

## Song of Songs

Sometimes called *Song of Solomon*, this book has been interpreted a number of ways, including that it is:

1. an allegory describing:
  - God’s love for Israel, or
  - Christ’s love for the church, or
  - Christ’s love for the soul
2. wisdom literature, giving wisdom’s description of an ideal relationship between husband and wife (the *Bible* elsewhere describes love as a gift of God, to be received with gratitude and celebration)
3. a love song from Solomon to a peasant girl, possibly his first wife
4. a combination of one or more of the above.

### Old Testament Timeline

BC	2000-1700	1700	1250	1210	1030
<b>Creation/Fall</b> Adam & Eve Noah	<b>Patriarchs</b> Abraham Isaac Jacob Joseph	<b>Israel in Egypt</b>	<b>The Exodus</b> Moses The Law	<b>Promised Land</b> Joshua Deborah Gideon Sampson	<b>United Kingdom</b> Samuel Saul David Solomon

PEOPLE

**Abraham** founder of the Jewish nation; ancestor of Christ **Ishmael** Abraham's first son; son of a concubine; ancestor of the Arab people **Judah** tribe descending from Jacob's fourth son; ancestor of Christ **Solomon** son of David and Bathsheba; successor to David; becomes the wisest and richest man in the world; ancestor of Christ **Pharaoh** royal title for the king of Egypt

PLACES

**En Gedi** town on the Dead Sea originally allotted to Judah **Kedar** territory in the Arabian desert belonging to the tribe descending from Kedar, the second son of Ishmael **Zion** initially one of the hills in Jerusalem; later, comes to mean Jerusalem and its people

TERMS

**concubine** a secondary but legal wife, who was sometimes a servant of another wife; sometimes purchased or received as the spoils of war **myrrh** a gum resin with a pleasing odor; used in perfume and anointing oil

**Genealogy of Christ**



930	722	587	538	336	63 BC
<b>Divided Kingdom</b>	<b>Samaria</b>	<b>Jerusalem</b>	<b>Judeans return</b>	<b>Greek</b>	<b>Roman</b>
North: Ahab Elijah	South: Hezekiah Isaiah	falls to Assyria, scatters	falls to Babylon, exiled	rule	rule
			Esther Ezra Nehemiah		