Outlines of the Bible: Song of Songs

Author: Solomon

Theme: The inestimable value of true, romantic love

Genre: Poetry…seeks to recreate an experience in the reader and seeks to do so by communicating in "language beyond language."

Outline: The 4 Scenes

1. 1:1-2:17
2. 3:1-5:8
3. 5:9-8:4
4. 8:5-8:13

Solomon's 3 attempts to seduce:

1. 1:9-2:2
2. 4:1-4:6
3. 6:4-7:10

The Characters

1. Solomon (recognized by "my darling")
2. The Shulammite (recognized by "my beloved")
3. The Shepherd (recognized by "my sister," or "my bride")
4. The Harem (daughters of Jerusalem)
5. The Shulammite's brothers