

Homework for Week 7

Read through Song of Songs 7:1-13 and answer the following questions.

1. We now have a list of ten beautiful praises that the Beloved gives to the Shulamith. Look at verses 1-5 and fill out the blanks below:

1. "How beautiful are your _____ in sandals, O prince's daughter!
2. "The curves of your _____ are like jewels, The work of the hands of a skillful workman."
3. "Your _____ is like a rounded goblet; It lacks no blended beverage."
4. "Your _____ is a heap of wheat Set about with lilies."
5. "Your _____ are like two fawns, Twins of a gazelle.
6. "Your _____ is like an ivory tower,"
7. "Your _____ like the pools in Heshbon By the gate of Bath Rabbim."
8. "Your _____ is like the tower of Lebanon Which looks toward Damascus."
9. "Your _____ crowns you like Mount Carmel,
10. "And the _____ is like purple; A king is held captive by your tresses.

2. What does the Beloved say to the Shulamith in verse 6?

3. What does the Beloved compare the Shulamith to in the beginning of verse 7?

4. What fragrance does the Beloved compare Shulamith's breath to in the end of verse 8?

5. In verse 10, what response does the Shulamith joyfully proclaim because of the praise of the Beloved?

6. Where does the Shulamith invite the Beloved to in verse 11?
7. Why does she invite him (verse 12)?
8. What kind of fruits does she say are there according to verse 13?
9. Who are the fruits for according to the end of verse 13?

Background Reading:

The Beloved compares the Shulamith's head to Mount Carmel in verse 5. At Mount Carmel, Elijah the prophet joined God in a great victory over the prophets of Baal. Read 1 Kings 18:20-40 and answer the following questions:

1. What was the question Elijah asked the people in verse 21?
2. How many prophets of the Lord were there? How many prophets of Baal were there? (v. 22)
3. How would the people know who the true God was according to verse 24?
4. Did Baal answer the people who cried out to him (see v. 26, 29)?
5. Summarize what Elijah prayed to God in verse 36-37.

6. What happened according to verse 38?

7. How did the people respond according to verse 39?

8. What did Elijah do to the prophets of Baal according to verse 40?

Personal Reflection: What stood out to you the most during your homework this week?

WEEK SEVEN: SONG OF SONGS 7

Chapter Theme: Rejoicing in Love

*I am my beloved's,
And his desire is toward me.*

-Song of Songs 7:10

People featured in the chapter:

- The Beloved
- The Shulamith

Places mentioned in the chapter:

- Lebanon (7:4)
- Damascus (7:4)
- Mount Carmel (7:5)

(7:1-5) After a glorious reconciliation that blesses the entire kingdom, the Beloved responds to the Shulamith's ten-fold praise of him in chapter 5 with a ten-fold praise of her.

Compare head to toe of the Bride to toe to head of the Shulamith

Song of Songs 4:1-5— Behold, you *are* fair, my love!

Behold, you *are* fair!

You *have* dove's eyes behind your veil.

Your hair *is* like a flock of goats,

Going down from Mount Gilead.

Your teeth *are* like a flock of shorn *sheep*

Which have come up from the washing,

Every one of which bears twins,

And none *is* barren among them.

Your lips *are* like a strand of scarlet,

And your mouth is lovely.

Your temples behind your veil

Are like a piece of pomegranate.

Your neck *is* like the tower of David,

Built for an armory,

On which hang a thousand bucklers,

All shields of mighty men.

Your two breasts *are* like two fawns,
Twins of a gazelle,
Which feed among the lilies.

(7:1) "Prince's daughter" lit. *daughter of a prince*

Hebrew: *bath nadiv*

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Isaiah 9:6-7— For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of *His* government and peace
There will be no end,
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,
To order it and establish it with judgment and justice
From that time forward, even forever.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

1 John 3:1-3— Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us,
that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not
know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God;
and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is
revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who
has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Exodus 35:5— Take from among you an offering to the LORD. Whoever *is* of a
willing heart, let him bring it as an offering to the LORD: gold, silver, and bronze;

(7:5) The Beloved compares the Shulamith's head to Mount Carmel

A great victory of God was won on Mount Carmel with Elijah the
prophet

Another great victory of God will be won in the valley beneath Mount Carmel

1 Kings 18:20-21— So Ahab sent for all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together on Mount Carmel. And Elijah came to all the people, and said, "How long will you falter between two opinions? If the LORD *is* God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the people answered him not a word.

1 Kings 18:36-39—And it came to pass, at *the time of* the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, "LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You *are* God in Israel and I *am* Your servant, and *that* I have done all these things at Your word. Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that You *are* the LORD God, and *that* You have turned their hearts back *to You* again."

Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that *was* in the trench. Now when all the people saw *it*, they fell on their faces; and they said, "The LORD, He *is* God! The LORD, He *is* God!"

Revelation 16:12-16—Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *coming* out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, *which* go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

"Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed *is* he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."

And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.

Revelation 19:19-21—And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

(7:6-9) The Beloved's abundant and overflowing praise of the Shulamith

Ephesians 3:20-21— Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

(7:10) The Shulamith's understanding of God's redemption

אָנִי לְדוֹלֵי וְעָלִי תְּשׁוּקָתוֹ

Hebrew: tesh-oo-kaw "desire, longing, craving"

- A. of man for woman
- B. of woman for man
- C. of beast to devour

Used in only three verses in the Bible

Genesis 3:16—To the woman He said:

"I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception;
In pain you shall bring forth children;
Your **desire** *shall be* for your husband,
And he shall rule over you."

Genesis 4:7—If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its **desire** *is* for you, but you should rule over it."

Song of Songs 7:10— I *am* my beloved's,
And his **desire** *is* toward me.

(7:11-13) The Shulamith invites the Beloved

Compare to the beginning of the Song when the Beloved invites the Shulamith

Song of Songs 2:10-13—

My beloved spoke, and said to me:

“Rise up, my love, my fair one,

And come away.

For lo, the winter is past,

The rain is over *and* gone.

The flowers appear on the earth;

The time of singing has come,

And the voice of the turtledove

Is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth her green figs,

And the vines *with* the tender grapes

Give a *good* smell.

Rise up, my love, my fair one,

And come away!

Isaiah 51:3— For the LORD will comfort Zion,

He will comfort all her waste places;

He will make her wilderness like Eden,

And her desert like the garden of the LORD;

Joy and gladness will be found in it,

Thanksgiving and the voice of melody.