## **Song of Solomon 1**

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## **The Bride Confesses Her Love**

(Ephesians 5:22–33; 1 Peter 3:1–7)

**1**THE song of songs, which is Solomon's.

- <sup>2</sup>Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth—For thy love is better than wine.
- <sup>3</sup>Thine ointments have a goodly fragrance; Thy name is as ointment poured forth; Therefore do the maidens love thee.
- <sup>4</sup>Draw me, we will run after thee; The king hath brought me into his chambers; We will be glad and rejoice in thee, We will find thy love more fragrant than wine! Sincerely do they love thee.
- <sup>5</sup>I am black, but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, As the tents of Kedar, As the curtains of Solomon.
- <sup>6</sup>Look not upon me, that I am swarthy, That the sun hath tanned me; My mother's sons were incensed against me, They made me keeper of the vineyards; But mine own vineyard have I not kept.'
- <sup>7</sup>Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth, Where thou feedest, where thou makest thy flock to rest at noon; For why should I be as one that veileth herself Beside the flocks of thy companions?
- <sup>8</sup>If thou know not, O thou fairest among women, Go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock And feed thy kids, beside the shepherds' tents.
- <sup>9</sup>I have compared thee, O my love, To a steed in Pharaoh's chariots.
- **10**Thy cheeks are comely with circlets, Thy neck with beads.
- <sup>11</sup>We will make thee circlets of gold With studs of silver.
- <sup>12</sup>While the king sat at his table, My spikenard sent forth its fragrance.
- 13My beloved is unto me as a bag of myrrh, That lieth betwixt my breasts.
- 14My beloved is unto me as a cluster of henna In the vineyards of En-gedi.
- 15Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair; Thine eyes are as doves.
- 16Behold, thou art fair, my beloved, yea, pleasant; Also our couch is leafy.
- 17The beams of our houses are cedars, And our panels are cypresses.