And Samuel died; and all the Israelites were gathered together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ramah. And David arose, and went down to the wilderness of Paran.

And [there was] a man in Maon, whose possessions were in Carmel; and the man [was] very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel.

And David heard in the wilderness that Nabal did shear his sheep.

And David sent out ten young men, and David said unto the young men, Get you up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name:

And thus shall ye say to him that liveth [in prosperity], Peace [be] both to thee, and peace [be] to thine house, and peace [be] to all that thou hast.

And now I have heard that thou hast shepherds: now thy shepherds which were with us, we hurt them not, neither was there ought missing unto them, all the while they were in Carmel.

Ask thy young men, and they will shew thee. Wherefore let the young men find favour in thine eyes: for we come in a good day: give, I pray thee, whatsoever cometh to thine hand unto thy servants, and to thy son David.
25:9 ‘... hundreds are confounded away...’

25:10 ‘... lads of David and they are speaking to Nabal as all of the words they are coming...’

25:11 ‘... Nabal and he is answering Nabal...’

25:12 ‘... Abigail the woman of Nabal...’

25:13 ‘... they are turning lads of David to way of them and they are returning...’

25:14 ‘... the woman of Nabal he is telling lad one from the lads to say of behold!...’

25:15 ‘... he is girding every man of David...’

25:16 ‘... they were all of days of we walked with them in to be of us...’

25:17 ‘... they were both night and day, all the while were we with...’

11 Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and my flesh that I have killed for my shepherds, and give [it] unto men, whom I know not whence they [be]?

12 And David said unto his men, Gird ye on every man his sword. And they girded on every man his sword; and David also girded on his sword:

13 And Nabal answered David’s servants, and said, Who is [is] David? and who [is] the son of Jesse? there be many servants now a days that break away every man from his master.

14 But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal’s wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master; and he railed on them.

15 But the men [were] very good unto us, and we were not hurt, neither missed we any thing, as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields:

16 They were a wall unto us both by night and day, all the while we were with...
Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt do; for evil is determined against our master, and against all his household: for he [is such] a son of Belial, that [a man] cannot speak to him.

And Abigail made haste, and took two hundred cakes of bread, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched [corn], and an hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid [them] on asses.

And she said unto her servants, Go on before me; behold, I come after you. But she told not her husband Nabal.

And it was [so, as] she rode on the ass, that she came down by the covert of the hill, and beheld, David and his men came down against the enemies of David, and his men came down with him.

Now David had said, Surely in vain have I kept all that this [fellow] hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that [pertained] unto him: and he hath requited me evil for good.

So and more also do God unto the enemies of David, if I leave of all that [pertain] to him by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall.

And when Abigail saw David, she hasted, and lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground.

them keeping the sheep.
And fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, [upon] me [let this] iniquity [be]; and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid.

Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this man of Belkai, [even] Nabal: for as his name [is], so [is] he; Nabal [is] his name, and folly [is] with him: but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send.

Now therefore, my lord, [as] the LORD liveth, and as [thy soul] liveth, seeing the LORD hath withheld thee from coming to [shed] blood, and from avenging thyself with thine own hand, now let thine enemies, and they that seek evil to my lord, be as Nabal.

I pray thee, forgive the trespass of thine handmaid: for the LORD will certainly make my lord a sure house; and to-thine enemies, and the young men that follow my lord.

And it shall come to pass, when the LORD shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he hath spoken concerning thee, and shall have appointed thee ruler of a sling.
And David said to Abigail, Blessed [be] the LORD God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me:

And blessed [be] thy advice, and blessed [be] thou, which hast kept me this day from coming to [shed] blood, and from avenging myself with mine own hand.

For in very deed, [as] the LORD God of Israel liveth, which hath kept me back from hurting thee, except thou hadst hasted and come to meet me, surely there had not been left unto Nabal by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall.

So David received of her hand [that] which she had brought him, and said unto her, Go up in peace to thine house; see, I have hearkened to thy voice, and have accepted thy person.

And Abigail came to Nabal; and, behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and Nabal’s heart [was] merry within him, for he [was] very drunken; wherefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light.

But it came to pass in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became [as] a stone.

And it came to pass about ten days [after], that the LORD smote Nabal,
40 And when the servants of David were come to Abigail to Carmel, they spake unto her, saying, David sent us unto thee, to take thee to him to wife.

41 And she arose, and bowed herself on [her] face to the earth, and said, Behold, [let] thine handmaid [be] a servant to the earth, and she is sending:

42 And Abigail hasted, and arose, and rode upon an ass, with five damsels of hers that went after her; and she went after the messengers of David, and became his wife.

43 David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel: and they were also both of them his wives.

44 But Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Phalti the son of Laish, which [was] of Gallim.