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Hebrew Test

It is for economic reasons that in Gen. 31:43, he says: או חיום לאלה מה־אעשה

ולבנתי לי־הוא ראה
אשר־אתהוכל צאני והצאן
בני הבניםו בנתי הבנתי
אל־יעקבאו ילדו אשר
“The
daughters are my
daughters, the
children are my
children, the flocks

are my flocks, and
all that you see is
mine. But what can I
do today about these
daughters of mine, or
about their children
whom they have
borne?”). When read
in light of the ancient

value of children's
labor rather than
modern emotional
pricelessness,
Laban's motivation
becomes clear to the
modern reader, as it
would have been to
the ancient audience.