

The King Who Fell

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Here There Be Giants

The Little Sister

*“We have a little sister,
and her breasts are not yet grown.
What shall we do for our sister
on the day she is spoken for?
If she is a wall, we will build towers
of silver on her.
If she is a door, we will enclose her
with panels of cedar.” 8:8-9*

*Bride: “I am a wall,
and my breasts are like towers.”
8:10*

*“my dove, my perfect one, is unique,
the only daughter of her mother” 6:9*

**The Bride does not have a younger sister
The ‘little sister’ *is* the Bride – it’s the brothers’ view**

A Wall or a Door?

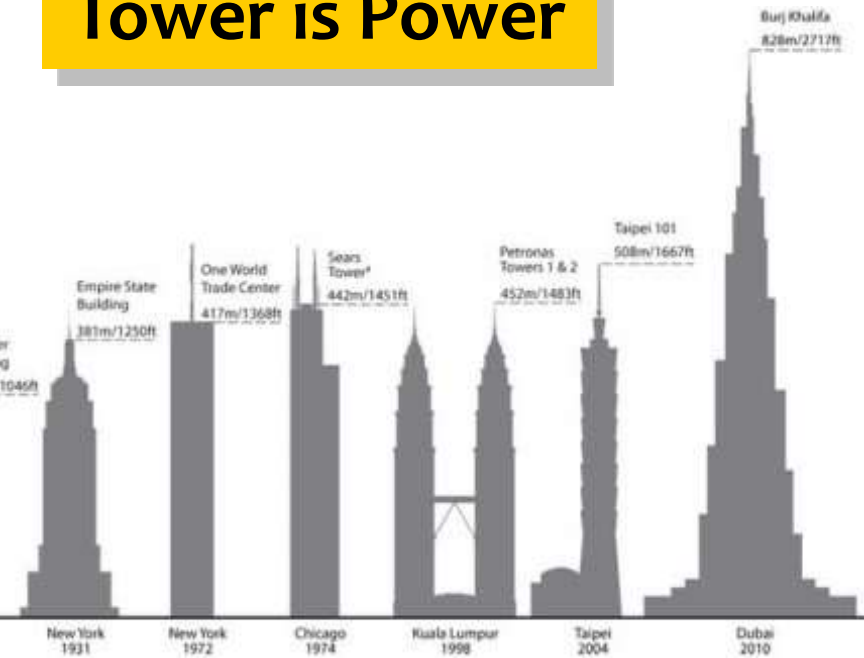
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**A Wall keeps things out
A Door lets thing in**

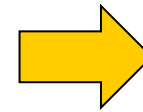
**Bride: “I am a wall,
and my breasts are like towers.” 8:10**

**The Bride has prevailed over the King of Jerusalem;
her sexuality has been the key component of strength**

Tower is Power

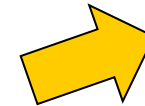


Babel: *“Come, let us build... a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves.”* **Gen 11:4**



Bride: *“I have become a success, and my sexuality is my power.”*

Bride: *“I am a wall, and my breasts are like towers.”*
8:10



Dwelling in Gardens

8:8-14

Victory via her
sexuality

Solomon falls
to sensuality

Solicits counsel
from sensuality

Leads him away
to pleasures

Brothers: *“We have a little sister...
If she is a wall we will build towers...”*

Bride: *“I am a wall,
and my breasts are like towers”*

*“Solomon had a vineyard in Baal Hamon;
My own vineyard is mine to give;
the thousand are for you, Solomon”*

Solomon: *“You who dwell in the gardens
...let me hear your voice!”*

Bride: *“Come away, my beloved...
on the spice-laden mountains.”*

The Final Scene

*“I will go to
the mountain
of myrrh”* 4:6

*“Come [flee] away, my
lover, and be like a
gazelle or like a young
stag on the spice-laden
mountains.”* 8:14


*“I have gathered
my myrrh with
my spice.”* 5:1

**The Bride lures the King
away from Jerusalem**

Song of Songs ends in tragedy

...but Solomon's story is not finished

What Comes Next

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14. Psalms [תהלים]
 15. Job [איוב]
 16. Proverbs [משלי]
 17. Ruth [רות]
 18. Song of Songs [השירים]
 19. Ecclesiastes [קהלת]
 20. Lamentations [איכה]
 21. Esther [אסתר]

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Enter The Preacher

*“The words of the Teacher, [Heb: Koheleth]
son of David, king in Jerusalem”* **Ecc 1:1**

Some debate the identity of
the Preacher, but it is Solomon

*“I, the Teacher, was king over
Israel in Jerusalem.”* **Ecc 1:12**

No other son of David ruled Israel
from Jerusalem
– the others ruled only Judah

Solomon is the author



Ecclesiastes: Tone

An older man with regrets

*“Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher.
“Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.”*

Ecc 1:2

But a sense of recovery

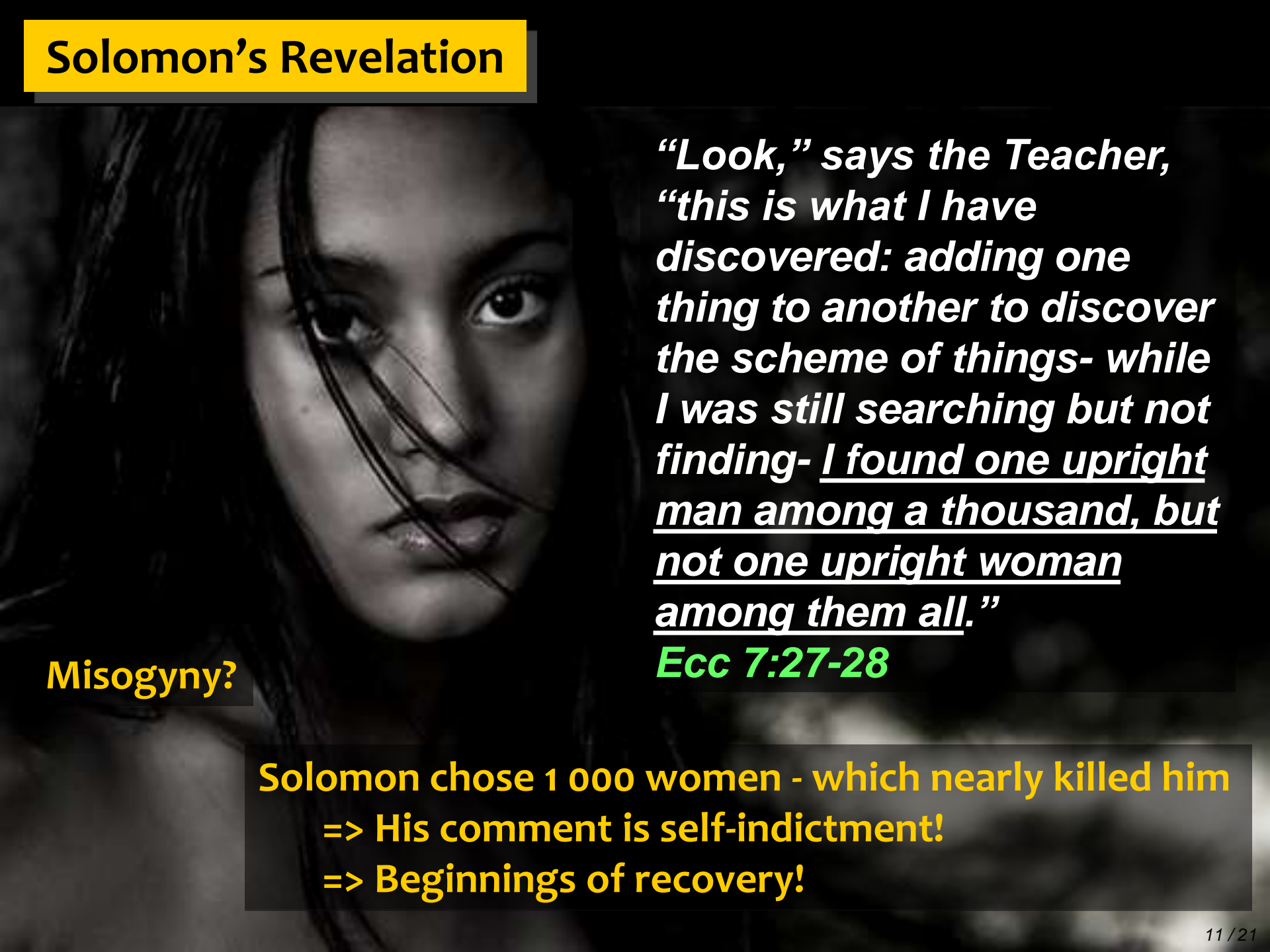
*And moreover, because the
Preacher was wise, he still
taught the people knowledge*

Ecc 12:9

Solomon returns,
at last, from the
'mountains of spices'



Solomon's Revelation



***“Look,” says the Teacher,
“this is what I have
discovered: adding one
thing to another to discover
the scheme of things- while
I was still searching but not
finding- I found one upright
man among a thousand, but
not one upright woman
among them all.”***

Ecc 7:27-28

Misogyny?

Solomon chose 1 000 women - which nearly killed him

=> His comment is self-indictment!

=> Beginnings of recovery!

Natural before Spiritual

Solomon

son of David

**throne of
Jerusalem**



Jesus

Son of David

**Throne of
Jerusalem**

For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

1 Cor 15:22



**Solomon was specially blessed by
God, yet squandered that blessing**

Haven't we heard that story before?

Samson



Samson: The Physical Giant

*He grew and the LORD blessed him, and the Spirit of the LORD began to stir him
Judg 13:24-25 also 14:6; 15:14-15*

God gave Samson unique physical strength



The Giant Fell

he fell in love with a woman in the Valley of Sorek whose name was Delilah. Judg 16:4

God Redeemed the Fallen

Then the Philistines seized him, gouged out his eyes... But the hair on his head began to grow again after it had been shaved. Judg 16:21-22



Solomon: The Intellectual Giant

“I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.” 1 Kgs 3:12

God gave Solomon unique intellectual strength



The Giant Fell

“I have come into my garden... I have gathered my myrrh with my spice” 5:1

God Redeemed the Fallen

And moreover, because the Preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge
Ecc 12:9



*Samson went down to Timnah together with his father and mother. As **they** approached **?????** Timnah, suddenly a young lion came roaring toward **him**. Judg 14:5*

**The lion came out of the vineyard
⇒ Danger for Samson came from fertile women
The lion came only for him: it was *his* danger**



The Big Picture

Samson

God creates Supremacy
The **Physical** Giant
Judg 14:6,19; 15:14...

Sexual distractions
precipitate collapse
Judg 14:2; 16:1,4...

God finds Redemption
for the fallen Giant
Judg 16:22

Solomon

God creates Supremacy
The **Intellectual** Giant
1 Kgs 3:12

Sexual distractions
precipitate collapse
Song of Songs

God finds Redemption
for the fallen Giant
Ecc 7:28; 12:13-14

Neither Physical nor Intellectual Supremacy lead to Salvation

Giants

Physical

Samson

Intellectual

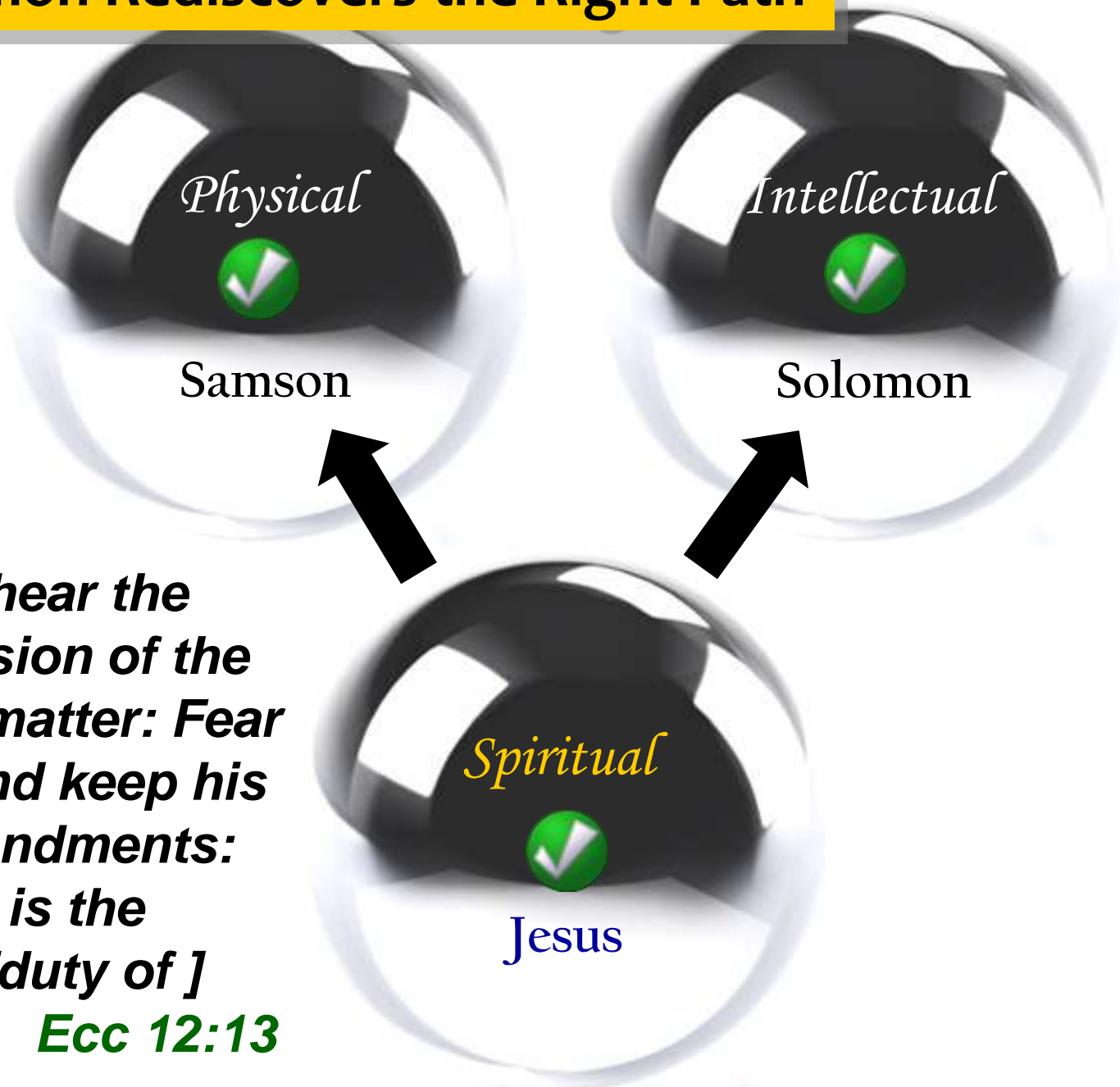
Solomon

*Let not the wise boast of their wisdom
or the strong boast of their strength. Jer 9:23*

Spiritual

Jesus

Solomon Rediscovered the Right Path



Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole [duty of] man. *Ecc 12:13*

**The Spiritual Giant
Redemption for All**



Solomon ends in Christ's victory

as can we all

