THE BIBLE AS LITERATURE: A LIST OF BIBLICAL ALLUSIONS

Pick ten of these sayings and explain them. If you know the story associated with the quote, include this information as well.

- A drop in the bucket
- A fly in the ointment
- A good Samaritan
- A house divided will not stand
- A labor of love
- A mountaintop experience
- A prodigal son
- A Road to Damascus experience
- A thorn in the flesh
- Adam’s apple: According to a non-Biblical legend, a piece of the forbidden fruit lodged in Adam’s throat as he ate it, indicating the grief that would come from it in the future.
- All things must pass
- Am I my brother’s keeper?
- An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth
- Apocalypse
- Armageddon
- As old as Methuselah
- As old as the hills
- Ashes to ashes and dust to dust
- At their wits’ end
- Baptism by fire
- Beating swords into plowshares
- Betrayed with a kiss
- Blessed are the peacemakers
- Bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh
- Burning bush
- Busybody
- By the skin of your teeth
- Calling someone “Judas”
- Can a leopard change its spots?
- Cast the first stone
- Cast your pearls before swine
- Daniel in the lion’s den
- David and Goliath
- Doubting Thomas
- Eat, drink, and be merry
- Fall from grace
- Fight the good fight
- Fire and brimstone
- Flesh and blood
- For everything there is a season
- Forbidden fruit
- Forgive them, for they know not what they do.
- Go the extra mile
- Golden calf: Materialism
- Gospel
- How are the mighty fallen!
- I don’t know him from Adam.
- In the twinkling of an eye
- It is better to give than to receive
- Jezebel
- Let my people go!
- Let not the sun go down on your wrath
- Let there be light
- Like a lamb led to the slaughter
- Love thy neighbor as thyself
- Man does not live by bread alone
- Manna
- Mark of the beast
- Messiah
- Mortal sin
- My cup runneth over
- No rest for the wicked
- Noah and the Ark
- O ye of little faith
- Out of the mouth of babes
- Philistine
- Salt of the earth
- Scapegoat
- Sodom and Gomorrah
- Spare the rod and spoil the child
- Stumbling block
- Suffering like Job
- The apple of his eye
- The blind leading the blind
- The bread of life
- The fat of the land
- The love of money is the root of all evil
- The powers that be
- The root of the matter
- The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak
- The straight and narrow way
- The writing on the wall
- Thrown to the lions
- Turn the other cheek
- What God has joined together, let no man put asunder.
- Wise king Solomon
- Woe is me
- Wolves in sheep’s clothing
- You reap what you sow