

Summary

This diploma thesis examines the relationship between the Old Testament Saviour Samson and the ancient Greek hero Heracles. Their connection is firstly analysed from a literary point of view. The story of each hero is explored separately and, subsequently, common themes are compared. Furthermore,

thesis addresses the historical context of the stories and deals with the history of their possible interaction. The aim of this thesis is to ascertain whether there is a connection between Samson and Heracles, and if so, what this connection is and to what extent we can observe it and trace it down.