

Homework for Week 6

May 24, 2022

Read through Song of Songs 6:1-13 and answer the following questions.

1. What are the Daughters of Jerusalem asking the Shulamith in verse 1?

Where has your beloved gone?

Where has your beloved turned aside,
that we may seek Him with you?

2. What does the Shulamith say to the Daughters of Jerusalem in response in verse 2?

"My beloved has gone to his garden,
To the beds of spices,
To feed His flock in the gardens,
And to gather lilies."

3. What does the Shulamith affirm about herself to the Daughters of Jerusalem in verse 3?

I am my beloved's
and my beloved is mine.
He feeds his flock among the lilies.

4. Why do you think she affirmed this at this moment?

A. She knew he still loved her despite her disobedience

B. She was secure in their relationship even during a conflict

C. She knew that he did not change in his affection toward her (see Song of Songs 2:16).

D. All of the above.

5. What are the three comparisons the Beloved tells the Shulamith when he sees her again after the conflict? List them below:

- as beautiful as Tirzah
- lovely as Jerusalem
- awesome as an army with banners!

6. What do these comparisons remind him of according to verses 5b-7? (see Song of Songs 4:1b-2, 3b)

His wedding night with her.

7. What does he ask her to do according to verse 5a?
*turn your eyes away from me,
for they have overcome me.*

8. Why might he have said this?

- A. He was overcome by both her outward and inward beauty and her willingness to be reconciled to him.
- B. She was more lovely to him than ever because of her humility in returning to him.
- C. He was so grateful to have her back to himself that it overwhelmed him.

D. All of the above.

9. What does he affirm to her in verses 8-9a?

*there are sixty queens
eighty concubines (doesn't mean they are his)
and virgins without number
my dove, my perfect one, is the only one*

10. What does he tell her the daughters call her? What do the queens and concubines do?

*blessed
praise her*

11. What do ~~x~~ they say to the Shulamith in verse 10?

*who is she who looks for the
as the morning,
fair as the moon
clear as the sun
awesome as an army with banners*

12. Where does the Shulamith go in verse 11 and why?

*the garden of nuts
to see whether the vine had budded
and the pomegranates had bloomed.*

13. What happens to the Shulamith according to verse 12? (Don't worry if you don't understand what this means—we will look at Joseph again in our background reading to help us with this. Song of Songs 6:12 is the most difficult verse to translate from the Hebrew in the whole Song).

Before she was even aware,
her soul had made her
as the chariots of her noble people.

14. What do the Beloved's ^{the daughters/} friends say to the Shulamith in verse 13a?

return, return, o Shulamith,
that we may look upon you.

15. What question does the ^{Beloved/} Shulamith ask the friends in verse 13b? (We will cover what "the dance of the two camps" means in our background reading on Jacob.)

What would you see in the Shulamith -
the dance of the two camps?

Background Reading

Song of Songs 6 brings us back to the story of Joseph and also alludes to time in the life of Jacob, Joseph's father.

First, read Genesis 41:37-46 on Joseph and answer the following questions.

1. What did Pharaoh do for Joseph according to verses 42-43?

Signet ring
garments of fine linen
a gold chain
ride in the second chariot saying "Bow the knee!"

2. What position of authority did Pharaoh give Joseph according to verses 40-41 and 44?

Joseph would be over his house
all his people shall be ruled according
to Joseph's word

only in regard to the throne
would ~~to~~ pharaoh be greater
than Joseph.

3. What did Pharaoh call Joseph according to verse 45a?

a new name -
Zaphnath-paaneah = treasury of
the glorious rest

Next, read Genesis 32-33 and answer the following questions about Jacob.

4. What did Jacob call the place when the angels of God met him according to Genesis 32:1-2?
*God's Camp
maharaim*

5. How did Jacob feel when he heard Esau was coming to meet him in Genesis 32:7a? (If you are unfamiliar with why, look back at Genesis 27:35-38, 41).
greatly afraid and distressed.

6. What happens to Jacob according to Genesis 32:24?
*he was left alone
and a man wrestled with him
until the breaking of day.*

7. What does this Man tell Jacob according to Genesis 32:28?
*"Your name shall no longer be
called Jacob but Israel,
for you have struggled with God
and with men, and have prevailed."*

*the
U.S.
affirmed
Israel
as a nation.*

8. What did Esau do when he met Jacob according to Genesis 33:4?
*he ran to meet him
embraced him
fell on his neck
and kissed him*

9. How do you think the company of Jacob felt after this reaction?

A. Relieved that they were not going to be killed too.

B. Thankful that God preserved the family of Jacob/Israel.

C. Overwhelmed with joy for the brothers' reconciliation because all their futures depended on it as well.

D. All of the above.

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

*Joseph's Egyptian
name
meaning*