

## SONG OF SOLOMON CHAPTER 2

<sup>1</sup> I am a flower of the plain, a lily of the valleys. <sup>2</sup> As a lily among thorns, so is my companion among the daughters. <sup>3</sup> As the apple among the trees of the wood, so is my kinsman among the sons. I desired his shadow, and sat down, and his fruit was sweet in my throat.

<sup>4</sup> Bring me into the wine house; set love before me. <sup>5</sup> Strengthen me with perfumes, stay me with apples: for I am wounded with love. <sup>6</sup> His left *hand shall* be under my head, and his right hand shall embrace me. <sup>7</sup> I have charged you, you daughters of Jerusalem, by the powers and by the virtues of the field, that you do not rouse or wake my love, until he please.

<sup>8</sup> The voice of my kinsman! Behold, he comes leaping over the mountains, bounding over the hills. <sup>9</sup> My kinsman is like a gazelle or a young hart on the mountains of Bethel: behold, he is behind our wall, looking through the windows, peeping through the lattices.

<sup>10</sup> My kinsman answers, and says to me, "Rise up, come, my companion, my fair one, my dove. <sup>11</sup> For behold, the winter is past, the rain is gone, it has departed. <sup>12</sup> The flowers are seen in the land; the time of pruning has arrived; the voice of the turtle dove has been heard in our land. <sup>13</sup> The fig tree has put forth its young figs, the vines put forth the tender grape, they yield a smell: arise, come, my companion, my fair one, my dove; yea, come." <sup>14</sup> *You are* my dove, in the shelter of the rock, near the wall: show me your face, and cause me to hear your voice; for your voice is sweet, and your countenance is beautiful. <sup>15</sup> Take us the little foxes that spoil the vines: for our vines put forth tender grapes. <sup>16</sup> My kinsman is mine, and I am his: he feeds *his flock* among the lilies. <sup>17</sup> Until the day dawn, and the shadows depart, turn, my kinsman, be like to a gazelle or young hart on the mountains of the ravines.