

Song of Songs 2:16 – 3:11

2:16 – browses (verb) looks around casually

2:16 – lilies (noun) a kind of flower



2:17 – flee (verb) run away

2:17 – gazelle (noun) a type of small African or Asian deer



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2:17 – stag (noun) an adult male deer



2:17 – rugged (adjective) uneven and covered with rocks

3:4 – scarcely (adverb) *used to indicate that the first event was immediately followed by the second*

3:4 – conceived (verb) became pregnant

3:5 – charge (verb) tell someone to do something

3:5 – does (noun) female deer




3:5 – arouse (verb) cause a feeling to be experienced strongly

3:6 – wilderness (noun) an area that is not used by people

3:6 – myrrh (noun) a pleasant-smelling gum resin produced by several kinds of plants

3:6 – incense (noun) a substance burned for its sweet smell

3:7 – escorted	(adjective)	accompanied to make sure someone or something arrives at its destination
3:7 – noblest	(adjective)	most admirable and respectable
3:8 – sword	(noun)	
		
3:8 – terrors	(noun)	things that make someone feel very frightened
3:9 – King Solomon	(proper noun)	one of the greatest kings in Israel's history
3:9 – carriage	(noun)	a vehicle for passengers that is pulled along by horses
3:9 – Lebanon	(proper noun)	one of the neighbouring countries to Israel. Lebanon was famous for the high quality of their cedar trees.
3:10 – posts	(noun)	a strong upright pole that holds up a structure
3:10 – upholstered	(adjective)	covered with material and padding to make a piece of furniture more attractive and comfortable
3:10 – interior	(noun)	the inside part

Song of Songs 2:16 – 3:11 (New International Reader's Version)

The woman says

¹⁶ "My love belongs to me, and I belong to him.
Like an antelope, he eats among the lilies.
¹⁷ Until the day begins
and the shadows fade away,
turn to me, my love.
Be like an antelope
or like a young deer
on the rocky hills.

^{3:1} "All night long on my bed
I searched for the one my heart loves.
I looked for him but didn't find him.
² I will get up and go around in the city.
I'll look through all of its streets.
I'll search for the one my heart loves.
So I looked for him but didn't find him.
³ Those on guard duty found me
as they were walking around in the city.
'Have you seen the one my heart loves?' I asked.
⁴ As soon as I had passed by them
I found the one my heart loves.
I threw my arms around him and didn't let him go
until I had brought him to my mother's house.
I took him to my mother's room.
⁵ Women of Jerusalem, make me a promise.
Let the antelopes and the does serve as witnesses.

Don't stir up love.

Don't wake it up until it's ready.

⁶ "Who is this man coming up from the desert
like a column of smoke?
He smells like myrrh and incense
made from all the spices of the trader.
⁷ Look! There's Solomon's movable throne.
Sixty soldiers accompany it.
They have been chosen from the best warriors in Israel.
⁸ All of them are wearing swords.
They have fought many battles.
Each one has his sword at his side.
Each is prepared for the terrors of the night.
⁹ King Solomon made the movable throne for himself.
He made it out of wood from Lebanon.
¹⁰ He formed its posts out of silver.
He made its base out of gold.
Its seat was covered with purple cloth.
It was decorated inside with love.
Women of Jerusalem, ¹¹ come out.

"Look, you women of Zion.
Look at King Solomon wearing his crown.
His mother placed it on him.
She did it on his wedding day.
His heart was full of joy."

1 Corinthians 7:1-9

v2 – sexual immorality	(noun)	sex outside of heterosexual marriage
v4 – yields	(verb)	allows someone else to have control over something
v5 – deprive	(verb)	prevent someone from having and enjoying something
v5 – mutual consent	(noun)	agreement from everyone involved
v5 – devote	(verb)	spend your time and energy on something
v6 – concession	(noun)	agree to allow someone to do something, especially in order to end an argument
v8 – widows	(noun)	women whose husband has died
v8 – passion	(noun)	strong sexual feelings

1 Corinthians 7:1-9 (New International Reader's Version)

^{7:1} Now I want to deal with the things you wrote me about. Some of you say, "It is good for a man not to sleep with a woman." ² But since sexual sin is happening, each man should sleep with his own wife. And each woman should sleep with her own husband. ³ A husband should satisfy his wife's needs. And a wife should satisfy her husband's needs. ⁴ The wife's body does not belong only to her. It also belongs to her husband. In the same way, the husband's body does not belong only to him. It also belongs to his wife. ⁵ You shouldn't stop giving yourselves to each other. You might possibly do this when you both agree to it. And you should only agree to it to give yourselves time to pray. Then you should come together again. In that way, Satan will not tempt you when you can't control yourselves. ⁶ I say those things to you as my advice, not as a command. ⁷ I wish all of you were single like me. But you each have your own gift from God. One has this gift, and another has that one.

⁸ I speak now to those who are not married. I also speak to widows. It is good for you to stay single like me. ⁹ But if you can't control yourselves, you should get married. It is better to get married than to burn with desire.

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