

If you recall last time, the bride lost sight of the bridegroom, she feared he had departed and left her: Song 3:1-5

In our Christian lives, there are times when we will lose sight of Christ, times when our faith seems weak and cold, (we may fear Christ has departed and left us) ... but IT IS in these times when God discovers true faith within us, THAT TRUE FAITH will stir IN YOU to seek Him yet again!

Christ said, Lo, I am with you always! He will never leave us; we are the ones who stray from Him!

The bride's love for the bridegroom stirred her up to search diligently and unceasingly for him UNTIL she found him.

AFTER she found Him, AFTER her fellowship with Him was restored and renewed...she held Him close and would not let Him go. Have you ever experienced this dear child of God... you've passed through of a period in your life when you felt as if you were far away from Christ?

In your devotions, prayers, and fellowship with Him? Listen...No Christian can STAY in that condition for very long!

In Song 3:4-5: Once she had him, she held him and would not let him go!

Genesis 32:26: "Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he (Jacob) said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me". Jacob would not let Christ go! And He told Jacob, you have prevailed with God!

Now, we will see the "Church Victorious" in the imagery of the bride coming out of the wilderness, being carried into Zion by the King.

I think it's important for us to understand that Solomon, in all his glory, knowledge, riches, and wisdom, was a prominent OT type of Christ.

Solomon was a mortal king like no other king in the world...and yet, Christ transcended Solomon in every way.

There was no king like Solomon, nor would there ever be a king like him from among mortal men. 1 Kings 3:12-13

Solomon reigned over all Kings and Kingdoms. 1 Kings 4:21

Solomon's servants lacked nothing. 1 Kings 4:27
Solomon's wisdom and discernment was unmatched and exceeded by no one. 1 Kings 4:29-34

He answered all the Queen of Sheba's questions, he told her all that was in her heart...nothing was hidden from him. 1 Kings 10:1-9

But as great as Solomon was in knowledge, wisdom, glory, and in the riches of his Kingdom, "Christ was greater than Solomon".

Solomon is a type of Christ in this passage!

Who is this that cometh out of the wilderness?

"WHO IS THIS" expresses the astonishment and wonder of the daughters of Jerusalem, WHEN THEY SAW the magnificent beauty of bride coming out of the wilderness. She was no longer blemished and black with sin, but she came forth from the wilderness ADORNED with beauty and perfumed with sweet fragrances from the King. Song 6:10, 8:5

What a picture of the church of Christ, coming out of the wilderness of this world (she is not famished or weakened), but she is strong and beautiful, because she is nourished and cared for by the Lord Jesus in the wilderness of this world! She ascended out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke or incense... Having been strengthened by the king:

Do you remember what the bridegroom said of the bride Song 1:9?

Dear child of God, WE ARE Christ's bride, we are His church in the wilderness of this world... As long as we are in the wilderness of this world, we will be adorned, cared for, nourished, and strengthened by Christ! And...we will also diffuse and fill the world around us with the sweet aroma of the gospel of Christ! 2 Corinthians 2:14-16

DEAR CHURCH... you are always being prepared for Christ, as a bride is adorned and prepared for her husband! Ephesians 5:25-27, Isaiah 61:10

THE MORE the bride loved Him, the more beautiful she became! Just like the church... THE MORE we love Christ, THE MORE we will be adorned with His beauty and sweet graces! Psalms 45:10-11

The next thing we see is the king's bed (or litter); it is a place of rest for the bride, but also (IN IT) she is carried with the king into Zion. Song 3:7-8

It is a place of special intimacy, communion, and fellowship that is ONLY for the King and his bride.

This litter of the king is well guarded against every enemy that might approach the bride as she is carried out of the wilderness into Zion with the King; she is protected "by 60 valiant men" ... even in her "fears in the night", the bride is protected by the King's servants. Psalms 34:7, 68:17

And then there's the King's special chariot for the bride: Song 3:9-10

There are a few very important details about THIS CHARIOT that we must know: King Solomon MADE IT himself; it was his chariot and HIS WORK that would carry His bride out of the wilderness into Zion; BUT THERE IS ALSO THIS... this chariot was "paved with love"!

If it were not for Christ's love for us, we would still be hopelessly lost and undone in the wilderness of this world. But because of Christ's WORK on the cross and His love for us, dying for our sins, we are eternally saved!

Just as Solomon's chariot, which was paved with love carried Solomon and his bride into Zion, so we will be carried into heaven by the love of Christ.

Song 3:11 is the culmination of the Crowned King entering Zion with his beautiful bride as she cries out: "Behold your King!"

Matthew 21:5: "Tell ye daughter of Zion, BEHOLD, they King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt, the foal of an ass"

Spiritual Application:

Beloved, ONE DAY, we shall ascend "VICTORIOUSLY" out of the wilderness of this world, we shall be carried by the angels into the presence of our King, the Lord Jesus Christ, into the heavenly city of Zion, on the dawn of that glorious and eternal day. As the bride cried out BEHOLD YOUR KING to the daughters of Zion, so, when we are carried by God out of this world into heaven, you won't be looking for your departed Christian relatives, you will be LOOKING for the One saved you from your sins, and then...carried you all the way through the wilderness of this world into heaven by His love!