

[Ger] The “Stranger”



Above: the image on a series of Iowa billboards.

What if God wants His citizen and immigrant children to be equally and fully blessed, and has designed commandments which will lead us to that goal? Would God set up the universe like that?! God's 200+ verses about how to treat immigrants are Light, capable of illuminating the political Darkness in which America is stumbling. Announcing God's policies glorifies God because they work. Ours are a national embarrassment.

This study presents several passages, with links to theologians on both sides of the issue. But for those who doubt whether God understands the problems we face today, or was smart enough to write clearly, this study also cites economists along with Scripture, so those who won't believe God, perhaps will believe mere men.

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Leviticus 19 tells us to treat immigrants the same as we do natural born citizens. In fact this is part of the context of the Second Greatest Commandment.

And if a stranger [immigrant] sojourn [come to live] with thee in your land, ye shall not vex [deport!] him. But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God. Leviticus 19:33-34 Thou shalt neither vex a stranger, nor oppress him: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt. Exodus 22:21

This passage is “profitable for...reproof...correction...instruction [enabling God’s people to be] perfect [with] good works”. (2 Timothy 3:16-17) It is a window to God’s love. It contains Matthew 5 Light, able to shine in the political darkness where voters decide whether our laws will reflect the principles of God or of Satan. Shall we silence the representatives of God, simply because they try to represent God?

The “Second Greatest Commandment” as Jesus called it in Luke 10 is quoted from verse 18, earlier in Leviticus 19. Verses 9-10 tell businesses to share some of their inventory with the poor who are willing to work a little for it. Verses 11-16 tell people to treat each other right; don't lie, steal, gossip, misuse justice. Verse 17 says rebuke your neighbor when he is wrong; to not do so is not love. Then verse 18 says “thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” Verses 19-29 promote organic agriculture, advise against the unsanitary customs of pagans, and address the destruction of families by prostitution. Verses 30-32 advise honoring sources of wisdom and rejecting sources of deception. It is in this context of rules for the benefit of all people, that show neighbors how to love each other, that verses 33-34 are added specifically to benefit immigrants. The final verses after that are about fairness in court.

Verse 33-34 is not a “ceremonial law” which was “done away” [2 Corinthians 3:14] or “nailed to the cross” [Colossians 2:14], especially since it is affirmed by Matthew 25:39-45.

Christians can't exempt themselves from this righteous standard by voting to classify millions of immigrants as “illegals” and then pretending these verses only apply to “legal” immigrants,³ so that we are free to mistreat “illegals” with God’s blessing. Laws which classify 98% of the nonviolent, hard working immigrants trying to get in our “line” as “illegals”, for nothing that would be a crime if a citizen did them, do not meet God’s standard. (More about this Standard on Page 4.)

The Hebrew word גֵר [Ger, translated “stranger”] doesn’t mean just temporary visitors⁴, leaving us free to “oppress” immigrants who settle permanently. It is God’s word for Abraham’s stay in Canaan for 100 years, Isaac’s stay for 180 years, and Israel’s stay for 430 years in Canaan and Egypt together.

The Hebrew word for “vex” is commonly translated “mistreat” or “oppress”. If God doesn’t want us to oppress them, God surely doesn’t want us to deport them, which in many cases is more oppressive than jail, especially considering they have done nothing that would be a crime if a citizen did them.

1. the Hebrew word refers, in every context associated with it, to “involuntary removal”. See www.Saltshaker.US/HispanicHope/Ye-shall-not-vex-a-stranger.htm.

2. Brannon Howse said this is a “ceremonial law” surrounded by other “ceremonial laws” like stoning adulterers. (sic - 1:05 in this selection) Listen here:



<http://youtu.be/LRs7YbUmtNs>

3. This is the theme of James Hoffmeier’s book, *The Immigration Crisis*. He says the Hebrew word “ger” isn’t about “illegals”. “Illegals” are indicated by a different Hebrew word: “nekhar”. “The words ger and nekhar refer to two different categories of people....The two cannot be confused....advocates for illegal immigrants [talk as if they] have the exact same meaning....” (p. 49) Hoffmeier’s theory leads him to think Ruth must have been confused when she called herself a “nekhar”. (p. 105)

4. This is the claim of Stephen Steinlight. This audio is from the Jan Mickelson Show, WHO radio, May 6, 2010. Listen here: <http://youtu.be/rRziCTi-igY>



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The extent to which citizens allow immigrants to work is the extent to which God will allow citizens to work, Jesus said. If we won't believe Jesus, maybe we will believe economic evidence that it is ourselves we hurt.

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

Luke 6:38

If verses like this are true, then the degree of economic opportunity we allow "strangers" is precisely the degree of economic opportunity God will allow us. The more and better jobs we permit them, the more and better jobs which the natural laws of economics created by God will permit us. When we remove our quotas on the opportunities of immigrants, God will remove His quotas on our own opportunities. Jesus did not say God made this true for individuals, but not for nations. An exemption for nations is inconceivable.

Jesus presented this advice as if it were realistic and practical, not some abstract doctrine which we are called to believe but not do. At the very least, these promises of Jesus should make Christians skeptical of any economic theory that concludes Jesus is wrong. For example, that insists that allowing immigrants to take any job they choose takes away the jobs of citizens, drives down citizen's wages, or burdens budgets or our GDP.

Can we believe the claims that America's financial woes are because we have allowed too much opportunity for too many immigrants, and at the same time believe Jesus? Who shall we trust? Shall we at least reject economic theories which contradict Jesus, until we are shown *clear evidence* that Jesus is wrong? Especially when the dire economic consequences that are commonly alleged enjoy no consensus among economists?!

The [Congressional Budget Office](#) (June 18, 2013) says S744 (the immigration reform bill in the U.S. Senate) will grow our population by 10.4 million in 10 years over current law, and will reduce our federal deficit by \$197.1 billion, and by \$700 billion over the next 10 years. The [Cato Institute](#) agrees. The [White House](#) summary: "Fixing our broken immigration system will save almost \$1 trillion over the next two de-

cares."

Is anyone but me asking: "if immigration is that beneficial, why do we need a quota on it? Instead of one million max, why not 50 million? (The number we have slain by 40 years of abortion.) If we would benefit 50 times more, that would wipe out our \$1.5 trillion deficit the first year, reduce our national debt by \$10 trillion by the tenth year, and eliminate our debt completely by year 15!"

Who is asking if we took quotas off immigration, would God take His quotas off our prosperity?

God says so. But should Christians believe Him? Or should Christians keep the Scriptural Light that identifies and defines the darkness of our culture under a safe, non-controversial bushel, while we believe the talk-show-host-approved experts at FAIR and CIS who are not even trained in economics?

[WorldNetDaily](#) News published my easy-reading parable explaining how desperate our federal budget is, how that resulted from killing 50 million young workers - about 40 million of whom would be working by now, and how replacing them with immigrants would save our nation *and is the only thing that can*. I posted a [series](#) at Cafe Con Leche Republicans that goes into more detail, comparing facts with Scripture to show God's signature of precise correlations between how many young workers we have aborted, and how many we need to save our nation. It reviews the evidence that *no one has any other solution - most face the danger with denial*.

Another [article](#) summarizes the two sides of the debate: the economists, who say immigration boosts the economy, and Stephen Camarota of CIS, who is not trained in economics and who violates basic research rules.

The only actual published economist who alleges a negative impact from immigration is Borjas, who alleges that [high school dropouts](#) supposedly will suffer an 8% wage drop because of competition with unskilled immigrants. But even Borjas' own workbook says that long term, the cut would be 4%. Alex Nowrasteh, Cato Institute, [told me](#) the more legal immigration, the better for everybody, for our economy, and for our federal budget.



The nations with higher immigration per capita than America, [also have](#) a higher GDP per capita.

"Christians, Republicans, why are you persecuting me? It must be hard on you, kicking against the roses, barefoot!"
- Acts 9:4-5, adapted

Exodus 12:49 is mirrored in the “equal protection” clause of our 14th Amendment: to the extent immigrants meet the same qualifications that citizens do, they must be given the same rights.

One law [equal protection of the laws] shall be to him that is homeborn, [natural born citizen] and unto the stranger [immigrant] that sojourneth [comes to live] among you. Ex 12:49

14th Amendment: ...nor shall any State... deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

Exodus 12:49 follows a few verses which explain that “strangers” don’t merit the full rights of citizenship until they meet all the qualifications that citizens can. Verse 49 concludes that once they meet those qualifications, they should immediately be given all the rights of citizenship.

An application of this principle would be to offer immigrants citizenship as soon as they learn English and how our freedoms work, show a responsible work history, pay taxes, repay any emergency hospital bills, and not do anything that would be a crime if a citizen did it, as a condition of legal permanent residence and citizenship. For example, any immigrant who earns a four year degree from an American university has met these requirements which citizens meet, and merits citizenship.

An additional requirement to stay off welfare or else repay it is more complicated to Biblically evaluate, since by Biblical standards, welfare for citizens should be limited to a small fraction of what citizens lean on today. Israel had a little true government “welfare”, but most of it was through private charity, and subsidized opportunities to work such as being allowed to glean fields.

Exodus 12:49 specifically says “strangers” couldn’t observe the Passover until they have been circumcised. Circumcision was like a very serious loyalty oath. In an age of toilets outside buildings, men knew who was circumcised. Only Jews were circumcised, and surrounding nations hated Jews. So becoming circumcised was a way of renouncing loyalty to another nation; it burned bridges. It made it harder to return. In addition, it enhanced sanitation and health.

Literal circumcision today is not the visible, irrevocable “loyalty oath” it was then; especially since it is not required of citizens. But this principle would justify enhanced, publicly posted loyalty oaths that require renouncing any political or religious authority that calls for violence upon our freedoms of speech and religion or our Constitution, combined with criminal background checks. It might also justify requiring “guest workers” to report a sponsor who would monitor changes of address, work history, and any criminal indicators such as substance abuse. Our laws could even offer a financial incentive for immigrants to voluntarily cooperate with immigration reporting requirements: reduced immigration processing fees, in exchange for reduced need for ICE manpower through progress reports and tests submitted on machine-gradable forms, and working with NGOs (“NonGovernment Organizations” - charities and churches) to submit background checks to assist ICE agents. (NGO’s could receive a rating for accuracy which would raise, the fewer of the immigrants they approve that turn out bad.)

Our immigration laws obviously violate Exodus 12:49. We have very different, far kinder laws for citizens than for immigrants - even when immigrants exceed the qualifications of citizens. Our laws also violate the 14th Amendment. There is no way we give “equal protection of the laws” to every “person within its jurisdiction.” (Far from the weird definition of “jurisdiction” of several talk show hosts which is found in no law dictionary, the word simply means if a government can have you arrested, it has jurisdiction over you.)

More about this on Page 4. The argument is developed in a legal [brief](#). An [article](#) summarizes the brief.

Imagine U.S. immigration law like under Moses and in early America: 10 pages max, instead of our current [940 pages](#) not counting regulations. No restrictions on who can come except: they must pass a background check, have a sponsor to help support and monitor, and publicly post an oath renouncing any belief system justifying violence to suppress freedom of speech or religion. No alphabet visa categories. Border crossings between legal checkpoints slashed to the 0.1% who can’t pass the checks. Needles are much easier to find when they can’t hide in haystacks. The need for haystack searchers slashed. No one denied a job; immigrants barred only from welfare and a ballot. Our economy set free. No Big Brother. Freedom.

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Luke 11:46 adds to Exodus 12:49 and the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. It says when you vote for laws against others from which you exempt yourself, you violate not only the Constitution and human decency, but you bring upon yourself woe, here and hereafter.

Woe unto you also, ye lawyers! for ye lade men with burdens grievous to be borne, and ye yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers . Luk

11:46 (Also Act 15:10, Mat 23:2-4, Gal 6:13, Is 10:1-2)

Most citizens have family trees including many ancestors who came to America before there were quotas on liberty. Thus the burdens we impose today on immigrants were never touched by ourselves, or by most of our own ancestors. This qualifies supporters of today's restrictions as "lawyers", by Jesus' reckoning.

(History: Before the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, there was no such thing as a law limiting how many could come to America, or from what nation. Ship captains were charged a "head tax" by some states, intended to discourage ships from bringing "paupers", similar to our immigration laws which require very poor people to pay many thousands of dollars in application fees and lawyers' fees. This caused some ships to unload in other states. But even this restriction has no precedent in any Biblical principle. Nowhere does the Bible exclude people because they are poor! James 2:1-9 condemns and ridicules such discrimination, especially coming from Christians!)

Comparison of these verses with American law: Compare Exodus 12:49, Luke 11:46, and the "equal protection clause" of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Here is that clause, applied to immigrants of every legal status by Jean v. Nelson, 472 U.S. 846, 874 (1985):

... the Fourteenth Amendment prescribes that "[n]o State . . . shall deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." In Plyler v. Doe, 457 U.S. 202 (1982), we made clear that this principle applies to aliens, for "[w]hatever his status under the immigration laws, an

alien is surely a 'person' in any ordinary sense of that term." Id., at 210; see also Mathews v. Diaz, 426 U.S. 67, 77 (1976).

Compare this also with the phrase "rule of law", coined in 1644 by Rev. Samuel Rutherford in his "Lex, Rex, or The Law and The Prince". Rutherford contrasted "Lex Rex", meaning "the law is the king", with the previous principle sustaining "the Divine Right of Kings": "Rex Lex", meaning "the king is the law". The essential difference is that under Lex Rex, or the Rule of Law, no lawmaker - not even the king - is exempt from the laws with which he would burden others. All laws must apply equally to everybody.

These laws would suggest that Numerical Limitations on how many applicants may be granted liberty are as unconstitutional as they are unBiblical. That is the case made by my [legal brief](#) that describes six categories of those we call "illegals" who are legally innocent of violating any of our laws. Here is an excerpt: "Only when people violate immigration laws is it reasonable to deprive them of liberty, subjecting them to arrest, trial, and detention. Our laws also reasonably bar people from various activities which they are not qualified to perform safely.

"But when our immigration laws deprive a "suspect class" (a population group against which discrimination is suspected) of their fundamental right to liberty without regard to anyone's actions or qualifications, that violates "the basic concept of our system that legal burdens should bear some relationship to individual responsibility or wrongdoing." Plyler v. Doe, 457 U.S. 202, 219 (1982)

"When a person has done nothing that violates any law, he is, by definition, "innocent".

"Millions of undocumented immigrants have broken no laws, yet are under a cloud through which the rays of liberty can never shine. They violated no laws by coming. They lost their liberty through no fault of their own. Our laws make demands of them which range between unreasonable and impossible, from which citizens exempt themselves. Millions more want to come here but are denied by laws which cannot be Constitutional." (The [rest of the article](#) summarizing the brief. The [brief](#) itself.)

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“This is a secular nation” Is the reason given why voters who know what is right should vote instead for what is wrong in order not to offend those who don’t know right from wrong.

Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels. **Mark 8:38**

“This is a secular nation.” So we are told.

“Many voters don’t even believe in God. Some who do, doubt if God is smart enough to write clearly. That’s why God’s laws should govern Israel, but not us. And only ancient Israel since modern Israel is secular too. Therefore God’s laws shouldn’t benefit any nation today.”

Fortunately America’s Founders reasoned otherwise, and the outlines of our laws to this day correspond to principles they found throughout the Bible, making America’s laws unique among the nations of the world, inspiring many to say “what nation *is there so great*, that hath statutes and judgments *so righteous as all this law*, which I set before you this day?” Deuteronomy 4:8.

People think if all Biblical influence is stripped from American law, all that will be affected will be abortion, gay (“sodomite” is the [Biblical term](#)) marriage, and possibly immigration. Few understand we would also lose our freedoms of speech and religion, the vote, three co-equal branches of government, trial by jury, lawsuits over negligence, penalties that take into account whether killing was premeditated or accidental, etc. etc. These principles are honored only in the Bible; they are condemned by other religions and philosophies that are not influenced by the Bible.

Equality of all before the law is particularly fundamental to American law and exclusively Biblical. In the past, blacks were the group not considered worthy of protection under the same laws that applied to everybody else. Today, Democrats deny equal protection to unborn babies, and Republicans deny it to immigrants. The problem with any fence around the rights of any group of human beings is that once erected, others may move it around YOU. “Equal protection of the laws” was enacted in 1868 to stop states from enslaving anyone. It remains the only provision in the Constitution against slavery. If courts ever agree with talk show hosts that immigrants are not under its “juris-

diction”, Arizona and South Carolina will be free to enslave immigrants.

“Equality under the law” needs one clarification, its meaning a bit confused by sodomites demanding that law treat, as equals, not only all humans, but all behaviors, no matter how unsanitary. The laws of God and of America have always said you can *believe* anything you want; you can *say* anything you want; but [you can’t do anything you want](#), that violates laws approved by the majority after all voices have been heard. And Christians are obligated by their faith to believe their Light will bless America.

How “Christian” a nation is, is always relative. The history of Israel in the Bible tells how alternating generations turned from and back to God. So it has been in America, and in the history of every people. Every nation contains Christians, and those Christians influence the course of that nation. The more Christians influence a nation, the more blessed the nation is. “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.” Psalm 33:12. Even if it could be said a nation is, or was, *categorically not* “Christian”, there is no spiritual, ethical, or legal reason for Christians to withhold whatever Light God enables them to shine on their nation.

Isn’t America secular enough already? Does America need to become so secular that there are no voters left who even *try* to bring equal opportunity to “the least of these my brethren” (Mat 25)? Shall we leave the Bible without champions, in a world whose only champion of human rights is the Bible?

But on the subject of immigration, the issue has nothing to do with whether or not this is a “secular nation”. On this issue, it’s the atheist Democrats who are more likely to vote mercifully towards immigrants, and Bible believing conservative Christians who are more likely to vote as if Jesus’ advice is unrealistic. On this issue, voting by the Bible will not be called “inappropriate” by atheists.

Quotes from America’s past:

“Man’s laws cannot be very far out of the way, when they are in accord with the Laws of God.”

Hunt v. Hunt, Iowa, 1852, a legal separation case in which custody went to the father because the Bible gives fathers the responsibility for educating children. (Courts then were not allowed to grant an actual divorce which permitted spouses to remarry.)

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Documentary: “1620: When Freedom was Reborn”

“The Good Samaritan” is too much like today’s “illegals” to explain away. God’s 2nd Greatest Commandment gives them the same rights as ourselves.

Luke 10:27 ...Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. ...**29** ...And who is my neighbour? **30** And Jesus answering said, **A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. 31** And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. **32** And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. **33** But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, **34** And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. **35** And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. **36** Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? **37** And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, **Go, and do thou likewise.** (Also Mat 22:35-40)

The Samaritan, whom Jesus said we must love as ourselves, which includes treating him as we would want to be treated, was like today’s “illegals”: a foreigner, unwelcome, excluded from equal rights by law, and dehumanized by the whole nation of Israel. Today’s “illegals”, like the Samaritan before them, still serve us patiently, despite our dehumanization of them, working undesirable jobs for little pay, under laws that leave them continually hunted and their families devastated, while complaining little. Jesus tells us that sacrificing for these millions whom we have chosen to marginalize is the second most important thing to God that we can do.

The Samaritan is not only the model of who to love, but of how to love: we must seek every opportunity to be a blessing to those who treat us like Strangers – who do not want us within sight, who “deport” us from their world when they can and persecute us when they can’t. By this standard, even if “illegals” mistreat

us as much as the most anti-Stranger rhetoric alleges, through their lawlessness and freeloading, we are still obligated to pick them up when they fall, and to give them all the opportunities we would want given to us were we in their shoes. (But as Page 2 explains, America needs immigrants way more than immigrants need America!)

It is not OK to dehumanize our “Samaritans” for breaking our laws against them entering our world. In other words, when people we don’t welcome come anyway, their ignoring our rejection does not excuse our rejection. In other words the violation of our past laws from Hell by past “illegals” does not excuse Christian voters from embedding the Second Greatest Commandment into our future laws.

James Hoffmeier (see Page 1) reasons that Jesus did not associate Samaritans with “illegals”. Jesus was merely quoting from the context of Leviticus 19:33, which, he says, has nothing to do with “illegals”.

... the New Testament citations are actually found in Leviticus, and Jesus is quoting that passage. The entire verse reads, “Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord” (Lev. 19:18). A few paragraphs later, this remarkable law is specifically applied to aliens: “You shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt” (Lev. 19:34, nrsv). [But “aliens” doesn’t include “illegals”.] (p. 71, “The Immigration Crisis.”)

Hoffmeier makes two errors. First, Leviticus 19:33-34 does not limit our love only to those immigrants we have chosen to classify as “legal”. (See Page 1.) Second, the parallels between the Samaritans of Jesus’ time, and the “illegals” of our time, are too vivid to explain away.

The Bible gives no examples of God’s approval of denial of any immigrant’s legal permission to live in Israel. This does not prove the Bible is irrelevant to America’s immigration laws which *do* deny millions of people living in our land legal permission to be here. It proves that our immigration laws fall short of God’s standards.

Quotes from America’s past:

The propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself has ordained. - George Washington’s prophetic warning, in his inauguration speech, which was also the inauguration of our nation, April 30, 1789

Those who won't "take in" immigrants will go to the Other Place.

...Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: ...for...I was a stranger [Gr: immigrant], and ye took me not in: ... Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

... Mat 25:41, 43, 45; (Other warnings of God's judgment for having no mercy for immigrants: De 10:17-19, 27:19, 28:15, 43-44, Jer 7:3-7, 22:3-9, Eze 22:29-31, Zec 7:9-14)

The billboards pictured in the introduction quotes the first part of this passage, about the folks going to Heaven because they welcomed immigrants. The second part, quoted above, says the converse is also true.

"Stranger" in the Bible means an outsider. In most Bible contexts it means an outsider to our nation; or, an immigrant. In this context, it means whoever we are least inclined to welcome into our lives.

In America today, that certainly includes immigrants.

The next phrases order us to visit those in prison, so we can't excuse ourselves from "taking in strangers" just because we put them in prison! Especially when they haven't done anything that we would call a crime if we did it.

This passage applies to who we as individuals welcome into our individual homes. It equally applies to those denied legal entrance into our land by laws which we as individual Christian voters require of our elected representatives. If the extent to which we "take in" "strangers" is counted by God as the extent to which we "take in" Jesus, God counts the Christian voters supporting today's restrictions as "taking in" 2% of Jesus.

Our quotas on how many immigrants may "get in line" for liberty are, spiritually, quotas on our willingness to love. They do not meet God's standards. If our hearts choke on loving more than 2% of immigrants enough to share our land with them, at no cost to our nation upon which economists have any consensus, and even when our nation teeters on economic collapse which can only be prevented by massive additional legal immigration, how comfortable will we be in Heaven, where everyone there will have been given "amnesty", without even having to pay a fine or suffer a "touchback" to the Other Place?

Brannon Howse says "They're using Matthew 25 out of context to say that we need to do this. 'Welcome the stranger in the name of Jesus'. Well, someone tell

Rev. Sam Rodriguez 'that has to do with dividing up the sheep from the goats during the millennial kingdom, and how Christians minister to other fellow Christians, not immigration reform!' The [complete show](#) aired June 14, 2013.

I would love to explain to you how Howse explained what he meant by that. But he didn't, and I don't want to put words in his mouth. What could Howse possibly mean?

Matthew 25:31-33 says the separation of sheep from goats, by a shepherd, is a metaphor of how God will divide the people of the world between Heaven and Hell. Jesus did not say the specific reasons God would send some to Heaven and others to Hell are only a metaphor for shepherds, to show them how to separate sheep from goats.

I can't imagine what Howse sees in this prophecy, verses 31-46, that assures him that this Judgment of all the people of the world will exempt unbelievers and will only concern "how Christians minister to other fellow Christians". But even if that is so, that only makes it more reason to apply Jesus' warning to immigration policy, since most of the immigrants coming are Latinos, who are mostly Christian.

By what desperate reasoning is Jesus' warning inapplicable to U.S. immigration policy? Who is exempt from God's judgment for driving out immigrants? Voters? How about if you are an immigration judge? Or a Congressman? Surely talk show hosts are exempt! How about if you are the President? Are whole nations exempt?



Fortunately America's Founders saw the value of discerning the core principles of Bible verses and applying them appropriately *wherever* they fit, in the spirit of Matthew 9:14-17, or we would not enjoy the greatest freedom in the world today.

Quotes from America's past:

All acts of legislature apparently contrary to natural right and justice are, in our laws, and must in the nature of things, be considered void. The laws of nature are the laws of God, whose authority can be superseded by no power on earth. A legislature must not obstruct our obedience to Him from Whose punishments they cannot protect us. All human constitutions which contradict His laws, we are, in conscience, bound to DISobey. George Mason, arguing in 1771 against slavery before the General Court of Virginia

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**“Rule of law” doesn’t require
Christian voters to keep laws from
Hell, which are impossible to obey,
and to religiously enforce them.**

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. 2 Who-soever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: 4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Romans 13:1-4



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Howse on
Rom 13

This isn’t just a commandment for those who are under laws. It is also a commandment for lawmakers, which, in America, includes the voters who choose them.

When we find 98% of immigrants accused of violating our laws, (our quotas only allow about 2% of those coming here to come legally), shall we assume everyone else in the world is incredibly lawless by nature compared with us, or shall we become curious whether there might be something about our laws that make them inhumanly burdensome or impossible to obey? Or worse, fundamentally alien to the principles of God?

This passage doesn’t command anyone to obey laws which do the opposite of what this passage calls the purpose of law: to reward the wicked and punish the righteous. Who are the criminals, when laws are violated which are impossible to obey and which violate the U.S. Constitution and the Laws of God: those who violate the laws, or the lawmakers and voters who authorized them?

(Of course, the unconstitutionality or wickedness of a law doesn’t change the fact that “he beareth not the sword in vain”. For this practical reason, if not for any Biblical imperative, we aren’t encouraging anyone to violate our immigration laws if they can possibly avoid it without loss of life. Our challenge is to voters.)

Notice the phrase “higher powers” is plural. This presumes higher powers in agreement, since it is impossible to obey all of them when they contradict one another. This raises the question: which power should we obey, if a “higher power” contradicts the highest power? Answer: Acts 5:29: “we ought to obey God rather than man.” This passage commands voters to support laws which honor God’s definitions of who ought to be rewarded, and who punished. It also commands immigrants to obey God even when that breaks our laws.

God says it is righteous to provide for your own family. 1 Timothy 5:8 “But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.”

Immigrants who come here to provide for families who otherwise would surely die of hunger or exposure, are obeying 1 Timothy 5:8. Our laws which force them to choose between the lives of their families, or obedience to our immigration laws, violate God’s purpose for laws given in Romans 13. (My legal [brief](#) argues that they are also innocent according to America’s “defense of others” defenses, also called “Good Samaritan laws”, which justify relatively minor infractions that are necessary to save lives.)

According to this passage, no one should fear our government for doing good. But when millions of Hispanics do good, caring for their families as God commands, they have much to fear from our government. Something has gone wrong. Voters, not immigrants, threaten America’s Rule of Law.

Just as it is a choice of our heart whether to love or hate, it is an arbitrary choice, of our heart, whether to classify an immigrant as “legal” or as “illegal”. American hearts soften each year for about one million immigrants from all over the world, who fill our short “line” the first day of each year, and after that, American hearts harden as our “line” closes on [first week](#). “Quotas on our love” kick in. When we tire of loving immigrants, we say Romans 13 authorizes us to simply classify the next batch as “illegal”.

Our Numerical Limitations on how many immigrants we allow to come legally each year are not set by any committee or bureaucracy of economists objectively measuring how many jobs we need filled, and making adjustments every month as the job market changes. As Page 2 shows, economists say if anyone could, the number they would set would be “as many as we can get to come.” Our quotas are a precise measure only of how many immigrants our hearts are willing to love. Our laws provide spiritual cover for our hate. **Support this dialog! Contribute your interpretations! (See the Introduction.)**

God didn't create national borders for us to use to keep Him out.

And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, as thou comest to Gerar, unto Gaza; as thou goest, unto Sodom, and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboim,



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even unto Lasha. Genesis 10:19 Zebulun shall dwell at the haven of the sea; and he shall be for an haven of ships; and his border shall be unto Zidon.

Genesis 49:13

Several Bible verses confirm God's recognition of the legitimacy of borders between nations. Immigration restrictionists like Brannon Howse quote this as if God's authorization of borders is an endorsement of nations using their borders to keep Jesus out (in the terminology of Mat 25:45.)

Some argue that if we let everyone across, we in effect have no border. But no one but the most ultra pacifists wants to welcome everyone to cross - even criminals, terrorists, drug lords, and invading armies. No proposed immigration reform would allow such a thing. Another purpose of a national border is to define, for every acre of land, which nation's laws have jurisdiction over it.

Chapter Two of James Hoffmeier's book, "The Immigration Crisis", lists the borders described in the Bible, and tells of the pagan nations which sent their armies against Israel rather than allow Israel to cross their borders in peace, even after Moses offered to pay them for the privilege. Hoffmeier actually said this proves nations have a God-recognized right to defend their borders as they see fit! He concludes on page 57:

National borders and personal property were recognized and respected, even in the case of travelers who wanted to pass through (e.g., Moses and the Israelites were denied passage through the territory of Edom).

The fact that the Bible describes pagans not allowing God's people to cross their borders does not indicate God's approval of pagans keeping God's people out! How Moses treated foreigners is a safer model for us, than how foreigners treated Moses! When Israel's enemies "defended their borders" in violation of God's Will, attacking without provoca-

tion, just as we send armed agents against immigrants without provocation, (that is, not for anything for which a citizen would be punished), God wiped them out.

But border security has Biblical support in the wall around Jerusalem which was the chief concern of two books of the Bible, Ezra and Nehemiah. The wall had a large gate through which camels could gallop, closed at night and during any military threat, and a small door, open all the time, through which men could enter one at a time. The cultural counterpart today would be criminal and terrorist watch lists at borders to keep out the violent, while letting in peaceful hard workers.

If we allowed "Strangers" to come legally who are willing to report their address and a sponsor, pay taxes, and sign up to learn English and how our freedom works, they would come legally. The population of "illegals" would shrink to the small fraction who are actually violent criminals, whose small numbers would make them a lot easier to catch. Such rules would be consistent with Biblical principles.

[Greg Siskind](#), Cato Institute panel, April 24, 2013, explained that a guest worker program starting with only 20,000 slots will just create a new batch of undocumented immigrants, just repeating history. Alex Nowrasteh, another panelist, said the current bill allows only 15,000 visas for construction, but we had 650,000 crossing the border illegally in 2005-2007, many of whom gravitate to construction, where they are needed. We need the industries that are actually employing low skilled immigrant workers to be allowed to employ the numbers necessary to draw them out of the illegal market.

No economist believes, as some Republicans insist, that the only source of jobs for immigrants is jobs taken from citizens, as if there are a fixed number of jobs. In 1948 there were only 60 million jobs in the U.S. Now there are 150 million. This despite the fact that technology destroyed so many agriculture jobs that now only 2% work in agriculture though over a century ago it was 90%.

Cato Institute economist Alex Nowrasteh explains these mysteries, and why millions more workers free us to create new products and services, specializing, making us all wealthier. Incidentally, he [mentions](#) that the politicians most aware that the S744 quotas are too low to make border enforcement possible are - you'll never guess - House *Republicans!*



Nowrasteh explains

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Is God's Word ignorant about today's population problems?

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. Genesis 1:28
Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate. Psalm 127:3-5

"The gate" is where people decided policy, held court, and resolved disputes. The more grown children you have, the less you fear violent neighbors. This is true of nations too.

Do we have a population problem from having too many Americans and too many immigrants? Are too many coming too fast to "assimilate"? In other words, has God let these verses (along with the Mat 25 verses about taking in strangers) go out of date? Is He ignorant of the population problems in today's world? Is He just not as bright as we all thought? Should we edit the Bible to make it relevant again?

Or is our population problem that we have too *few*, because we have slain 60 million through abortion in the past 40 years, which leaves us with 115 million full time and 29 million part time working Americans trying to support an aged population of 314 million which includes one Entitlement Recipient for every 1.7 taxpayers?! Our resulting \$16+ trillion debt is the death rattle of our once great nation. Entitlement expenses alone, plus interest on our national debt, exceeds our federal income, leaving the entire rest of our federal budget to be borrowed. (More on Page 2.)

Even before Obamacare, no one had a vision of even balancing the budget in less than 5-10 years, much less paying off our debt. Since Obamacare, no one tries, any longer, to explain how we can survive. Few politicians even explain the danger. The rest express hope without explaining any basis for hope.

But 50 million workers are anxiously waiting across the border for us to open our hearts enough, to love enough, to allow them to come pay enough taxes for our own survival. That many additional taxpayers would immediately balance our budget, and within 15 years would wipe out our debt. (Links on Page 2.)

Democrats must support the long term solution, which is to criminalize abortion. (See a legal strategy

how.) Republicans must support the short term solution, which is to quickly replace those 60 million young taxpayers we have slain, to heal our "taxpayer to entitlement recipient" imbalance.

What happened to prolife moral conservative Christian Republicans, to get them to question what God says about population growth, and adopt the anti-population, "limited resources" mythology of groups like Numbers USA, Center for Immigration Studies, and FAIR, which were founded by the Sierra Club national planner and director of Planned Parenthood of Northern Michigan, John Tanton, with eugenicist funding? The Sierra Club is *horrified* that after such great success driving down citizen fertility to 1.9 children per woman average, and 1.6 for college educated women, immigration is keeping us above the 2.1 replacement level!

25 years ago conservative news was reporting the infamous "lifeboat exercises" taught in public schools. "You are in a lifeboat with a priest, a pop star, a doctor, and a tax collector, but you have only enough food for four of you. Who do you throw overboard?" Children were taught to judge who least deserves to live (other than themselves). God's answer, of course, is to pray, trust God, and start that diet you've been putting off.

Doesn't the claim that "illegals take jobs away from citizens" overlook the fact that each new resident who takes a job also creates a job, by purchasing the services of others in order to live? Which explains why the number of jobs available is always proportionate to the population? David Bier, of the Competitive Enterprise Institute, explains it is a fundamental of economics that the more people, the more prosperity. He describes a fundamental principle of economics - "Says Law" - which sounds like a restatement of Luke 6:38: "...whatever profession or line of business a man may devote himself to, he is the better paid and the more readily finds employment, in proportion as he sees others thriving equally around him."

Isn't the advantage of a larger population that there is a larger brain pool capable of supporting greater technology and innovation? Which is needed not only for luxury and to maximize resources but for defense?

Before proliferers became Stranger-unfriendly, they used to point out how the whole world could fit comfortably in just one or two states with room for everyone to have their own house and yard. But rather than allow our conclusion to rest on simplistic calculations, let's dare to base it on what God says. If we are too afraid to *believe* God, can we start by at least acknowledging, for the record, what He says?

If everyone who takes the Mark of the Beast will go to Hell, how much more Christians who vote to fast-track it to catch “illegals”?



Leach, Rubenking discussing the Mark of the beast

Rev 14:9 ..If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, 10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God..

Exodus 30:12 When thou takest [a census] then shall they give every man a ransom for his soul...that there be no plague among them, ...13 ..they shall give [a week's salary].

Numbers 1:4 And [counting]...there shall be a man of every tribe; ...

1 Chronicles 21:1 And Satan...provoked David to number Israel. 2 Samuel 24:8 So when they had gone through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days. 1 Chronicles 21:14 So the LORD sent pestilence upon Israel..

Ezekiel 45:13 “You must give this tax to the prince: one bushel of wheat or barley for every 60 you harvest, 14 one percent of your olive oil, 15 and one sheep or goat for every 200 in your flocks in Israel. ... 17 The prince will be required to provide offerings ... (NLT)

Revelation 13-14 wasn't the first time God expressed concern about national tracking systems! God killed 70,000 with pestilence to skew the results of David's census which must have recorded names and addresses as the army scoured the land for over nine months. Perhaps God reasoned that that much of a government database would have cost even more lives. God had given Moses a money counting system that left no time to record a single name or address. (See an [article](#), and the video above, about the beauty of God's system, how it could be implemented today, and a detailed comparison of E-Verify with the Mark of the Beast.)

God cares about freedom, which requires small government. Thus the courts and church combined should take no more than 10%, (Ez 44:23-24) and the federal, less than 2% of only 3 products. (Ez 45:13-15)

The Mark of the Beast is the only sin that will send everyone who takes it – no exceptions – to Hell. If that is God's judgment even when the alternative is losing your head, what judgment will befall Christians

so determined not to “take in” the “stranger”, Page 7, that they vote to fast track a national tracking technology which is already capable of achieving all of the Beast's objectives described in Revelation 13?

God takes this sin so seriously, that it teases Hell to ignore how many details of E-Verify fit Revelation 13, and to say “we can't know exactly what the Mark of the Beast is, so no, our church needn't allow discussion.” After the Mark created by Christian votes matures, will Christians then not take it? Or if the rapture comes between voting for the Mark and its maturity, will Christians who voted for it be spared by the rapture from its consequences?

If the warnings of mere men are more persuasive than those of God, here are some warnings of mere men. The [Cato Institute](#) points out that identity theft will justify growing E-verify into a technological and budget-eating black hole.

The National Immigration Forum, parent organization of the pro-reform Evangelical Immigration Table (EIT), strongly and eloquently [condemns](#) E-verify because of its track record of failure on every level.

The [Washington Post](#) explains how the hurdles for many employers and employees will be too high.

Richard Sobel, contributor to CNN, [explains](#) how a right to work conditioned on E-verify accuracy overturns the 1884 Butcher's Union case which recognized the right to work as “inalienable” under the “pursuit of happiness” clause. It invites a showdown with the 25 states who passed laws against compliance with the sharing of drivers' license databases when the tracking scheme was called Real ID, and with the 20 states who allow drivers' licenses without photo IDs for reasons of religious faith.

Radio evangelist Brannon Howse [quotes](#) Sobel. He worries about our right to work depending on government accuracy. But instead of blaming the E-verify push on the restrictionist congressmen who are demanding it, whom Howse admires, Howse blames EIT which *opposes* E-verify!

Rutherford Institute, the conservative legal organization, graphically [describes](#) how national tracking leads to tyranny. The ACLU, the liberal legal organization, [lists](#) “10 big problems” with E-verify.

E-verify is so frightening that even Senator Rubio [denies](#) it's a national database of biometrics!

The number of immigrants who will lose their jobs from E-verify is very close, and [may be the same](#), as the number of citizens who lose their jobs from E-verify errors, just as Luke 6:38 predicts. It is impossible in this universe God made, to deny freedom to others and keep it for ourselves.

Contribute your interpretations!

Does God call churches to win Liberty for those denied it? Is this part of God's mission for every church? When churches won't, what should Christians do?

1 Timothy 2:1 I exhort therefore, that...supplications (δέησις), prayers (προσευχή), intercessions (ἐντευξις), and giving of thanks (εὐχαριστία), be made for (ὑπέρ) all men; 2 ...for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. James 2:14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, 16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? 17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

Ezekiel 3:18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. (Also Mat 5:13-16)

1 Timothy 2:1 lists four distinct activities which God calls churches to do. They are designed, according to verse 2, to get government to stop harassing Christians. But this verse is usually interpreted in American churches today as specifying only prayer, prayer, prayer, and prayer, alone, without action.

The words of James 2:17 are “faith without works is dead”, but the example in verse 15 is of a prayer (it expects God to accomplish the goal described) without action. Is a prayer, without action, *prayer*?

Greek lexicons indicate that three of the four activities of 1 Timothy 2:1 involve confronting authorities physically. Today we call that “lobbying”, “campaigning”, and “voting”. Here are two of the four compared:

(δέησις) [prayers are]...limited to prayer to God, whereas δέησις [supplications] may also be used of a request addressed to man. – *Enhanced Strong's Lexicon*, see “5828, Synonyms”

Intercessions (ἐντευξις). Strong's also says “intercessions” is “the heart's conversation with God”,

but *An Intermediate Greek-English Lexicon* says “intercessions” aren't only with God: it means “a lighting upon, meeting with, converse, intercourse, with a person, ...[or] a petition,...intercession for a person...”

Giving of thanks (εὐχαριστία). This word describes a lifestyle of gratitude in 6 verses, (2 Cor 4:15, Col 2:7, 4:2, 1 Tim 4:3, 1 Tim 4:4, Eph 5:4), and thanksgiving explicitly to God in 7 verses. (2 Cor 9:11, 1 Thes 3:9, Rev 4:9, 1 Cor 14:16, 2 Cor 9:12, Phil 4:6, Rev 7:12). It can also describe **thanksgiving to a man** as it does in Acts 24:3.

The word means joy. It is used in Luke 15:5, where the lost sheep is found. Mat 2:10 the star is seen. James 1:2, Acts 5:41, and Mat 5:11-12, joy at being treated like the prophets! (Tortured.)

Therefore, as you lobby a government to stop restricting you, in obedience to 1 Timothy 2:1, your joy is not diminished by the cost you have already paid, nor by the additional cost you risk by confronting authority for its defiance of God. Your faith that your prayers will be answered and your actions will succeed gives you joy. Joy is the opposite of fear. It is a magnet. It makes you a good salesman. It helps you succeed. It converts.

But even if 1 Timothy 2:1 did call for prayer to God alone, without action, Matthew 18:19 says one of the keys to answered prayer is Christians not praying against each other. “...if two of you shall agree...as touching any thing that they shall ask...” requires discussion of what those two want God to do. Christians wildly differ in their vision of what government ought to do, making it impossible for God to answer their contradictory requests, which is one of the meanings of James 1:6-8. Discussion of disagreements is called “controversial”.

James 2 says if a child starves, feed him. If he is taught that he is an animal, meet the school board. If he is slain before he is born, stop abortion. If he is taken from good parents by child abuse police, fix juvenile laws. If he is denied liberty, fix immigration laws.

Ezekiel 3:18 warns that God transfers the judgment of sinners to any church refusing to warn them.

If you want a car, will you only “pray” and not also take action likely to satisfy your desire, for example, work? Will you physically work only for luxuries, and not souls or lives? Will you justify selfish apathy by saying souls and lives don't belong on the busy church calendar because that is “controversial”?

So, what if you are in a church whose calendar is too busy to shine its Light of Scripture into our culture's Scripture-starved Darkness destroying America. Should you do what your church should but won't, even if that leaves only enough time to attend your church once a week, instead of your usual four times?

Links to immigration Bible studies, with summaries of what you will find there:

40 passages posted by the Evangelical Immigration Table

The [Evangelical Immigration Table](#) is a pro-reform coalition of over 150 organizations such as Focus on the Family, the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Christian legal group Liberty Counsel. They have an [action project](#), which includes a [toolkit](#) including 40 passages from the Bible. (The passages are printed out at the end of this section.)

[Christians for Comprehensive Immigration Reform](#): A position statement signed by 27 national organizations and 40 pastors and other leaders. 12 passages (55 verses) are cited in support of one page of Godly attitudes towards Strangers: honor for the Image of God, love, compassion, mercy, opposition to unjust law, dialog. Specific goals: humanitarian enforcement, reduced waiting, legalization upon meeting criteria, more legal immigration.

[“A Biblical Perspective on Immigration Policy”](#) by James R. Edwards Jr. September 2009. Edwards, writing for the Stranger-unfriendly Center for Immigration Studies, begins: “Even the passages of Scripture most often cited by religious advocates of mass immigration and amnesty plainly do not argue for open borders. Rather, these writings generally reflect ‘equal justice under law’ principles.” He ironically forces this lesson from a Bible dictionary which says the Bible spoke of two groups of immigrants – temporary visitors (tourists) and permanent residents – both of whom had the same rights as citizens. He concludes that the Bible says nothing about giving illegal immigrants any respect, rights, or mercy.

“The Immigration Crisis” Immigrants, Aliens, and the Bible” by James Hoffmeier. Available on Amazon.

[“A cup of Cold Water, Immigration and Hospitality”](#), a sermon/lesson plan based on 7 passages

The [Interfaith Immigration Coalition](#) lists 38 NGOs and denominations, including Catholics, Jews, Methodists, Presbyterians, and Muslims. They list Bible references in their suggested [“Sermon Starters”](#) and in their [“Theological Reflections”](#).

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops website has a section entitled [“Justice for Immigrants.”](#) which can be found at www.usccb.org/jfi/bishops-call.html. The bishops’ January 22, 2003, pastoral letter, “A Pastoral Letter Concerning Migration from

the Catholic Bishops of Mexico and the United States,” provides a detailed [explanation](#) of the church’s opinion on immigration.

The [National Association of Evangelicals](#) has several verses in their 2009 immigration [policy](#) statement, and a list of resources at the end lists the statements of member denominations, which are the more conservative Protestant denominations. 40 denominations are NAE members, but only 13 endorsed its immigration resolution.

Statement of the [United Methodist churches](#).

Two things are distinctive about the [Episcopal Churches](#) statement: it contains no Scripture, and it thanks several pro-reform congressmen by name.

The Union for Reform Judaism has an interesting [statement](#) based on what we Christians call the Old Testament, as interpreted by Jewish tradition.

The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism also has its [commentary](#) on several verses.

More studies at

www.Saltshaker.US/HispanicHope
(Spanish language counterpart:
www.InmigracionSoluciones.info)

A study of the [190 verses](#) that include the word “stranger”, showing how the meaning of the word varies by context.

A comprehensive study from which Page 11 of this study was summarized, showing how the [E-Verify](#) technology already matches Revelation’s description of the Mark of the Beast, showing how God’s concern was foreshadowed by God’s laws regarding censuses, comparing this government monitoring with George Orwell’s “1984”, and showing the prominence of this issue in the U.S. Senate which has refused to fund the Real ID Act and which let the 2007 Immigration Compromise collapse through an amendment by Iowa Senator Charles Grassley which stripped it of the Real ID Act.

A study of the [Hebrew word translated “vex”](#) in Leviticus 19:33, showing the word always alludes to involuntary removal, so that “ye shall not deport him” is a good translation of Lev 19:33.

A [tabloid](#) Dave Leach mailed to Iowa churches Christmas of 2007.

A thorough [analysis and response](#) to “Worldview Weekend” evangelist Brannon Howse, and Center for Immigration Studies staffer Stephen Steinlight. [Video](#) version. Howse’s [original video](#) posted 12/15/13.

Five Bible passages on a [postcard](#).

Videos: Youtube.com, “DaveLeach” [channel](#). There is a playlist of Bible studies, and of Immigration

information, in addition to the playlist of The “Stranger” Project.

[Benjamin Franklin](#), “Information to those who would remove to America”, explaining how early America provided freedom to work without requiring visas, cards, or other permission, and citizenship in 1-2 years, but no welfare. He explains how world competition sets local prices, even then, and explains why bureaucrats were paid low enough that it was hard to find someone who wanted to do the job.

40 passages [posted](#) by the Evangelical Immigration Table

1. Genesis 1:27-28 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

2. Exodus 12:49 **Exo 12:49** One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you.

3. Exodus 22:21 **Exo 22:21** Thou shalt neither vex a stranger, nor oppress him: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

4. Exodus 23:9 Also thou shalt not oppress a stranger: for ye know the heart of a stranger, seeing ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

5. Exodus 23:12 Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest: that thine ox and thine ass may rest, and the son of thy handmaid, and the stranger, may be refreshed.

6. Leviticus 19:9-10 And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest. And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather *every* grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger: I *am* the LORD your God.

7. Leviticus 19:33-34 And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not vex him. *But* the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I *am* the LORD your God.

8. Leviticus 23:22 And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean riddance of the corners of thy field when thou reapest, neither shalt

thou gather any gleanings of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: I *am* the LORD your God.

9. Leviticus 24:22 Ye shall have one manner of law, as well for the stranger, as for one of your own country: for I *am* the LORD your God.

10. Numbers 15:15-16 One ordinance *shall be both* for you of the congregation, and also for the stranger that sojourneth *with you*, an ordinance for ever in your generations: as ye *are*, so shall the stranger be before the LORD. One law and one manner shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth with you.

11. Deuteronomy 1:16 And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear *the causes* between your brethren, and judge righteously between *every* man and his brother, and the stranger *that is* with him.

12. Deuteronomy 10:18-19 He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment. Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

13. Deuteronomy 24:14 Thou shalt not oppress an hired servant *that is* poor and needy, *whether he be* of thy brethren, or of thy strangers that *are* in thy land within thy gates:

14. Deuteronomy 24:17-18 Thou shalt not pervert the judgment of the stranger, *nor* of the fatherless; nor take a widow's raiment to pledge: But thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt, and the LORD thy God redeemed thee thence: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

15. Deuteronomy 24:19 When thou cuttest down thine harvest in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch it: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow: that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hands.

16. Deuteronomy 26:12 When thou hast made an end of tithing all the tithes of thine increase the third year, *which is* the year of tithing, and hast given *it* unto the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled;

17. Deuteronomy 27:19 Cursed *be* he that perverteth the judgment of the stranger, fatherless, and widow. And all the people shall say, Amen.

18. Job 29:16 I *was* a father to the poor: and the cause *which* I knew not I searched out.

19. Psalm 94:6-7 They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless. Yet they say, The LORD shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard *it*.

20. Psalm 146:9 The LORD preserveth the strang-

ers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

21. Jeremiah 7:5-7 For if ye throughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye throughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbour; *If ye oppress not the stranger*, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt: Then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever.

22. Jeremiah 22:3 Thus saith the LORD; Execute ye judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, *do no violence to the stranger*, the fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place.

23. Ezekiel 22:6-7 Behold, the princes of Israel, every one were in thee to their power to shed blood. In thee have they set light by father and mother: in the midst of thee *have they dealt by oppression with the stranger*: in thee have they vexed the fatherless and the widow.

24. Ezekiel 22:29 The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy: yea, *they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully*.

25. Zechariah 7:10 And *oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger*, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.

26. Malachi 3:5 And *I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against* the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in *his* wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and *that turn aside the stranger from his right*, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts.

27. Matthew 2:13-14 And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:

28. Matthew 25:35 *For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:*

29. Mark 2:27 And he said unto them, *The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath:*

30. Luke 10:36-37 *Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?* And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, *Go, and do thou likewise.*

31. Acts 16:37 But Paul said unto them, They have beaten us openly uncondemned, being Romans, and have cast *us* into prison; and now do they thrust us out privily? nay verily; but let them come themselves and

fetch us out.

32. Acts 17:26-27 And *hath made of one blood all nations* of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

33. Romans 12:13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; *given to hospitality.*

34. Romans 13:1-2 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

35. Ephesians 2:14-18 For he is our peace, *who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us*; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, *so* making peace; **16** And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

36. Philippians 3:20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

37. Hebrews 13:2 *Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels un-awares.*

38. 1 Peter 2:11-12 Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by *your* good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

39. 1 Peter 2:13-14 Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.

40. Revelation 7:9-10 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, *of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne*, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.