

Abraham/Isaac and David/Absalom parallels

Question of brother/half-sister incest	Genesis 20.2 [Sarah is Abraham's half-sister]	2 Samuel 13 [Tamar is Amnon's half-sister; cf. Genesis 38.6ff]
"My son" and question of son's death	Genesis 22.7-8 [twice]	2 Samuel 18.33; 19.4 [eight times!]
Being caught by the head in a tree leads to death	Genesis 22.13 [a ram]	2 Samuel 18.9 [Absalom]
"a thousand pieces of silver"	Genesis 20.16	2 Samuel 18.12 [only Song 8.11 elsewhere]
Spotted from a window in a sexually compromised manner	Genesis 26.8 [Abimelech sees Isaac/Rebekah]	2 Samuel 6.16 [Michal sees David and the servant girls]
Condemnation for doing "things that ought not be done"	Genesis 20.9 [Abimelech to Abraham about approaching Sarah sexually]	2 Samuel 13.12 [Tamar to Amnon about approaching Tamar sexually]
Parental tension over half-brother and brother	Genesis 21.9-11 [Isaac/Ishmael, firstborn]	2 Samuel 14 [Absalom/Amnon, firstborn, echoing Cain/Abel]
Aftermath: alienation from family/community	Genesis 22.19 [Abraham alienated from Sarah and Isaac]	2 Samuel 19.5ff [David alienated from army and all the tribes of Israel]

He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots..." (1 Samuel 8.11)