Outline: The Book of the Song of Solomon

I. The drama begins (chapter 1)

A. The bride, in the palace of Jerusalem, reviews her meeting with Solomon, the shepherd (2-4).

B. Contrasting the ladies court, the bride is sunburned (5).

C. She was forced by her brothers to care of her own vineyard—no beauty salon for her (6).

D. The shepherd with no sheep (7).

E. The shepherd is somewhat evasive (8).

F. She falls in love with the shepherd not knowing he is the king (9-17).

II. The drama continues (chapter 2)

A. The palatial love scene, a picture of Christ and His church (1-7).

B. The bridegroom returns from a trip and the bride's happy anticipation of his return is a picture of how the church should respond to the imminent return of Christ (8-17).

III. The love continues to grow (chapter 3)

A. The bride dreams of the bridegroom and seeks him with great anticipation (1-5).

B. King Solomon enters Jerusalem with his bride picturing Christ and His church (6-11).

IV. Love expressed (chapter 4)

A. The love song of the bridegroom (1-15).

B. The bride responds (16).

V. The reluctant bride (chapter 5)

A. The reluctant bride retires to discover sweet smelling myrrh (1-5).

B. The shepherd tends his sheep as his bride sleeps (6).

C. The bride searches for her bridegroom (7-8).

D. The daughters of Jerusalem are skeptical and cynical—like the world relates to the church (9).

E. The bride knows and loves him (10-16).

VI. The witness of love (chapter 6)

A. The daughters of Jerusalem are convinced by the bride's love for the bridegroom (1).

B. The bride praises her man (2-3).

C. The bridegroom reciprocates his love and affection for the bride (4-10).

D. The bride responds (11-12).

E. The daughters of Jerusalem also respond (13).

VII. The daughters of Jerusalem rejoice for the bride (chapter 7)

VIII. The drama concludes (chapter 8)

Discussion Questions: The Song of Solomon

1. How does the bride's perception of herself affect her ability to love (1)?

2. How does the shepherds praise encourage her and their relationship (1)?

3. What is the symbolism and significance of the "little foxes" in a marriage relationship and in our relationship with the Lord (2)?

4. How do we protect our marriages from these "little foxes" (2)?

5. How do we protect our relationship with the Lord from these "little foxes" (2)?

6. How has the Song of Solomon encouraged you in your marriage relationship and/or your walk with Jesus?