

# *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?

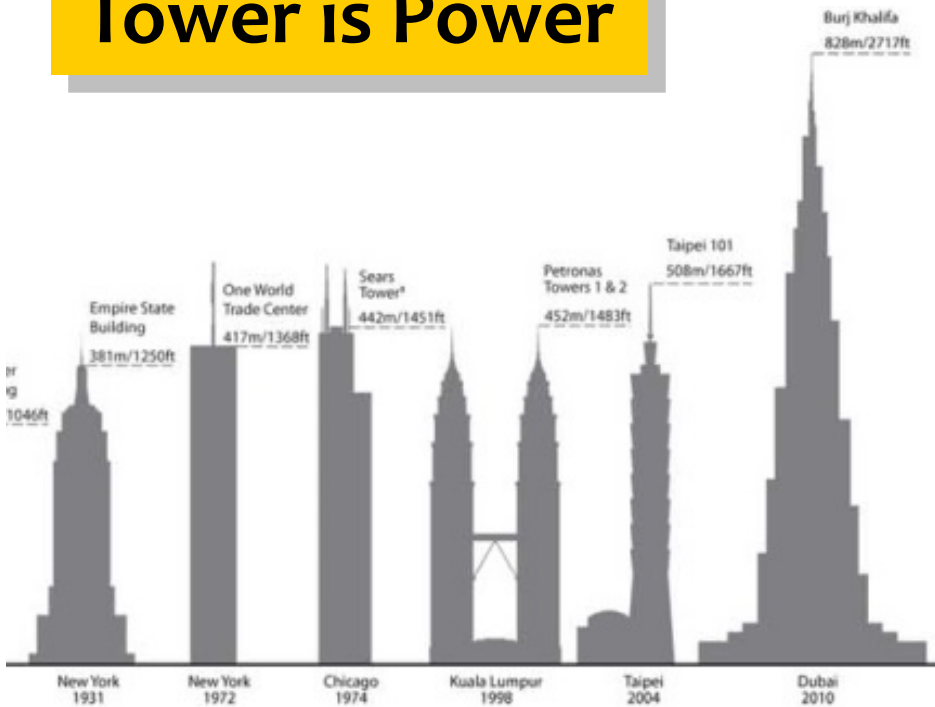
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**A Wall keeps things out  
A Door lets thing in**

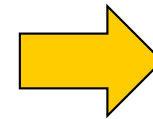
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**The Bride has prevailed over the King of Jerusalem;  
her sexuality has been the key component of strength**

# Tower is Power

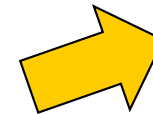


**Babel:** “Come, let us build... a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves.” **Gen 11:4**



**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]

*Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia*, Ed. K Elliger et al, 1966

# 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*

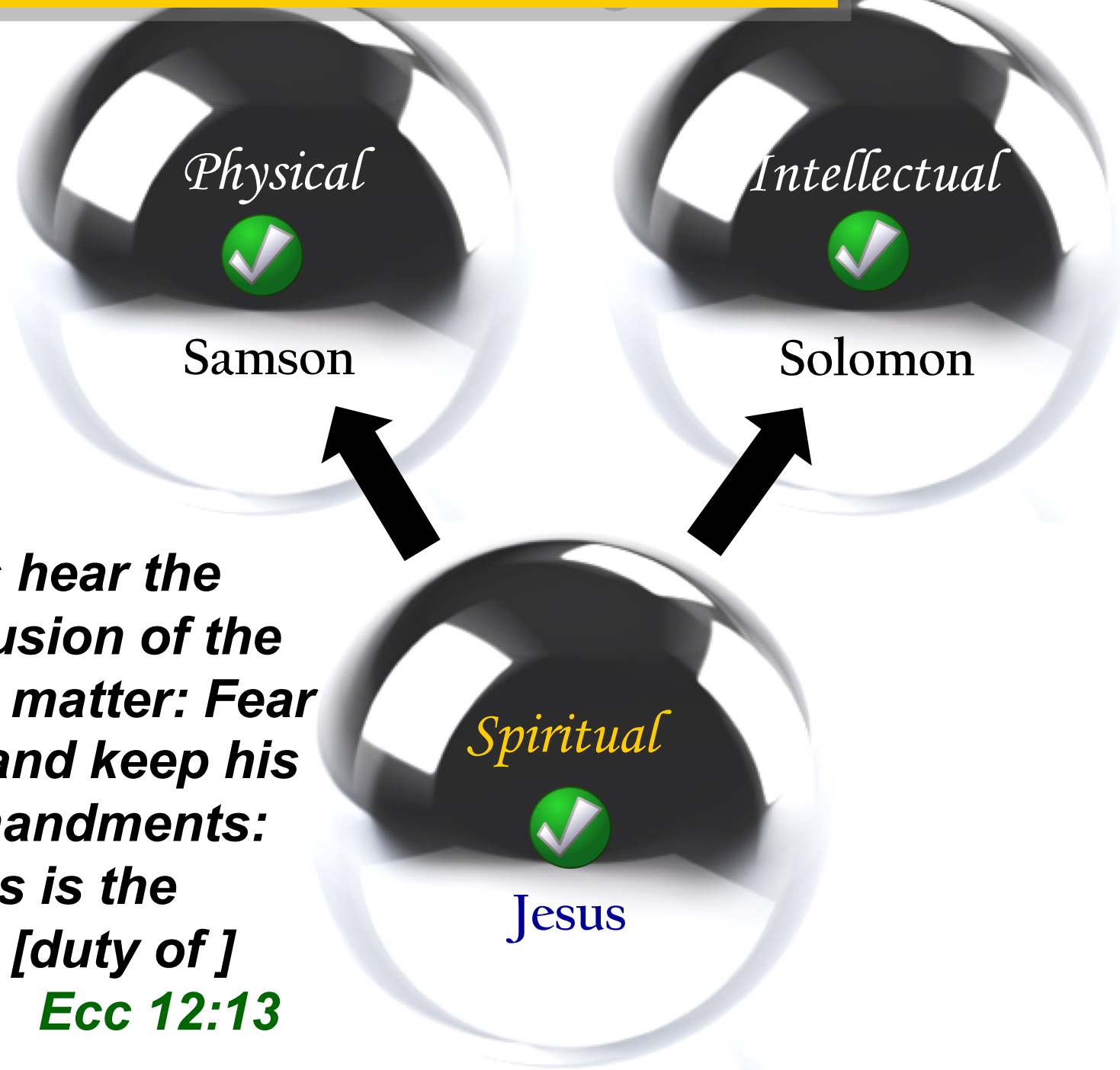
**Solomon**

*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

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*Solomon ends in Christ's victory*

*as can we all*