

jenaministries – Part 7 My Questions

8. Why is Song of Songs from Solomon in the Bible?

There is one book in the Holy Bible that baffles me. The Song of Songs that Solomon authored. I do not understand why this book is in there. It is not about God. It doesn't explain anything about God or Jesus or the Holy Spirit. And it doesn't tell a story of events leading to God or help us to understand God's will for us. Why is it there?

In over 25 years of listening to sermons almost every week and going to lots of Bible studies, I have never heard any verses from this book being used. It just seems useless.

If we look at the life of Solomon and understand his downfall later in life, we may be able to learn a lesson of strongholds becoming harmful (See: **The Life of Solomon**). Solomon turned his eyes off of God and onto foreign women. It became an obsession. These foreign women were able to talk him into worshiping their gods.

This book of Song of Songs written by Solomon sounds like it is all about these foreign women and the hold they had on him. Maybe God wants us to really understand how much Solomon was obsessed by this. So obsessed that he would write all these love songs for or about these women. Solomon obviously was obsessed with sex. He had over 700 wives and over 300 concubines. God has made it clear in the Bible that sex is sacred (See: **Sinful Sex**).

But we would have to know the story of Solomon in order to understand that. If someone just started reading the Bible with Song of Songs, they may get the wrong idea what the Bible is all about.

Certainly, God is smarter than me and has his reasons. We will never understand everything in the Bible perfectly. So I just accept that this book belongs in the Bible and that God put it there for a reason.