

## SOLOMON'S ADULTERY AND IDOLATRY

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The Song of Solomon has created more confusion than any other book in the Bible.

The Old Testament expert, R K Harrison, has said this book has almost unlimited grounds for speculation. The Bible's usual piety, preachments and prayers are totally absent, nor is there any mention of God except in one modern translation in 8.6. There is nothing about the Messiah in this Song yet the acceptable parts of the book are read at the close of the Passover and the Catholic feast of Mary Magdalene.

We must emphasise that when the Jews were making up the canon of the Old Testament they were very reluctant to include the Song of Solomon as it contained nothing about the Messiah. It was not a book of spirituality but human and sexual love.

It is clearly a book of erotic poetry which to the true believer is distasteful. There are references to the harem, over indulgence in wine, sex and references to the sexual parts of a woman's body such as thighs and breasts and a reference to the little sister who does not yet have breasts.

In some respects, the book may refer to the sacredness of marriage but remember Solomon had many concubines, that is to say mistresses. Surely this book does not recommend free sex and having mistresses. And 1 Kings 11 states that Solomon was evil and led astray by many women. That Solomon is a portrayal of God's love for Israel or Christ's love for the church is both absurd and blasphemous. What interest has God or Christ in woman's thighs and breasts ?

The New Bible Commentary says this book must be read as it refers to the righteousness and value of married love.

Was it written by Solomon since in one passage a woman speaks, My breasts...

At first, Solomon loved the Lord but he sacrificed and burned incense to other gods (1 Kings 3.3) There is no way that Solomon is a type of Christ or the God of Israel.

Think of Solomon's mistresses and consider Deuteronomy 7 which commands the king not to multiply wives for himself. Solomon had 700 wives and 300 mistresses who turned his heart away from the Lord (1 Kings 11. 3). Solomon loved many women and the Lord had said, Ye shall not marry them for they will turn your heart to go after their gods. Solomon blatantly defied this. His idolatry was against the commandment, Ye shall have no other gods.

But Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. He built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites and for Moloch the abomination of Ammon and likewise for his many foreign women. (1 Kings 11 5-8).

He abandoned the Lord and entered the path of the wicked and the evil (Proverbs 4.14).

Christians have contrived to make this canticle a portrait of God's love for Israel or Christ's love for the church but that cannot be. No one in the Godhead are adulterers or idolaters. The Lord Jesus certainly did not approve of Solomon and said, Consider the lilies of the field.... and yet I tell you that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Nor is Solomon mentioned in the Hall of Fame of Hebrews 11.

As we have said Solomon, his adultery and idolatry is distasteful to true believers as is the suggestion that Solomon is a type of God the Father or the Lord Jesus. The evidence which has been supplied is overwhelming proof of what is said here.

It is grievous that many Christians, including the knowledgeable brethren, insist that Solomon represents the God of Israel or the Lord Jesus. That cannot be true and is blasphemous and distasteful.

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