

Verbals links between 1 Samuel 25 and the Jacob/Laban story in Genesis

Nabal	Laban (same letters in reverse)
He was shearing his sheep in Carmel. (25.2)	Now Laban had gone to shear his sheep (31.19)
[Abigail] was clever and beautiful [yafeh] (25.3)	Rachel was graceful and beautiful [yafeh] (29.17)
Go up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and offer him shalom in my name (25.5)	[Jacob] said to [Laban's shepherds], " Is it shalom for him?" " Shalom ," they replied
<u>Sheep welfare</u> hear that you have shearers; now your shepherds have been with us, and we did them no harm, and they missed nothing, all the time they were in Carmel. (25.7)	<u>Sheep welfare</u> These twenty years I have been with you; your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried, and I have not eaten the rams of your flocks. (31.38)
about four hundred men went up after David (25.13)	"We came to your brother Esau , and he is coming to meet you, and four hundred men are with him. " (32.6)
<u>Grand "present"</u> Then Abigail hurried and took two hundred loaves, two skins of wine, five sheep ready dressed, five measures of parched grain, one hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs. (25.18)	<u>Grand "present"</u> [Jacob] took a present for his brother Esau, two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, thirty milch camels and their colts, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys. (32.13b-15)
[Abigail] said to her young men, "Go on ahead of me; I am coming after you." (25.19)	[Jacob] said to his servants, "Pass on ahead of me, and put a space between drove and drove." (32.16)
<u>Care for the master's sheep</u> Now David had said, "Surely it was in vain that I protected all that this fellow has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that belonged to him; but he has returned me evil for good." (25.21)	<u>Care for the master's sheep</u> [Jacob to Laban] These twenty years I have been with you; your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried, and I have not eaten the rams of your flocks. (31.38)
And now let this present [berekah] that your servant has brought to my lord be given to the young men who follow my lord. (25.27)	[Jacob said to his messengers]: they are a present [berekah] sent to my lord Esau... (32.18)
[Nabal said]: " There are many slaves today who are breaking away from their masters. "	[Jacob seeks to escape from enslavement to Laban] "These twenty years I have been in your house; I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flock, and you have changed my wages ten times." (31.41)