

## **THE BIBLE AND IMMIGRATION—AN INCOMPLETE LIST**

### **EXILES AND REFUGEES**

Adam and Eve: Genesis 3:22 – 24

Cain: Genesis 4:16

Lot and his daughters (from Sodom): Genesis 19: 17 – 22

Jacob (from Esau): Genesis 28:5

Moses (from Pharaoh): Exodus 2:15

The people of Israel from Egypt: Exodus 12:31– 37

Jehoiachin and the people of Israel: 2 Kings 24:12 – 15

Mordecai and Esther (the descendants of Kish): Esther 2:5 – 6

Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: Daniel 1:3 – 6

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (to Egypt and to Nazareth): Matthew 2: 13 – 15, 20 – 22.

The earliest apostles (according to Acts): Acts 8: 1

Prisca and Aquila: Acts 18:1 – 2

### **ECONOMIC MIGRANTS**

Jacob/Israel and his children (to Goshen): Genesis 46

Elimelech and Naomi: Ruth 1:1

### **MIGRANTS FOR MARRIAGE OR FAMILY**

Rebekah: Genesis 24:58 – 60

Leah, Rachel and their children: Genesis 31:17 – 18

Ruth: Ruth 1: 15 – 19

Jezebel: 1 Kings 16: 31

### **ENSLAVED MIGRANTS**

Hagar: Genesis 16:1

Bilhah, and Zilpah and their children: Genesis 31:17 – 18

Joseph: Genesis 37:28

The enslaved girl in Naaman's household: 2 King 5:2-3

### **MIGRANTS BY GOD'S COMMAND**

Abram/Abraham, Sarai/Sarah, and Lot: Genesis 12:1 – 4

### **HOMEGOING MIGRANTS**

Exiles from Babylon (Ezra, Nehemiah, and all the others): Ezra, Nehemiah

### **MIGRANTS FOR WHOM WE ARE GIVEN NO REASON**

The "aliens" who built the Temple: I Chronicles 22: 1 – 2

The aliens in Jerusalem under Solomon: II Chronicles 2:17 – 18

The Jews living in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost: Acts 2: 5

### **MISSIONARIES**

Paul; Philip; Timothy; Silas; Barnabas, etc.

### **THE STORY RETOLD**

The migrant wandering: Psalm 105: 12 ff

Exile: Psalm 137

God and strangers: Psalm 146:9

### **BIBLICAL STATEMENTS REGARDING HOW TO TREAT IMMIGRANTS AND STRANGERS**

Treat them just like the locals: Exodus 12:49; Leviticus 24:22; Numbers 9:14; 15:15-16

Make sure they can eat: Leviticus 19:9-10; 23:22; Deuteronomy 24:19-22

Do not oppress them: Exodus 22:21; Lev. 19:33-34; 24:22; Deuteronomy 24:14, 17-18; Jeremiah 7:5-7; 22:3-5; Zechariah 7:8-10

Create sanctuaries for them and give them refuge: Numbers 35; Joshua 20; Isaiah 16: 3-4

Judge them fairly: Deuteronomy 1:16

Love them: Deuteronomy 10:18-19

Give them an inheritance among you: Ezekiel 47:22-23

Welcome them: Matthew 25: 31-45; Romans 12: 13

If you mistreat them, you will be cursed: Deut 27:19

The messenger of God will testify against those who mistreat the alien: Malachi 3:5

### **GOD'S PEOPLE ARE MIGRANTS**

Our history starts with migration: Deut 6:10-12; Deut 26:5

We are aliens and transients before God: 1 Chron 29:14-15

But in Christ, we are no longer exiles: Ephesians 2:11-22