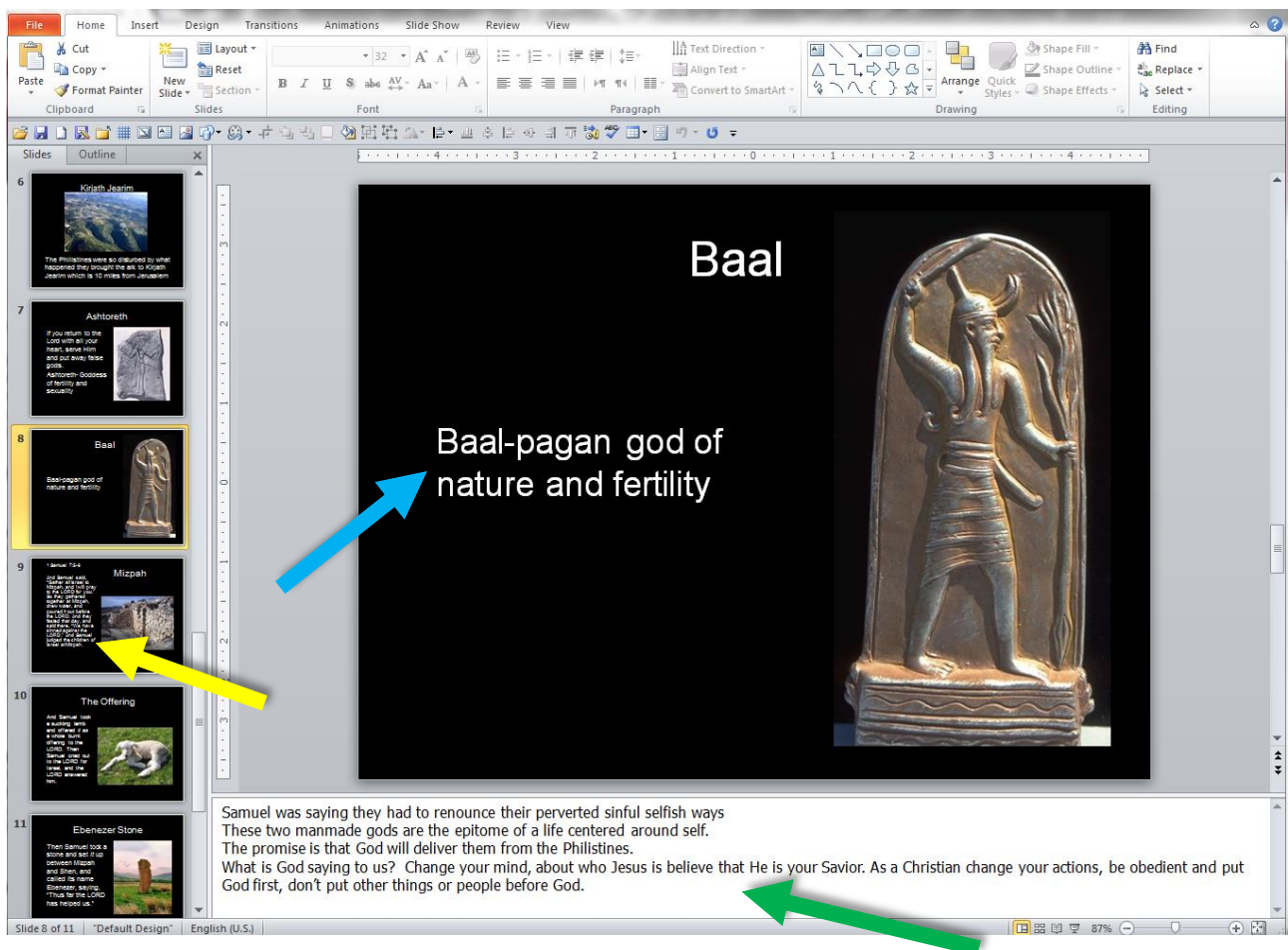


All text for visuals should be at least 24 point. Slides should use short captions. Too much text weakens visual presentation. Provide detailed presenter's notes and all citations in notes section under slides.

What are the characteristics of a good presentation? Good interpretation; clear, well-designed slides; appropriate images featuring historical context; evidence of research in academic level studies (no study Bibles or internet sources). See instructions for more detail on an excellent presentation.

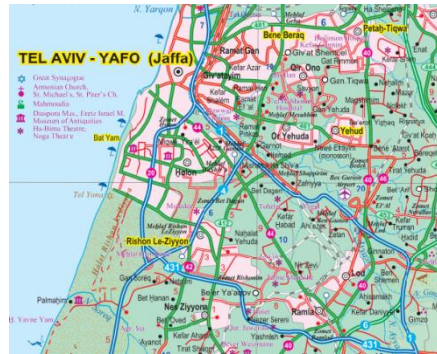
Comments on designing quality slides:

Below notice the **green arrow** indicates a good place to cite sources and put notes related to the presentation. Unfortunately, this student did not include in the notes to this slide the source of the image. Remember, academic work requires citing sources. The **yellow arrow** points to a slide that is too wordy. The **blue arrow** points to a good brief caption—make sure all captions are at least 24 point font so that everyone can read them if used in the student's teaching or preaching.



What sorts of things are ideal? Take advantage of visual media to support presentation, e.g., maps, images of relevant geographical elements, relevant historical artifacts, diagrams/charts/figures/tables which illustrate exegetical points, and the like. The point is to provide strong visual support for the presentation.

What should be avoided? Illustrations and images from study Bibles, artistic portrayals of biblical events for children or wood cuts for pictorial old-time Bibles unless the point is directly relevant to a view you are critiquing or the like. Avoid any images that are unprofessional, low quality, blurry, or not suitable for formal academic presentations. While limited, appropriate levity can be useful at times, avoid using humorous images which distract from a quality presentation. Do not use modern maps, use relevant ancient maps. Here are examples of the kinds of images that reduce the viability of presentations and reduce grades.¹



¹ (1) <http://t3.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcSgM-rdYqtjyK13g-CRNLfJcQn4ARyZonXQrwcUl7wm7WG2FWS0cw>; (2) http://www.itmb.ca/map_samples/ITM/IsraelNorth_HighRes.png; (3) <http://a1396.phobos.apple.com/us/r30/Purple/v4/dc/99/84/dc9984a7-d110-4420-d86c-b57f1aa93ec6/mzl.myhzygcg.png>; (4) <https://s-media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/236x/d9/5d/36/d95d36a4941dde965842e2c75b3fd25a.jpg>; (5) <http://www.toptenz.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/bibledeaths1.jpg>; (6) <http://theeaglesnestza.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/4-Trying-to-replicate-a-statues-pose-in-the-Metropolitan-Museum-of-Art.jpg>; (7) http://www.sarahdweaver.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/IMG_2126.jpg.