

CHAPTER 7

How beautiful are thy feet with shoes, O Prince's daughter. The joints of thy thighs are like jewels, the work of the hands of a cunning workman (7:1)

Her walk with him - her feet with shoes are beautiful to him. Her feet have been shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace (Ephesians 6:15). She has walked in the midst of fire (Daniel 3:25) and in the midst of trouble (Psalms 138:7).

Her feet took the good tidings of him wherever they went. How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! (Isaiah 52:7, Romans 10:15, Nahum 1:15)

The joints of her thighs - that which keep the feet and legs moving together - they are like jewels, the work of a cunning workman. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them (Ephesians 2:10). Holy Spirit is the one who gives us the power to Walk worthy of the Lord into all good pleasing... (I Thessalonians. 2:12).

Thy navel is like a round goblet, which wanteth not liquor: thy belly is like an heap of wheat, set about with lilies (7:2)

Thy navel - the place where the old life is severed - the umbilical cord is cut - the natural man is dead - hers is like a round goblet - it wanteth not liquor (mixture). She is not double minded, (II Chronicles 13:33). Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die it bringeth forth much fruit (John 12:24).

Her belly (womb) is like a heap of wheat set about with lilies - a grace filled belly that has filled up on the bread of life herself - the Lord Jesus - she is full of bread for the hungry and has led others to him - set about with lilies.

Thy two breasts are like two young roes that are twins (7:3)

She is mature - full grown - not like her little sister who has no breasts, (8:5). She is full grown in grace and knowledge - they are like twins in her - two youthful twins - full of grace and truth like her Lord,

Thy neck is as a tower of ivory; thine eyes like the fishpools in Heshbon, by the gate of Bath-rabbim: thy nose is as the tower of Lebanon which looketh toward Damascus (7:4)

Her neck is as a tower of ivory (a product of death to the elephant) - a burden bearing neck - a neck enabled by him to be strong. Her eyes are like fishpools in Heshbon - understanding seeing eyes - by the gate of Bath-rabbim (daughter of a multitude) - her eyes are clear and full of light -full of understanding - by the gates of all the daughters of Jerusalem - the confusion of organized Christianity.

Her nose is like a tower of Lebanon (white) - a nose that always smells the clean pure righteousness of the Lord Jesus - It looks forth toward Damascus. David slew 22,000 Syrians of Damascus, (II Samuel 8:5). They were formidable enemies of Israel. Her nose is ever watching for the enemy. By reason of use her senses have been exercised to discern both good and evil, (Hebrews 5:14).

Thine head upon thee is like Carmel, and the hair of thine head like purple; the king is held in the galleries (7:5)

Her mind is like Carmel (fruitful place) - filled with the knowledge of the Lord. The hair of her head like purple (royalty). Her knowledge of him - her complete dependence on him - it brings her nigh to him - up close to him - right into his throne room. Her confidence in him holds his heart in the locks of her purple royal hair.

And it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on her royal apparel, and stood in the inner court... (Esther 5:1b). And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, that she obtained favour in his sight: and the king held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand... (Esther 5:2a).

How fair and how pleasant art thou, O love, for delights! (7:6)

She is fair to him in every way. There is nothing about her he doesn't love. His grace in her has caused her to do many things for love of him - faith which worketh by love. She sat down under his shady apple tree and let him complete the good work he had begun in her. She left all the work to him. Sin does not have dominion over her - neither does the law, (Rom.6:14). He has bought her freedom and she lives with him in it. How fair and how pleasant for delights is she to him.

This thy stature is like to a palm tree, and thy breasts to clusters of grapes (7:7)

She is taller than the trees. She has grown to the measure and the fullness of the stature of Christ, (Ephesians 4:13). She has flourished in his wonderful care. The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree (Psalms 92:12). Her breasts are as clusters of grapes - the milk she dispenses is as the fruit of the vine - it is the joyful grace of God.

I said, I will go up to the palm tree, I will take hold of the boughs thereof: now also thy breasts shall be as clusters of the vine, and the smell of thy nose like apples: (7:8)

I will go up to the palm tree - I will take hold of the boughs - she has apprehended (taken hold) of him for what was offered her - the bridehood. He is taking hold of her for eternity. She will satisfy him forever. It was for love of her that he came.

Her breasts shall be as clusters of the vine - like the fruit of the vine - joy filled - full of the sweet word of grace. And the smell of thy nose like apples - I raised thee up under the apple tree - there thy mother brought thee forth (8:5). Her nostrils are filled with grace - she discerns that it is always and only his grace working in her to will and to do of his good pleasure. Even the fragrance of her nose is grace. She is nothing without him but everything in him. Her affections overwhelm him with love.

And the roof of thy mouth like the best wine for my beloved, that goeth down sweetly, causing the lips of those that are asleep to speak (7:9)

Her palate - her tastes are like the best wine - her tastes are for him - she has fully tasted and seen that the Lord is good. Her joy is in the Lord and it is a blessing to him. She has drank deeply of his love. He was sweet and delicious wine to her - causing the lips of those that are asleep to speak - she aroused sleepy saints with the joys she found in him.

I am my beloved' s, and his desire is toward me (7:10)

She has said this twice before. (2:16, 6:3). This time it is different. I am my beloved's and his desire is towards me - there is no mention of the other lilies and her

primary thought is that she is his. She realized very early that only lily saints could nourish the Lord - those who leave the growing to him - and from the very beginning she had counted herself as one of the lilies.

But as she went on with him she understood more of what he wanted to be to her personally. His desire is towards her - as if there were no other. She grew to realize just how much he loves her and that he wanted her own personal fellowship all along - that which she alone can give him. His desire is towards *me*.

Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field; let us lodge in the villages (7:11)

It is time for them to go forth together to survey their kingdom. She was a co-worker together with him in her life on earth. Her interests will not change - they are the interests of her beloved. They will move together in the restoration of all things after the tribulation's devastation.

Let us get up early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine flourish, whether the tender grape appear, and the pomegranates bud forth; there will I give thee my loves (7:12)

Together they will tour the land of Israel - Let us get up early to the vineyards. The vineyards of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, (Isaiah 55:7). The land of Israel will blossom as the rose when the Lord and his bride usher in the blessings of their peaceful millennial reign. Israel will become the head of the nations and not the tail. Many of the prophets wrote about the wonderful future God has in store for Israel after they receive the Lord Jesus Christ.

The mandrakes give a smell, and at our gates are all manner of pleasant fruits, new and old, which I have laid up for thee, O my beloved (7:13)

The mandrakes - the things they have done for each other - they give a smell - a good smell - His offering upon the cross for her - out of which every provision for her life flowed - the way he loves her in her heart - it will smell wonderful to her throughout eternity. Her mandrakes give a sweet smell to him too - what she has become by his wonderful grace - the responses of her heart to him - a life of faith - known only to him - appreciated by him.

At our gates - the gates of the heavenly city they are living in - New Jerusalem - are all manner of pleasant fruits - She has been an orchard of pleasant fruits to him in her life on earth (old fruit) - but there will always be new fruit in their relationship - they will never tire of one another. They will have eternity to share the precious fruits - new and old.