

## Refugees

### Scripture passages relating to refugees, whether portraying a refugee's story or giving wise advice

"And to you (Abraham) and your descendants after you, I shall give the country where you are now immigrants."

*Genesis 17:8 (Abraham's story)*

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"You will not molest or oppress aliens, for you yourselves were once aliens in Egypt."

*Exodus 22:21*

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"Land must not be sold in perpetuity, for the land belongs to me, and you are only strangers and guests of mine."

*Leviticus 25:23*

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Moses said, "At that same time I told your judges: 'You must give your brothers a fair hearing and see justice done between a man and his brother or the stranger who lives with him.'"

*Deuteronomy 1:16*

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"God it is who sees justice done for the orphan and the widow, who loves the stranger and gives him food and clothing. Love the stranger then, for you were once strangers in Egypt."

*Deuteronomy 10:18-20*

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"He will hoist a signal for the nations and assemble the outcasts of Israel; he will gather the scattered people of Judah from the four corners of the earth."

*Isaiah 11:12*

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"Hold a council, make a decision. At noon spread your shadow as if it were night. Hide those who have been driven out, do not betray the fugitive, let those who have been driven out of Moab come and live with you; be their

refuge in the face of the devastator. Once the oppression is past, and the devastations has stopped and those now trampling on the country have gone away, the throne will be made secure in faithful love and on it will sit in constancy within the tent of David, a judge seeking fair judgement and pursuing uprightness."

*Isaiah 16:3-5*

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After they had left, suddenly the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him. So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: *I called my son out of Egypt.*"

*Matthew 2:13-15*

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"I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

*Matthew 25:35*

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"That day a bitter persecution started against the church in Jerusalem, and everyone except the apostles scattered to the country districts of Judaea and Samaria."

*Acts 8:1*

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(Talking about widows)..."She must be a woman known for her good works - whether she has brought up her children, been hospitable to strangers and washed the feet of God's holy people..."

*1 Timothy 5:10*

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"Continue to love each other like brothers, and remember always to welcome strangers, for by doing this, some people have entertained angels without knowing it."

*Hebrews 13:1-2*