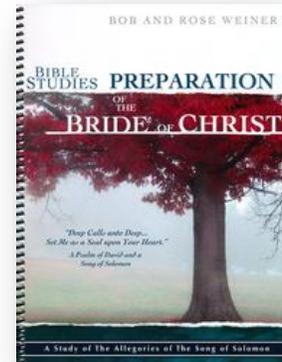


## Canticles – Song of Songs – Song of Solomon

This is a tremendous study on the Song of Solomon - Bible Study Guide, **PREPARATION OF THE BRIDE OF CHRIST**: by Bob & Rose Weiner. During our studies many of the reference materials of Song of Songs, Song of Solomon or in Hebrew - Shir Hashirim, was not abbreviated as: Sps, Sol, but *Can.* or *Ca.*



*The ancient versions of the Holy Bible that followed the original Hebrew; from the rendering in the Latin Vulgate, "Canticum Canticorum," comes the title "Canticles."*

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### DEFINITION OF CANTICLE

1. One of the nonmetrical (not played or sung with a strict underlying rhythmic method-not hypnotic) hymns or chants, chiefly from the Bible, used in church services.
2. A song, poem, or hymn especially of praise.

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1) Song

- a) Lyric song
- b) Religious song
- c) Song of Levitical choirs
- d) Ode



*The Jewish Bride - Rembrandt*

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### MESSIANIC INTERPRETATION (CANTICLES-SONG OF SONGS)

It has been suggested that the book is a messianic text, in that the lover can be interpreted as the Messiah. It could refer to the Messiah because it often speaks of the Davidic king Solomon. Nathan's prophecy in 2 Samuel 7 showed that the promised Messiah would issue from the progeny of David. Each Davidic king was viewed as a potential Messiah, so the Song's speaking of the Temple-builder Solomon would bring to readers' minds their Messianic hopes. When the Song references "mighty men" (3:7), it brings to mind David and his mighty men (2 Samuel 23). Describing the lover as "ruddy" (5:10) again brings to mind David (1 Samuel 16:12). The Aramaic Jewish targums (spoken paraphrases, explanations, and expansions of the Jewish scriptures that a Rabbi would give in the common language of the listeners) also interpreted the lover as the awaited Messiah. All these references to kingship, to shepherding, to David, and to Solomon bring to mind the expected Messiah.

In the New Testament, Jesus later claimed his identity as Messiah when he presented himself as greater

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than Solomon (Matthew 12:42) because, as the builder of the Temple, Solomon was an "obvious messianic model." The king's garden (for example 5:1) can be viewed in the light of the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:8-25), bringing to mind the Messiah who was expected to restore Israel to an Edenic state.

*The lovers are portrayed as having overcome the alienation produced by, The Fall. The state of woman whose "desire shall be for your husband" (Genesis 3:16) has even been reversed: "His desire is for me" (Ca. 7:10).*

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## DEFINITION OF CANTOR

- 1.) A choir leader, precentor (a leader of the singing of a choir or congregation)
- 2.) A synagogue official who sings or chants liturgical music and leads the congregation in prayer



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