

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT REFUGEES?

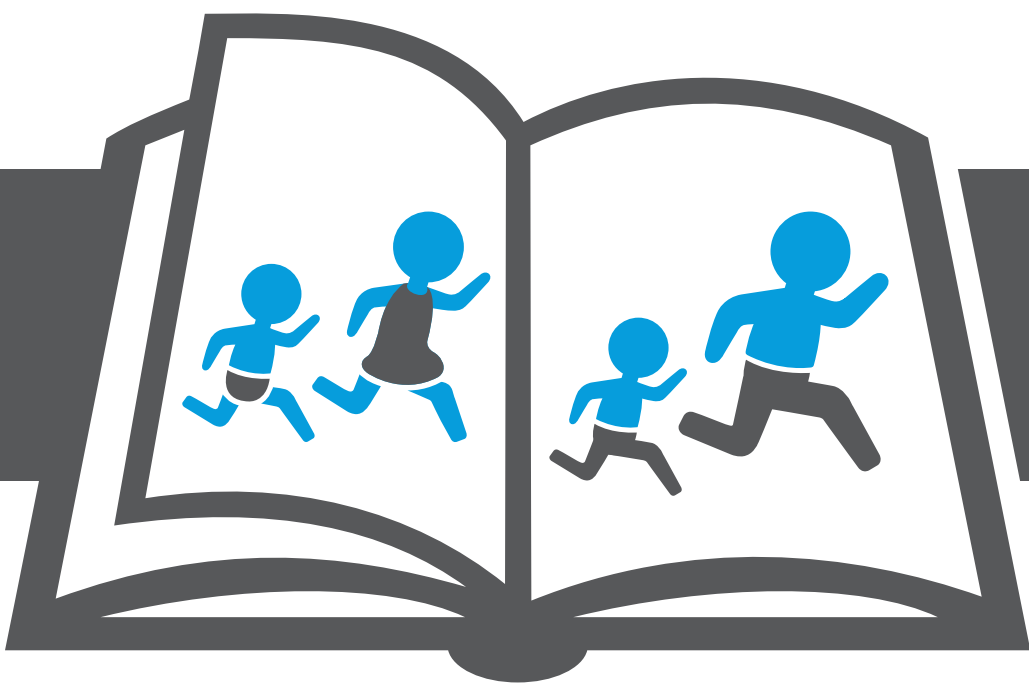
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Quite a lot. In fact, the Hebrew word *ger* is most often translated to mean: *foreigner, resident alien, stranger, sojourner, or immigrant*. It appears **92 TIMES** in the Old Testament. Many of those mentions talk about God's concern for them alongside two other vulnerable groups: widows and orphans.

TIMES THE WORD APPEARS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT!

JESUS AND OTHER REFUGEES IN THE BIBLE

Throughout the Scriptures we find people and communities who have had to flee their homelands for fear of violence. Care for the vulnerable is something God identifies with.

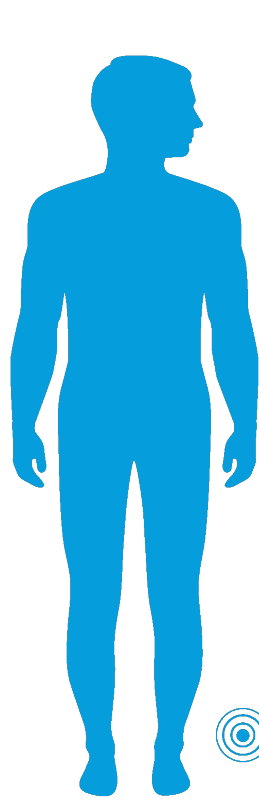


- JESUS (Matthew 2:13-15)
- JACOB (Genesis 21:42-44)
- MOSES (Exodus 2:15)
- DAVID (1 Samuel 21:10; 27:1)
- ELIJAH (1 Kings 19:1-4)
- JESUS' FOLLOWERS (Acts 8:1;4-5)

Then, as now, God can work through the most brutal and unjust situations to advance His purposes.

"...do to others what you would have them do to you." (Matthew 7:12)

ONE BODY. MANY PARTS. MADE BY GOD & IN GOD'S IMAGE.



Before we encounter even a single biblical mandate of how to treat the refugee, we must remember that each person is made by God and in God's image. (Genesis 1:27)

Each human being, regardless of ethnicity, gender, legal status, disability, or any other qualifier, is "fearfully and wonderfully made" by the creator God. (Psalm 139:14)

"...if one part [of the body] suffers, every part suffers with it." (1 Corinthians 12:26)

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

"'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:30-31)



Christians are being persecuted throughout the world, as are those of all faiths and ethnicities. To stand in solidarity with the persecuted church, we ought to do all we can to stop all situations of persecution.

Standing with the persecuted is standing with Jesus Himself.

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

Often times our fear of the unknown can be eliminated by getting to know our neighbors. It turns out that fewer of us know one another than we may think. Get to know others.

60%

people of non-Christian religious traditions in North America who do not personally know a Christian

35%

US white evangelicals who know a Muslim

8%

Protestant US churches serving refugees locally

"Something is missionally malignant whenever we are willing to make great sacrifices to travel the world to reach a people group but are not willing to walk across the street."

- J.D. Payne, Missions Pastor

*Quote taken from *Seeking Refuge*

3 THINGS TO CONSIDER



PRAY

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