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Welcome / Prayer

Review –

Allegories – give me any example of an allegory

We SKIPPED a complicated biblical example of an allegory that would've taken half our time,

Galatians 4 – Paul is explaining that the old covenant is dead, and we are under a new covenant.

- The allegory is Sarah and Hagar – they are allegorically two covenants.
- Now are they real persons (Chad's question)? or are they allegories? They're both!!
  - We know Abraham and Sarah were real, & we know Hagar was real through the bible as well as patriarchal testaments
  - We know that it is allegorical... because Galatians 4 SAYS it is!
- Song is both real and allegorical, encompassing the best of both kingdom realms

We also began looking at our cast of characters.

**Briefly (Bride slide)** – Mentioned daughters of Jerusalem & watchmen – will give them a deeper look later,

- They are part of the kingdom
- They do work in the kingdom
- They do not desire intimacy with their savior

The Bride – **what was her name?**

- Note – the ShuNammite of 1Kings and the ShuLammite of Song we are saying are the same person.
- The story in 1Kings is about this woman from the same place, for the same man

Charles John Ellicott (1819–1905), Christian Theologian

Dr. Delmer Guynes, AG Theologian & missionary

Shunem is in the territory of Issachar (Jos 19:18), and in the plain of Jezreel (1Sa 28:4), near Mount Gilboa. As Eusebius, describing its position carefully, calls it "Sulem," and as this variation of name is confirmed by its ready identification with the modern village of Solam, it has been conjectured (see Smith's Dictionary of the Bible, SHULAMITE), ingeniously and not improbably, that Abishag is the "fair Shulamite" of the Song of Solomon (1Ki 6:13).

## THE ADVERSARY

Adonijah, a type of Satan

(how would you like this for your eulogy?)

Remember 1 Kings 1 where they brought Abishag, a young beauty to warm David. Doubtless, the two boys thought she was scary-cute but obviously were forbidden from making ANY advances at all!

(why 'scary cute'? b/c they'd die if they made pass at her)

Solomon's relationship with Adonijah was probably a typical Royal 'brotherhood', of different mothers

- Solomon – Bathsheba's son
- Adonijah – Haggith's son

(how would you like to have an arranged marriage, sight-unseen to a "Haggith"?)

- They'd say, "She has such a great personality"!

It's common in relationships like Solomon / Adonijah for one to murder all the brothers so he can retain power.

**Can you think of any examples?**

Some examples:

- King Abimelech (Judges) killed 70 of his brothers
- Herod the Great - brother-in-law, wife, uncle and two of his sons.
- Q Elizabeth I – 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin, son of 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin once removed, Mary Q.of Scots- a cousin,

Adonijah takes a shot at the throne, musters national support

1 Kings 1: 5 Now Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, "I will be king." So he prepared for himself chariots and horsemen with fifty men to run before him.

- Solomon was promised the throne (see verse 13)
- The family got Nathan the prophet – **which one was Nathan?** –
  - David / Bathsheba → Uriah
  - Nathan told the story about the 1 perfect lamb a guy had vs a rich sheep farmer
  - David repented & wrote Psalm 51
- The counseled together and made appointment to relay this info to David: first Bathsheba then Nathan
- This was a big deal. **Why?**
  - Because a 'King Adonijah' would see Bathsheba & Solomon as a threat, have them killed.

**David's** response:

1 Kings 1:28 Then King David said, "Call Bathsheba to me." And she came into the king's presence and stood before the king. <sup>29</sup> The king vowed and said, "As the LORD lives, who has redeemed my life from all distress, <sup>30</sup> surely as I vowed to you by the LORD the God of Israel, saying, 'Your son Solomon shall be king after me, and he shall sit on my throne in my place'; I will indeed do so this day."

In courage, they approached the King reminding him of his promises.

It's now established – Solomon would be king!

Adonijah had tried to take the throne by political maneuvering and when it failed, he ran tucked-tail to the horns of the altar for mercy. This maneuver should have cost him his life – it's an act of treason.

Solomon spared Adonijah, confining him to a limited area.

Solomon was free to court his bride.

Meanwhile, Adonijah forgot his commandment to be a worthy man, and began plotting to take the kingdom... AGAIN!

**Approaching** Solomon's mom, Bathsheba, he said

1 Kings 2: <sup>15</sup> So he said, "You know that the kingdom was mine and that all Israel expected me to be king; however, the kingdom has turned about and become my brother's, for it was his from the LORD. <sup>16</sup> "Now I am making one request of you; do not refuse me." And she said to him, "Speak." <sup>17</sup> Then he said, "Please speak to Solomon the king, for he will not refuse you, that he may give me Abishag the Shunammite as a wife." <sup>18</sup> Bathsheba said, "Very well; I will speak to the king for you."

Customs being different from ours, and the King having absolute authority to marry / send away, and this request from cute little Absalom seemed reasonable to Bathsheba.

He'd convinced Bathsheba that he loved Abishag.

**So Bathsheba** approaches Solomon, now King saying

1 Kings 2: <sup>20</sup> Then she said, "I am making one small request of you; do not refuse me." And the king said to her, "Ask, my mother, for I will not refuse you." <sup>21</sup> So she said, "Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah your brother as a wife." <sup>22</sup> King Solomon answered and said to his mother, "And why are you asking Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? Ask for him also the kingdom--for he is my older brother--

even for him, for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah!"<sup>23</sup> Then King Solomon swore by the LORD, saying, "May God do so to me and more also, if Adonijah has not spoken this word against his own life.

Why was Solomon so upset about this? He already had the kingdom. His irritating brother just wants in on some of the good stuff of the kingdom.

- Solomon knew Adonijah wanted to be king
- He knew Adonijah had subverted him once before
- He was already living with the sword of Damocles over his head right now,
- and he pulls this??

Theologian Albert Barnes – died 1870

To ask for Abishag was to ask for the kingdom. To the Oriental mind a monarch was so sacred, that whatever was brought near to him was thenceforth separate from common use. This sacred and separate character attached especially to the Royal harem.

Reasons:

- First, obviously Solomon loved his bride
- Second, to give up Abishag is to give up the kingdom.

Because Abishag was David's concubine, now Solomon's wife

Sneak peek – it could have actually been Solomon's wife already – reference

Song 8: <sup>1</sup> "Oh that you were like a brother to me Who nursed at my mother's breasts. If I found you outdoors, I would kiss you; No one would despise me, either.

John Wesley, speaking of how Absalom had public sex with King David's concubines on advice from usurpers writes:

Went in - To one, or some of them. And by so doing did farther make claim to the kingdom; and, as it were, take possession of it. It being usual in the eastern countries to account the wives and concubines of the late king, to belong of right to the successor

So here we see two types:

- Solomon – a type of Christ
  - He dis-robbed & took the form of the lowest class of work (not dishonorable, just menial, simple)
  - Just HAPPENED TO BE LOCATED in the field right next to hers... I wonder how that happened? hahaha
  - Did not reveal who He was, just kept courting her because of what He could give her
  - Her marriage to him would have gained Him NOTHING in the Royal business
  - wanted her to Love & see Him for who He is, not as an employer but as a best friend
  - Had 700wives, 300concubines – also is a type of Christ
- Adonijah – a type of Satan
- did not reveal his motives, just pursued her for what she could gain for him
- Her marriage to him would have meant he got to be ruler

Both battle for the same bride.

If Jesus gave His bride over to Satan, He would be, in essence, giving over His kingdom.

Luke 17: 20 Now having been questioned by the Pharisees as to when the kingdom of God was coming, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed;<sup>21</sup> nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or, 'There it is!' For behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst."

Pilot is grilling Jesus, He responds

John 18: <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm."

Again, Paul was giving his credentials & job assignment from Christ

Col 1: so that I might fully carry out the *preaching of the word of God*, <sup>26</sup> *that is*, the mystery which has been hidden from the *past ages and generations*, but has now been manifested to His saints, <sup>27</sup> to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

This life is all about Jesus.

To Him, His life is all about us (He gave His life fighting for us)

Adonijah was dealt with instantly and permanently, and was defeated.

Solomon, a type of Christ

Was by no means a harsh king

Even sparing Adonijah after official Attempt #1 to dethrone Solomon

**But** mess with his bride and there is zero hesitation to the retribution that follows

Heb 2: <sup>14</sup> Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

Jesus stripped Satan of his power.

Subsequently, We are warned in

Eph 6: 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

Schemes = methodiah ~ methods, not power.

- He's the Father of Lies with no power over Christ
- As we see in the Song, her struggle wasn't against an outside force, *but against her own flesh / thinking*
  - 2 Cor 2 Paul – "for we are not ignorant of his schemes"

#### **THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM / THE WATCHMEN**

Wade Taylor wrote - The "Daughters of Jerusalem" depict the many Christians who view and relate to the Bridegroom in a different (lesser) realm than His Bride. In the Song of Solomon, the work of preparing the Bride begins at the point where most Christians have become satisfied, and seek to go no further. The Scripture says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6)