

Analytical Chart of S/S 5:2-8:7THEME: Many Waters Cannot Quench Love (8:7)

<u>Basis</u>	<u>Demonstration</u>	<u>Result</u>
Love character 5:10 5:16	It withstands misunderstanding (5:208)	Reaffirm it (8:6)
Love Response 5:6 5:8	It withstands doubts (6:10-12)	Protect it (8:6-7)
Love Position 6:3	It withstands scorn (8:1)	Rejoice in it (8:3)
Love Attitude 7:10 7:13	It withstands the rivalries of life (5:2)	
Love Devotion 8:3-4		

SOME OBVIOUS LESSONS: Love is a powerful force and, when honest, overcome faults in others and circumstances.

But it should not be "taken for granted" and should be cultivated and nurtured in the reality of what it is.

Some background data: The speakers:

Masculine Party: 6:4-13, 7:1-9, 8:5b-7

Feminine Party: 5:1-16, 6:1-3; 7:10-13; 8:1-5a

Watch for difference in text arrangement with the Hebrew Bible (chapter 6) and note the "difficulty" with finding superlatives to express comparative worth.

Just an analytical note on 8:8-14

This fitting conclusion to the Song stresses the importance of purity for making love meaningful. One is to be protected for it and guarded in it. It is a fitting ending to a song of such delights. I have mentioned in my vocabulary helps that the only occurrences of the Divine Name are found in 8:6 in cryptic form. But this is a song of the delights of the establishment of God, not a celebration of theology in general.