

Your Letters



“He feedeth among the lilies”

I am indebted to Brother Pete Mercer for drawing my attention to the connection between lilies and the saints in the Song of Solomon ([Feb. 2008, p. 487](#)). I had often wondered why the bridegroom should feed among the lilies (6:3). The Hebrew word for “feed” here, *raah*, is used of a shepherd keeping his sheep, and *Young’s Concordance* has another word *raah*, with the meaning of ‘keep company with’, giving a delightful play on words.

These beautiful, often tall and noble, flowers were depicted in Solomon’s Temple on the pillars and laver (or “sea”), surely hinting at the



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The white lily, *Lilium candidum*, the *shoshan* (Heb.) of the Old Testament, often referred to as the madonna lily.

saints that were to come. Ephemeral in this life as the grass of the field amongst which they bloom, they are nevertheless arrayed like Solomon in all his glory. Well might we take no thought for raiment, since God has given us the covering of Christ. And how comforting to know that Israel will finally “blossom as the lily” with a scent “as the wine of Lebanon”, as Hosea 14:5,7 (AV mg.) tells us!

May that day soon come when “the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed [us], and shall lead [us] unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from [our] eyes” (Rev. 7:17).

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