

Forerunners for Christ Los Angeles

April 1, 2025 – Song of Songs: The Journey into Wholehearted Love – Rendu Paras

Day 32 – Coming Out of the Wilderness

"Who is this coming out of the wilderness (of this fallen world) like pillars of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all the merchant's fragrant powders?" (Song 3:6)

This verse begins with a question, drawing our attention to a striking figure emerging from the wilderness. Scholars have different interpretations of who this is referring to. Some believe it is the Bride, while others see it as the Bridegroom coming for His Bride. Regardless of the interpretation, one thing is clear: this passage describes a royal wedding procession.

The Bridegroom arrives in grandeur, accompanied by His entourage, to escort His Bride through the wilderness.

"Behold, it is Solomon's couch, with sixty valiant men around it, of the valiant of Israel. They all hold swords, being expert in war. Every man has his sword on his thigh because of fear in the night." (Song 3:7-8)

Solomon's couch, or palanquin, was a royal chariot carried by his guards during wedding processions. In the same way, this couch represents the place of safety and intimacy where the Bride journeys alongside her King. As she sits next to Him, she is protected from the dangers of the wilderness, secure in His presence.

Surrounding this royal chariot are sixty valiant warriors, expert in battle, ready to defend the Bride. These warriors symbolize the Holy Spirit's powerful and unwavering protection over us. Just as the Bride has no reason to fear an enemy's ambush, we too are safeguarded by the Holy Spirit, who is fully aware of every scheme of the enemy.

The Holy Spirit ensures we do not falter or turn back in our journey. His defense over us is not passive but passionate, strategic, and complete. We can trust that as we travel through the wilderness of this fallen world, we are never alone, our Bridegroom surrounds us with His divine protection, leading us safely to our ultimate destination with Him.