

Sheepshearing scenes

GENESIS 31.19-21

Now **Laban had gone to shear his sheep, and Rachel stole her father's household gods**. And Jacob deceived Laban the Aramean, in that he did not tell him that he intended to flee. So he fled with all that he had; starting out he crossed the Euphrates, and set his face toward the hill country of Gilead.

GENESIS 38.13-14

In course of time the wife of Judah, Shua's daughter, died; when **Judah's** time of mourning was over, he **went up to Timnah to his sheepshearers**, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite. When **Tamar** was told, "Your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep," **she put off her widow's garments, put on a veil, wrapped herself up, and sat down at the entrance to Enaim**, which is on the road to Timnah. She saw that Shelah was grown up, yet she had not been given to him in marriage.

1 SAMUEL 25.2

There was a man in Maon, whose property was in Carmel. The man was very rich; he had **three thousand sheep** and a thousand goats. He was **shearing his sheep in Carmel**.

2 SAMUEL 13.23-27

After two full years **Absalom had sheepshearers at Baal-hazor**, which is near Ephraim, and Absalom invited all the king's sons. Absalom came to the king, and said, "Your servant has sheepshearers; will the king and his servants please go with your servant?" But the king said to Absalom, "No, my son, let us not all go, or else we will be burdensome to you." He pressed him, but he would not go but gave him his blessing. Then Absalom said, "If not, **please let my brother Amnon go with us**." The king said to him, "Why should he go with you?" But Absalom pressed him until he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him. Absalom made a feast like a king's feast.