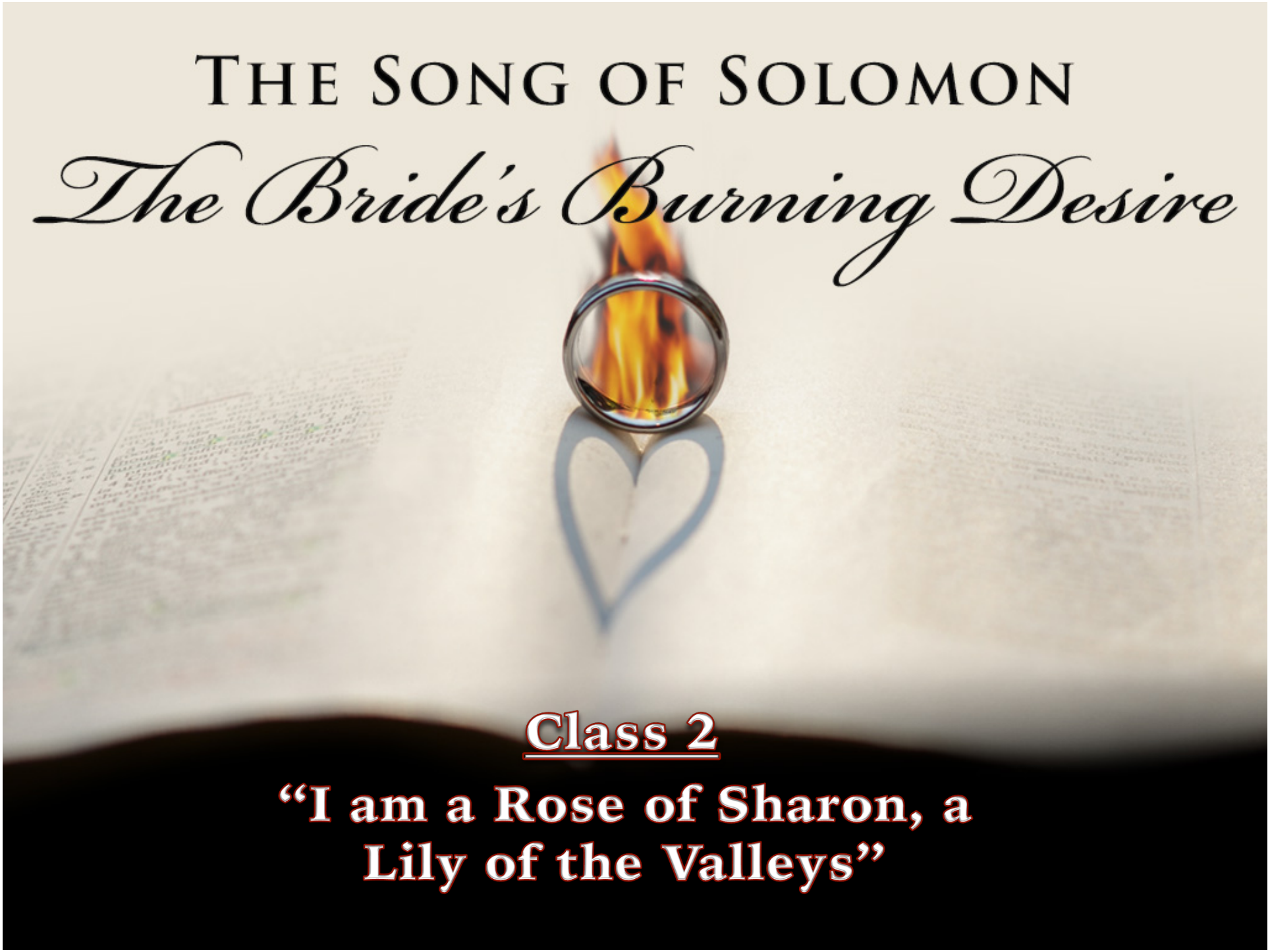

THE SONG OF SOLOMON
The Bride's Burning Desire
Class 2
"I am a Rose of Sharon, a Lily of the Valleys"

"The Rose of Sharon"
Song 2:1



- Mistranslation because the rose was not found in Israel in Biblical times
- Havatzelet (חֲבַצֶּלֶת) is an onion-like flower bulb, common to the plains
- Used only twice

"The Lily of the Valleys"
Song 2:1

- *Shushan (*שׁוּשָׁן *)* means beautiful flower
- Derived from "shesh"
- Choicest flower
- Symbol of purity
- Found 8 times in the Song of Solomon
- 8 signifies cutting off of the flesh – Lev. 12:3;
  - The meaning - Rom. 2:29



"Consider the lilies…"
Matt. 6:28-29



- **Solomon's glory**
  - Artificial
  - Put on from without
  - Toiling and spinning
- **Lilies**
  - Adornment from within
  - No foreign drapery
  - No veneer
  - No masquerade
  - No hypocrisy

"...Not Arrayed Like One of These"

"...ye wives, submitting yourselves unto your own husbands; in order that, if any are not yielding unto the word, **through their wives behaviour**, they may, without the word, be won, Having been permitted to behold your **reverently chaste behaviour**,

-- Whose adorning, let it be--***not the outward,*** of plaiting the hair and wearing golden ornaments, or putting on of apparel,

But the **hidden character, of the heart**,--in the incorruptible [ornament] of the quiet, and meek, spirit, which is, in presence of God, of **great price**." (1 Pet. 3:1-4 Rotherham)

- "Reverently chaste" – morally clean, innocent, modest, pure.
- Walking testimony - Compare Acts 4:13
- Great Price

"How they grow..."
Matt. 6:28

- Growth is gradual
- Increasing loveliness, development, and display of a Godly virtues
  - 2 Cor. 4:16



"The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." - Prov. 4:18

Lilies in Solomon's Temple



"As the Lily Among Thorns"
Song 2:2



Paul and Silas in Philippi
Acts 16:19-34



- 2 men in prison
- Impelled to sing unto their God
- Note how effective their witness was to the world
- An unshakeable conviction that nothing could separate them from the love of Christ

"I am Black..."
Song 1:5

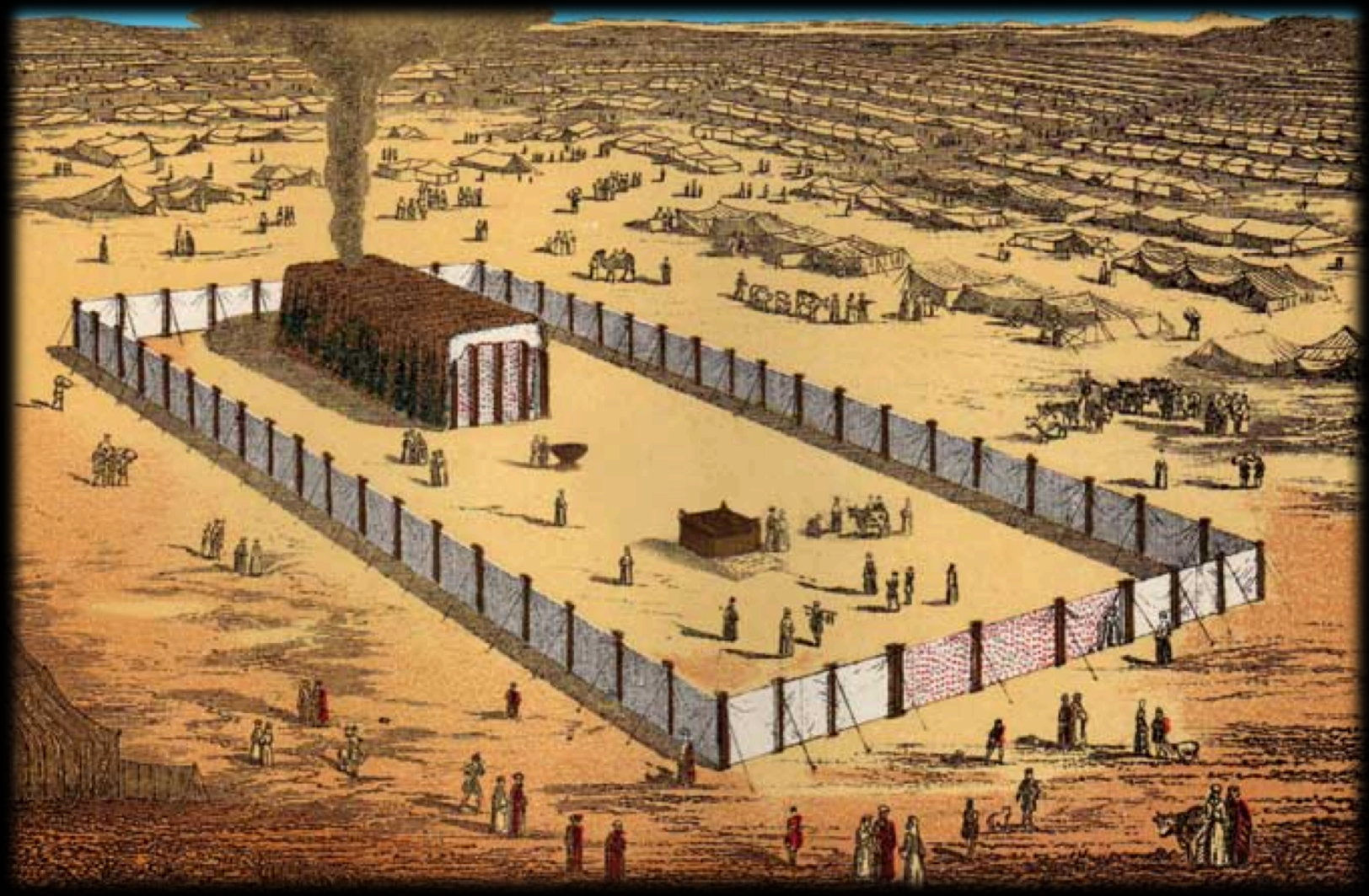
- Means "brown" or "swarthy"
- The burning heat withers and consumes the grass of human nature and pride
  - James 1:11
- Affliction and persecution take their toll on the Bride
  - Mark 4:6, 17
  - Heb. 12:11



"...as the Tents of Kedar"



The Tabernacle in the Wilderness



"Ye are the temple of God"

1 Cor. 3:16-17



The Temple has no real beauty until the glory of YHWH enters into it.

Contrite Demeanor

- "The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a **contrite** spirit." (Psa. 34:18)
- "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a **contrite** heart, O God, thou wilt not despise." (Psa. 51:17)
- "…I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a **contrite** and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the **contrite** ones." (Isa. 57:15)
- "…to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word." (Isa. 66:2)

Note: "Contrite" #1793. dakka'; crushed (lit. powder or fig. contrite):-- contrite, destruction

Reverential Fear

- "…work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." (Phil. 2:12)
- "…let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." (2 Cor. 7:1)
- "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love." (1 John 4:18)