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Bible Study: 10:45 a.m.

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Sermon Text: Song Of Solomon 2:1

A Rose & A Lily

1. *I AM* the rose of Sharon, *and* the lily of the valleys.

As I See It—

Chapter two of Song of Solomon brings us to a new beginning. We could perhaps say that the Bride is taken away from her beautiful home in the new heaven and new earth, and is brought back into that great and terrible wilderness. In verse 2 of this second chapter we find her compared by her Bridegroom to a “lily among thorns.” And this guides us back to Genesis 3:17-18—“Cursed is the ground for thy sake; . . . **thorns** also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee.” (Different Hebrews words for “thistle”, but we still get the picture.)

There is a disagreement among commentators as to just who is speaking in verse 1 of this chapter. Some say the Bridegroom is speaking. Others say it is the Bride doing the talking. It could be either one. In my opinion it is the Bridegroom doing the speaking. I’ll give my reasons for this in the sermon.

It seems, then, that the chapter can be looked at in this way:

Verse 1--The Bridegroom speaks of himself.

Verse 2—The Bridegroom speaks of his Bride.

Verses 3-17--The Bride speaks about her Bridegroom.



Lily of the Valleys