

Song of Solomon & Ecclesiastes

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- I. **The Courtship: “Leaving” (1:2–3:5)**
 - a. The Lovers’ Remembrances (1:2–2:7)
 - b. The Lovers’ Expression of Reciprocal Love (2:8–3:5)

- II. **The Wedding: “Cleaving” (3:6–5:1)**
 - a. The Kingly Bridegroom (3:6–11)
 - b. The Wedding and First Night Together (4:1–5:1a)
 - c. God’s Approval (5:1b)

- III. **The Marriage: “Weaving” (5:2–8:14)**
 - a. The First Major Disagreement (5:2–6:3)
 - b. The Restoration (6:4–8:4)
 - c. Growing in Grace (8:5–14)

¹ MacArthur, John. Holy Bible - ESV MacArthur Study Bible

Ecclesiastes

4 Perspective for Life in a Sin-Cursed World:

I. Without God, Life is Vanity (1:1-2:26)

Refrain: 2:24-26 > There is no inherent good in man
> God alone is the Giver of good
> Enjoy God's gift of life

II. Life is to be Enjoyed, According to God's Providential Design & Plan (3:1-5:20)

Refrain: 5:18-20 > Life is to be enjoyed
> Life is a gift from God to be lived-not to be analyzed endlessly

III. God's Sovereignty Governs all Mankind (6:1-8:15)

Refrain: 8:15 > Enjoy life

IV. In conclusion, fear and obey God to truly enjoy life (8:16-12:14)

Epilogue: 12:9-14 > Fear God with obedience