

## **Abstract**

The aim of the diploma thesis "The Shepherd as the Anthropomorphism of God" is to clarify the role of the shepherd in antiquity and today and to present this knowledge in the use of the shepherd's anthropomorphism in biblical texts by means of literary research and comparison of texts, exegesis and reflection of own experience. In the introductory chapters we focus on the person of the shepherd, his characteristics, where special attention is paid to the shepherd's staff, as it also has an abundant biblical metaphorical use. The role of the shepherd in antiquity, in biblical texts and today is also discussed. Attention is also paid to the metaphor of the shepherd in ancient mythology, the use of this metaphor in various religious cults and its content.

From a similar point of view, grazing animals are viewed, especially sheep, and special attention is paid to the role of the lamb in biblical texts. But we also talk about pigs and goats as pastoral animals.

The following chapters first deal with anthropomorphisms in general, followed by chapters from specific biblical books where anthropomorphism is used. The texts are divided according to their inclusion in the Bible - first, Tanach texts are discussed, where the most common occurrence of anthropomorphisms is in the prophetic books. The next chapter is devoted to the texts of the New Testament, first to the Synoptic Gospels, where we deal with the exegesis of the parable "On the Lost Sheep." compared in the available literature with the addition of custom comments. Greater attention is then paid to the exegesis of Psalm 23, to which a whole chapter of the work is devoted, with greater regard to the verses dealing with the shepherd.

In this work we also discuss the transferred term "shepherd" for a servant of God and the characteristics of the "Unfaithful Shepherd" in the Bible, which are often used metaphors. Attention is also paid to the metaphorical use of the "herd" to describe the people of God. The conclusion of the thesis contains a reflection of the findings in the work and is an effort to apply the above for today's man.