

## Song of Solomon

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**NOTE:** *The overall outline of the Song of Solomon can be divided as follows:*

- I. *The Beginning of Love (1:1-5:1)*
  - a. *Falling in Love (1:1-3:5)*
  - b. *United in Love (3:6-5:1)*
- II. *The Broadening of Love (5:2-8:14)*
  - a. *Struggling in Love (5:2-7:9)*
  - b. *Growing in Love (7:4-8:14)*

1. Why is the Song of Solomon in the Bible? How does it fit in with the other books of the Bible?
2. What does the overall outline of the Song of Solomon teach us about love?
3. The references to the bride's family background and connections represents **leaving** the **old life** for the **new**.
4. Song of Solomon has very little to do with **physical** relationships and much more to do with **godly** relationships based in **love**.
5. The geographic references cover every area of Israel, a reminder that God loves ALL of **Israel** and ALL of the **church**.
6. The different gardens – and the different crops in each – reveals the Messiah's **two comings**.
7. The Messiah's two comings and Israel's rejection then acceptance of Him is reinforced by the **two dreams**. (3:1-4 and 5:2-7)
8. The Song of Solomon begins and ends in the same way: The **bride** eagerly awaiting the **bridegroom's** arrival. (Again, this speaks of the Messiah's two comings.)
9. The chief reason we have difficulty understanding Song of Solomon is that we so rarely **read it**, much less **study it**.