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**THE SIGNIFICANCE OF NAUTICAL REFERENCES IN
THE BIBLE AND ENGLISH LITERATURE**



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ABSTRACT

The sea has played a significant role in shaping human history and culture. Human response to the sea has been enigmatic throughout the ages because people experience the sea in contradictory ways. Most often, it is perceived as a powerful destructive force that is completely beyond human control. At the same time, it is a sustainer of life embodying within itself a powerful but mysterious marine ecosystem. The sea has played a significant role in the development of Literature, art and culture around the world. It has shaped human consciousness through its influence on religion and mythology. The

sea is a central image in the Bible which underlines the fact that divine intervention is necessary to control the ruthless power of the sea. Since the influence of Bible is undeniable in the development of English literature, it is necessary to examine briefly the references to sea in the Bible in order to understand clearly the role and significance of nautical references in English literature.

KEYWORDS

Sea, Nautical References, religion, mythology, Bible & English Literature