

# The Martin Bucer Institute for Biblical Studies

Special Session: The Song of Solomon

Lecture #3: To Solomon

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## I. Solomon in the Song.

### A. Authorship?

### B. Solomon named or alluded to.

1. Solomon, 1:1, 5; 3:6, 7, 9, 11; 8:11-12.

2. King, 1:4, 12; 3:9, 11; 7:5

3. Shepherd of flock, 1:7-8; 2:16; 4:1-2; 6:4, 5-6

### C. Puns.

## II. Solomonic themes.

A. Temple, 1:16-17; 2:3-6; 3:6-11; 5:10-16

B. Sacrifice, 4:1-5:1

1. Sacrificial food as “bridal food.”
2. Spotless bride.
3. Food, sex, communion.

C. Wisdom.

1. Sequence: Proverbs (choose bride); Ecclesiastes (rejoice in wife); Song (Love stronger than death).
2. Sexual wisdom.
  - The sexual other.
  - Sex and life.
3. Solomon’s “crown.”