## The Shulamite

in the Song of Solomon Was / is...

"I am dark, but lovely, O daughters of Jerusalem, like the tents of Kedar, like the curtains of Solomon. Do not look upon me, because I am dark, because the sun has tanned me. My mother's sons were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards, but my own vineyard I have not kept." (Song of Solomon 1:5-6)

"My beloved spoke, and said to me: "Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For lo, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land." (Song of Solomon 2:10-11)

a country girl (1:5-6, 6:13) (fill in the blank)

allegorical but

(fill in the blank)

awesomely

beautiful (6:4, 10)

(fill in the blank)

close to

(fill in the blank)

in need of

counseling (5:9, 6:1, 13)

(fill in the blank)

longing for

(fill in the blank)

morally

(fill in the blank)

Meditation

married

(fill in the blank)

(a) model

(fill in the blank)

not

(fill in the blank)

not the

(fill in the blank)

patient

regarding love (2:7, 3:5, 8:4)

(fill in the blank)

respectful

(fill in the blank)

Solomon's

wife from 3:11 onward

(fill in the blank)

somewhat like

(fill in the blank)

watchful

for problems (2:15)

(fill in the blank)

Directions: after reading through the Song of Solomon in a good study Bible, describe the Shulamite by filling in the blank lines above using these suggested answers — a country girl (1:5-6, 6:13), a real person (6:13), attractive (4:9-15, 8:10), beautiful (6:4,10), counseling (5:9, 6:1,13), for problems (2:15), her mother (1:6, 3:4,11, 6:9, 8:1,2), leader in love (1:2-4, 4:16), of her husband (5:9-16), of purity (8:8-10), perfect (1:6, 2:7, 5:2-8), regarding love (2:7, 3:5, 8:4), Solomon's coming (2:17, 8:14), the church (Eph. 5:25-33), to a busy man (6:11-12, 8:14), and wife from 3:11 onward. At the end of the study, discuss the most important descriptive phrases. — © 2022 by Jon F. Mahar, Hakusan City, Japan and Alexander, Maine, U.S.A.