Word cleanses us Eph 5:26. Bearing twins is fruitfulness. Ministry will not be barren if we meditate on the Word we will be fruitful and help us be clean.

V3: Lips like strand of scarlet. Words of redemption – Blood of Sacrifice. OT types. Rahab. Also Holy Spirit anointed speech. Edifying speech. Mouth - intimacy with Him; Communion.

Temples - the Hebrew is better translated as “cheeks.” Show emotion. Windows to our emotions. Pomegranate – sweet. On the ephod of the priest. Red – modesty – easily blushes. Behind the veil – inner life is modest.

V4 : The neck – refers to free will. Stiff or submissive. Bride has made her choice to follow Him. Her heart is set. David was strong, upright before God. David’s towers defended Jerusalem. Bucklers are small shields worn on the arm. Armor of God - Eph 6. Protection from the enemy.

V 5: Breasts – nurture others. Twin fawns- a double portion. Nurturing others in purity (lilies). The bride is a minister of the Covenant.

Summary of character traits He sees in His Bride:

Dove's eyes: eyes of single-minded devotion and revelation

Hair like goats: dedication to God

Teeth like shorn sheep: chewing the meat of the Word

Lips like scarlet: speech that is redemptive

Kisses of the mouth: intimacy with God

Veiled temples (cheeks/countenance): emotions impacted by the grace of God

Neck like David's tower: setting our will to obey God

Breasts like fawns: the power to edify and nurture others

V6 : Bride responds by making a total commitment. Embraces the Cross. Will go to the mountain of myrrh – burial spice. Mountain, not a hill. Jesus ascends the “mountain of myrrh” in His passion and Death. We deny ourselves. Self denial.

Frankincense – refers to prayer. Psalm 141 : 2. Jesus tells Peter to pray because temptation is coming Matt. 26:40. Need prayer to go up the mountain of myrrh. We can't deny ourselves and go there without prayer.

It is a hill. Much smaller than a mountain. Small amount of prayer helps.

Bride makes a decision – she **will go**. Radical obedience. She completely embraces His Death. The Cross. She wants to be with the One Who loves her. Great Commission.

We all have a unique path that he has for us to the mountain of myrrh.

Shadows are compromises and weakness. Then leads to a new day; a new season of victory after the struggles.

Summary up to now.

