

Significant Shepherding Scriptures

Introductory Passages: 3 thoughts from Genesis

Genesis 4:2

The first martyr was a shepherd.

Genesis 33:13-14

Shepherding requires tenderness and patience.

Genesis 46:34

Shepherding may be viewed with disdain.

Primary Passages

Psalms 23:1-6

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

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1st Samuel 17:14-15,20,28,34-37

David the shepherd was perfectly prepared to become David the King. He never feared lion, bear, or giant in service to His Lord.

Ezekiel 34:1-31

Selfish shepherds are accountable to the LORD.

Zechariah 11:4-13; 13:7-9

The nation of Israel will reject their Shepherd, and count His value as 30 pieces of silver—cast to the potter.

John 10:11-16

Jesus Christ is the ultimate fulfillment of all shepherding responsibilities.

1st Peter 5:1-4

Elders/Overseers/Pastor-Teachers are under-shepherds accountable to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Additional (Shorter) Passages

2nd Samuel 12:3

When David needed a rebuke, the Lord selected a shepherding metaphor.

Isaiah 40:11

Even in conquest, the Lord's shepherding is gentle.

Jeremiah 33:12-13

Shepherds must count the flock (Lk. 15:4-7).

Luke 2:8

Shepherds are on duty 24/7.

Jesus Christ is the Good (Jn. 10:11,14), Great (Heb. 13:20), and Chief Shepherd (1st Pet. 5:4).