

STUDY THE BIBLE 27 (STB 27) SONG OF SOLOMON

BACKGROUND

This is a story that is told when Solomon was visiting the northern part of his kingdom. At **Shunem**, he finds a **beautiful shepherdess** who he wants to make his queen of queens. She tries to resist Solomon as she is promised to a **shepherd**, to whom she will remain faithful, as she waits for him to come and take her away.

THE THEME

Israel waiting for Jesus Christ her Saviour. This will happen in the tribulation (Zechariah 12:10) **They should have received Jesus Christ when he first came to earth for them - they didn't.** Now although Israel has committed fornication and spiritual apostasy with other nations and gods, **Jesus will remain faithful and come for her again.** The picture is of **Israel who should have remained a faithful virgin to God, but hasn't.**

THE MEANING

The Jews read this book at their Passover every year but they don't know why. The **shepherd** represents Jesus Christ who has already come to take them away and save them, but they haven't realised he was their Messiah. But Jesus will come again for them in the tribulation (Zech 12:10) even though they have been unfaithful.

THE SPEAKERS

1. **Sh** – the **Shulamite**, the **shepherdess from Shunem** – represents Israel
2. **So - Solomon** – represents the world and the heathen nations all around Israel, enticing them to spiritual and physical fornication.
Solomon is not a picture of God, as he tries to seduce the woman to join his other queens. This is not God. God has his eye on one woman (Israel) only. He doesn't have a harem when it comes to Israel.
3. **Ch** - **Chorus** of palace ladies also called the daughters of Jerusalem;
4. **In** – **Inhabitants** of Jerusalem
5. **Sb** – the **Shulamite's brothers**
6. **Be** - Her **beloved** – **the shepherd**. This is God. This is Jesus Christ.

THE CHAPTERS ARE BROKEN UP AS FOLLOWS WITH THE VARIOUS SPEAKERS

Chap 1 Sh 1:2-1:7; **Ch** 1:8; **So** 1:9-1:11; **Sh** 1:12-1:14; **Be** 1:15; **Sh** 1:16-17

Chap 2 Sh 2:1; **Be** 2:2; **Sh** 2:3 – 2:13a; **Be** 2:13b; **Sh** 2:14-2:17

Chap 3 Sh 3:1 – 3:5; **In** 3:6-3:11

Chap 4 Be 4:1-4:5; **Sh** 4:6; **Be** 4:7-4:15; **Sh** 4:16

Chap 5 Be 5:1; **Sh** 5:2 – 5:8; **Ch** 5:9; **Sh** 5:10-5:16

Chap 6 Ch 6:1; **Sh** 6:2-6:3; **So** 6:4-6:10; **Sh** 6:11 – 6:12; **So** 6:13

Chap 7 So 7:1-7:9; **Sh** 7:10-7:13

Chap 8 Sh 8:1-8:4; **Ch** 8:5; **Sh** and **Be** 8:6-8:7; **Sb** 8:8 -8:9; **Sh** 8:11-8:12; **Be** 8:13;
Sh 8:13-8-14

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