

**Solomon's Lust, Eccl 7:26-29; His Harem, 1 Kings 11:1-6; the Shulammite's Confidence & Courage; the Grace Pipeline: Definition of Logistics**

38. In the book of Ecclesiastes is Solomon's autobiographical review of the frustrations he encountered while in reversionism, the various exploits he undertook to find happiness, and his final realization that his efforts were all in vain. Among them was his lust for sex which he summarizes in:

**Ecclesiastes 7:26 -** I find more bitter than death the kind of woman who is habitually like a hunter's snare and whose *kardia* is as a hunter's net, and whose hands are like a prisoner's chains [**possessive, domineering, and manipulative**]. The man who pleases God will escape her but the sinner is captured by her.

**v. 27 -** "This is what I discovered," said the Preacher, "considering all the facts in my search for why things are as they are.

**v. 28 -** "What I have continually sought, I have not found. I found only one honorable person in a thousand [**the Shepherd**], and the one I found among so many was never a woman [**none among his harem had virtue**].

**v. 29 -** "But this I did discover: God made men honorable [**יָשָׁר yashar**], but they have engaged in too many devices [**חֲשִׁבֹנִים chishshavon: used negatively for the invention of evil thoughts**]."

39. The word for "honorable" is *yashar* and when describing people it refers to a quality of establishment and doctrinal thought that enables them to remain loyal to any legally binding agreement.
40. From the establishment frame of reference such a person would project moral integrity while from the doctrinal frame of reference he would function under wheel-tracks of righteousness.
41. These are qualities that are possessed by the Shepherd as well as the Shulammite. Solomon recognizes that out of a thousand men the Shepherd is the only man who possesses these attributes. None of the thousand women of his harem did.
42. Solomon's sexual lust motivated him to use his power to accumulate women that, according to 1 Kings 11:3, had 700 wives and 300 concubines. This number does not include the virgins that we have met in Song of Solomon.
43. Solomon's harem did include a large number of goyim from various foreign countries with which the Lord prohibited them to marry according to Deuteronomy 7:3-4.

**1 Kings 11:1 - [NET]** King Solomon fell in love [**אָהַב 'ahav: to give oneself over to polygamy**] with many foreign women (besides Pharaoh's daughter [**probably of Siamun of the Twenty-first Dynasty**]), including Moabites [**Chemosh** \kē'-mösh\], Ammonites [**Molech**], Edomites, Sidonians [**Ashtoreth**], and Hittites.

**v. 2 -** They came from nations about which the Lord had warned the Israelites, "You must not establish friendly relations with them [**Deuteronomy 7:3-4**]! If you do, they will surely shift your allegiance to their gods." But Solomon was irresistibly [**דָּבַק davaq: to cleave**] attracted [**אָהַב 'ahav: sexual lust**] to them.

**v. 3 -** He had seven hundred royal wives and three hundred concubines; his wives had powerful influence over him [**see Ecclesiastes 7:26**].

**v. 4 -** When Solomon became old, his wives shifted his allegiance to other gods; he was not wholeheartedly devoted to the Lord his God, as his father David had been.

**v. 5 -** Solomon worshipped the Sardonian goddess Astarte \as-tär'-tē\ [same as the Assyrians' Ishtar \ish'-tä'r\ & the Canaanites' Ashtoreth \ash'-tö-reth\] and the detestable Ammonite god Milcom \mil' cum\ [or Molech \mō' lek\].

**v. 6 -** Solomon did evil before the Lord, and did not remain loyal to the Lord, like his father David had.

44. It was this kind of pressure the Shulammitte faced yet she was not overwhelmed by it. To stand fast before the imposing presence of the king of Israel required of her to recall doctrines that she had learned in the past about the security of her temporal and eternal future and apply them to the present.
45. She knew that God had prepared for her a right man in eternity past and he was the Shepherd, not Solomon. Further, she knew that God would provide for her a means of rescue from the clutches of Solomon and into the arms of the Shepherd.
46. To concentrate on these principles and to rely on them required the Shulammitte to have confident expectation about the future certainty of her rescue.
47. Her confidence in the plan of God provides her courage to endure circumstances that otherwise would cause doubt about her future. What sustains that confidence is logistical grace support.
48. In the Invisible War, when a believer is compromised by emissaries from the Dark Side, it is God's responsibility to deliver that person by the provision of logistics. The Shulammitte's provision is two-fold: (1) she has the recall of doctrinal principles that give her courage to endure the circumstance and (2) she has confidence that her right man will see to it that she is rescued.
49. This system of divine supply is imputed to all believers, regardless of dispensation, by the justice of God. Support for the believer's physical needs and spiritual growth flow through the grace pipeline to divine righteousness imputed at salvation.
50. This channel of divine blessing needs to be defined and described:

*Merriam-Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, 11th ed., s.v.:*

**Logistics.** The aspect of military science dealing with the procurement, maintenance, and transportation of military matériel, facilities, and personnel.

- 1) The word comes into the English from a word group in classical Greek.

**Scott, Liddell and Robert Scott. A Greek-English Lexicon. Revised by Henry Stuart Jones. (New York: Oxford University Press, 1968), 1056:**

**λόγισμος (logismos).** Counting, calculation, reasoning, account reckoning.

**λογιστής (logistēs).** Calculator, reasoner, inspector of accounts, auditor.

**λογιστικός (logistikos).** Skilled or practiced in calculating.

- 2) In military science logistics is the result of reasoning things that would be required to move troops out of the barracks, into hostile territory, maintain them in the theater of operations for extended periods of time, and then return them to base. It requires the skill to calculate all the provisions such an operation would require in order to accomplish the objective and establish a supply line that could be maintained and supported throughout the contest.

- 3) At the moment a person is saved he enters into the Lord's Army and is deployed as an enemy combatant on the battlefield of the devil's world. His citizenship is in heaven but he is assigned by the Lord to engage the enemy in the Invisible War whose major theater of operations is Planet Earth.
- 4) If the believer is deployed into enemy territory and is required to fight an enemy that is far more intelligent than he, then to be successful he is going to need logistical provisions from headquarters.
- 5) God is the One skilled in calculating all the believer's needs for both physical and spiritual sustenance and supplying these necessities. He accomplishes this by imputing matériel through the grace pipeline to the believer's perfect righteousness.