

Shepherd-Pastor

A Shepherd **poimen (poy-mane')** is **diakonos (dee-ak'-on-os)** which means servant and is also by definition **episkope (ep-is-kop-ay')** which means overseer, for that is the very definition of shepherd: one charged with tending the sheep. The shepherd-sheep analogy is one that is consistently used throughout Scripture to refer to the **episkope (ep-is-kop-ay')**, all elders charged with oversight of the ekklesia, the church. The term diakonos has been translated as deacon six times in Scripture and is not to be seen as a singular office but as a category or class of multiple offices for which all shepherds occupy. Please see the study on [Church: Forms and Practices](#) for a fuller study on this and other key points of Scripture.

DEFINITIONS

4166 ποιμήν poimen (poy-mane')

of uncertain affinity; a shepherd, (literally or figuratively):—shepherd, pastor.

NAS-pastors (1), shepherd (13), shepherds (4).

AV-shepherd 15, Shepherd 2, pastor 1; 18

1) a herdsman, esp. a shepherd

1a) in the parable, he to whose care and control others have committed themselves, and whose precepts they follow

2) metaph.

2a) the presiding officer, manager, director, of any assembly: so of Christ the Head of the church

2a1) of the overseers of the Christian assemblies

2a2) of kings and princes

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The tasks of a Near Eastern shepherd were: -to watch for enemies trying to attack the sheep -to defend the sheep from attackers -to heal the wounded and sick sheep -to find and save lost or trapped sheep -to love them, sharing their lives and so earning their trust.

During World War II, a shepherd was a pilot who guided another pilot whose plane was partially disabled back to the base or carrier by flying alongside him to maintain visual contact.

4165 ποιμαίνω poimaino (poy-mah'-ee-no)

from [4166](#); *to act as a shepherd*:— to tend as a shepherd of (figuratively, supervisor):— feed (cattle), rule.

NAS-caring (1), rule (3), shepherd (5), tending sheep (1), tends (1).

AV-feed 6, rule 4, feed cattle 1; 11

1) to feed, to tend a flock, keep sheep

1a) to rule, govern

1a1) of rulers

1a2) to furnish pasture for food

1a3) to nourish

1a4) to cherish one's body, to serve the body

1a5) to supply the requisites for the soul's need

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For Synonyms see entry [5824](#)

750 ἀρχιποίμην archipoimen (*ar-khee-poy'-mane*)

from [757](#) and [4166](#); n m; *chief shepherd*:— a head shepherd:—chief shepherd.

NAS-Chief Shepherd (1).

AV-chief shepherd 1; 1

1) chief shepherd

1a) **of Christ the head of the church**

SCRIPTURES

1 Peter 5:4

And when the **Chief Shepherd** <750 archipoimen> appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

Matthew 2:6

'AND YOU, BETHLEHEM, LAND OF JUDAH, ARE BY NO MEANS LEAST AMONG THE LEADERS OF JUDAH; FOR OUT OF YOU SHALL COME FORTH A RULER WHO WILL **SHEPHERD** <4165 poimaino> MY PEOPLE ISRAEL.'

Matthew 9:36

Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a **shepherd** <4166 poimen>.

Matthew 25:32

"All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the **shepherd** <4166 poimen> separates the sheep from the goats;

Matthew 26:31

Then Jesus *said to them, "You will all fall away because of Me this night, for it is written, 'I WILL STRIKE DOWN THE **SHEPHERD** <4166 poimen>, AND THE SHEEP OF THE FLOCK SHALL BE SCATTERED.'

Mark 6:34

When Jesus went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and He felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a **shepherd** <4166 poimen>; and He began to teach them many things.

Mark 14:27

And Jesus *said to them, "You will all fall away, because it is written, 'I WILL STRIKE DOWN THE **SHEPHERD** <4166 poimen>, AND THE SHEEP SHALL BE SCATTERED.'

Luke 2:8

In the same region there were *some* **shepherds** <4166 poimen> staying out in the

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fields and keeping watch over their flock by night.

Luke 2:15

When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the **shepherds <4166 poimen>** *began* saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us."

Luke 2:18

And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the **shepherds <4166 poimen>**.

Luke 2:20

The **shepherds <4166 poimen>** went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

Luke 17:7

"Which of you, having a slave plowing or **tending sheep <4165 poimaino>**, will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come immediately and sit down to eat'?"

John 10:2

"But he who enters by the door is a **shepherd <4166 poimen>** of the sheep.

John 10:11

"I am the good **shepherd <4166 poimen>**; the good **shepherd <4166 poimen>** lays down His life for the sheep.

John 10:12

"He who is a hired hand, and not a **shepherd <4166 poimen>**, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters *them*.

John 10:14

"I am the good **shepherd <4166 poimen>**, and I know My own and My own know Me,

John 10:16

"I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock *with* one **shepherd <4166 poimen>**.

John 21:16

He **said* to him again a second time, "Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me?" He **said* to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He **said* to him, "**Shepherd <4165 poimaino>** My sheep."

Acts 20:28

"Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to **shepherd <4165 poimaino>** the church of God which He purchased

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with His own blood.

1 Corinthians 9:7

Who at any time serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat the fruit of it? Or who **tends <4165 poimaino>** a flock and does not use the milk of the flock?

Ephesians 4:11

And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as **pastors <4166 poimen>** and teachers,

Hebrews 13:20

Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great **Shepherd <4166 poimen>** of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, *even* Jesus our Lord,

1 Peter 2:25

For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the **Shepherd <4166 poimen>** and Guardian of your souls.

1 Peter 5:2

shepherd <4165 poimaino> the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to *the will of God*; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness;

1 Peter 5:4

And when the **Chief Shepherd <750 archipoimen>** appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

Jude 1:12

These are the men who are hidden reefs in your love feasts when they feast with you without fear, **caring <4165 poimaino>** for themselves; clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, doubly dead, uprooted;

Revelation 2:27

AND HE SHALL **RULE <4165 poimaino>** THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES, as I also have received *authority* from My Father;

Revelation 7:17

for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their **shepherd <4165 poimaino>**, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes."

Revelation 12:5

And she gave birth to a son, a male *child*, who is to **rule <4165 poimaino>** all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.

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Revelation 19:15

From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will **rule <4165 poimaino>** them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.