

Bible Research Assignment

“The Bible is a book-making book. It is literature which provokes literature.” Cleland Boyd McAfee, D.D., in “The Greatest English Classic: A Study of the King James Version of the Bible and Its Influence on Life and Literature” <<http://www.bible-researcher.com/mcafee.html>>

We are studying the Bible as literature because these characters and stories have become **icons** – important and enduring symbols that are so well known that writers allude to them in literary works. Our knowledge of these icons enriches our understanding and appreciation of those literary works.

Your Task: You will research one of the people, events, or items on this list of Biblical elements that are often alluded to in literature. You will create a single power-point slide that will become part of a class power-point presentation. As your slide appears during the presentation, you will explain the significance of your image.

Guidelines for the slide:

- Your slide layout should include a title at the top, text on the left, and an image on the right.

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- Do not select any background colors, etc. Remember that this will become part of a larger power point.
- Your title should clearly identify the topic of your research. The text should include the following:
 - Identify of the allusion (i.e., what are we looking at)
 - Cite the source (use the *BHS Handbook*)
 - Cite book, chapter, and verses (see *BHS Handbook*)

Here is an example of a power point slide.

Eve and the Apple

- Magazine ad for McDonald's salads
- Real Simple. May 1988, 629.
- Genesis 3:3-6



Guidelines for your commentary:

- Briefly summarize the Biblical source. Focus on the key information about your topic. For instance, if you are assigned Noah and the Flood, you should NOT describe in minute detail the dimensions of the ark, etc.
- Start with the Bible, but don't stop there. Look for information about the **meaning** of your topic – why it has become iconic.
- It is best to have an outline before you so that you will not forget key facts, ideas, names, etc. How polished and accurate you are will be reflected in your score.
- You will hand in a Works Consulted list of the sources you use. Be sure to follow the form in the handbook for this. You will want to follow the directions for a Works Cited list.