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Introduction

One of the ways I've been studying the Word of God is by making a list of everything that each book of the Bible teaches. This has resulted in more than a thousand pages of material. Although it's interesting and I've learned a lot from writing it, that's a lot of bullet points to read through!

The purpose of this book is to extract the most interesting insights from that massive list. This isn't intended to summarize each book of the Bible because that's what my "Chapter Summary of the Bible" is for. It's also not intended to list the major points of each book because you're probably already familiar with them. Finally, it's not intended to offer in-depth commentary because that's what my regular commentary is for. This book is simply a collection of points that I found interesting.

I hope there's some material here that you find edifying.

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Song of Solomon

- This book is a song. It was intended to be sung (Song of Solomon 1:1).
- Love can be better than wine (Song of Solomon 1:2).
- Those who were upright loved the king (Song of Solomon 1:4).
- The woman had dark skin because she had been out in the sun (Song of Solomon 1:5-6).
- In the ancient world, dark skin was seen as a bad thing (Song of Solomon 1:6).
- It's possible for a person's soul to love someone (Song of Solomon 1:7).
- The woman's lover was a shepherd (Song of Solomon 1:7). It seems that Solomon was posing as a shepherd when this woman met him.
- The king (Solomon) compared the woman to a company of horses that was pulling one of Pharaoh's chariots (Song of Solomon 1:9).
- When the king approached the woman, he was leaping and skipping (Song of Solomon 2:8).
- The king told the woman to rise up and go with him (Song of Solomon 2:10). The king had come to get the woman and take her away to a different place.
- The king came for the woman after winter was over (Song of Solomon 2:11).
- The woman lived in the clefts of the rock (Song of Solomon 2:14).

- The woman lived in the secret place of the stairs (Song of Solomon 2:14).
- The king wanted to see the woman's countenance (Song of Solomon 2:14).
- The king wanted to hear the woman's voice (Song of Solomon 2:14).
- There are times when small things cause big problems (Song of Solomon 2:15).
- The woman said that the king belonged to her (Song of Solomon 2:16).
- The woman said that she belonged to the king (Song of Solomon 2:16).
- When the woman found the king, she wouldn't let him go (Song of Solomon 3:4).
- The king is coming out of the wilderness (Song of Solomon 3:6).
- The king is compared to pillars of smoke (Song of Solomon 3:6).
- The king is perfumed with myrrh (Song of Solomon 3:6).
- The king is perfumed with frankincense (Song of Solomon 3:6).
- Solomon had 70 guards stationed in his bedroom, who protected him while he slept (Song of Solomon 3:7-8).
- Solomon was crowned by his mother (Song of Solomon 3:11).
- The king compared the woman's hair to a flock of goats on mount Gilead (Song of Solomon 4:1).

- None of the woman's teeth were missing (Song of Solomon 4:2).
- David built a tower that served as an armory (Song of Solomon 4:4). It contained the shields of mighty men.
- The woman had no blemishes. She was without spot (Song of Solomon 4:7).
- The mountains where the king wanted to take the woman were a dangerous place. There were lions and leopards there (Song of Solomon 4:8).
- The king told the woman that she had ravished his heart (Song of Solomon 4:9).
- The woman was the king's spouse. They were married (Song of Solomon 4:9).
- The king wanted the woman to know that her love for him made his heart more glad than drinking wine (Song of Solomon 4:10).
- The woman's garments smelled like Lebanon (Song of Solomon 4:11).
- The king compared the woman to an enclosed garden (Song of Solomon 4:12). In other words, his wife was pure.
- The king compared the woman to a well of living water (Song of Solomon 4:15).
- When the woman went into the city to look for the king that she had rejected, she couldn't find him. Instead she found other people, who treated her badly (Song of Solomon 5:6-8).
- When the daughters of Jerusalem asked what made the

woman's beloved (the king) better than other men, her reply was based entirely on how beautiful he was (Song of Solomon 5:9-16). She believed that her beloved's physical appearance made him better than other men.

- Solomon had black hair (Song of Solomon 5:11).
- In ancient times, people washed things with milk (Song of Solomon 5:12).
- The woman said that her beloved, who she loved, was also her friend (Song of Solomon 5:16).
- The city of Jerusalem was known for its beauty (Song of Solomon 6:4).
- The king told the woman to stop looking at him, because her gaze was too much for him. He was overcome by her gaze (Song of Solomon 6:5).
- At this point in Solomon's life he had 60 queens and 80 concubines (Song of Solomon 6:8).
- Solomon's other queens and concubines praised the woman (Song of Solomon 6:9). It seems that no one was jealous of her.
- The king called the woman the daughter of a prince (Song of Solomon 7:1). This means the woman was royalty.
- The king compared the woman's eyes to fishpools in Heshbon (Song of Solomon 7:4).
- The king loved the woman's nose (Song of Solomon 7:4). He compared it to the tower of Lebanon.
- The woman wanted the beloved to go away with her (Song of Solomon 7:11).

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- The woman wished that her beloved was like her brother, because she could kiss her brother in public without being despised by others (Song of Solomon 8:1). It seems that in ancient times, women weren't allowed to kiss their husbands in public.
- The people saw the woman and the king coming up from the wilderness (Song of Solomon 8:5). The woman was leaning on the king.
- It seems that the woman was born under an apple tree (Song of Solomon 8:5).
- Genuine love is as strong as death (Song of Solomon 8:6).
- Jealousy is as cruel as the grave (Song of Solomon 8:6).
- The coals of genuine love are like the coals of fire, which burn with a vehement flame (Song of Solomon 8:6).
- Many waters cannot quench genuine love (Song of Solomon 8:7).
- Floods cannot drown genuine love (Song of Solomon 8:7).
- Genuine love cannot be purchased with any amount of money (Song of Solomon 8:7).
- A group of siblings was concerned about their sister. They were afraid that someone would try to take her before she was mature, so they sought to protect her (Song of Solomon 8:8-9).