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# What Bible Says About Illegal Immigration: The Distinction Between ‘Strangers’ and ‘Trespassers’

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*All Scripture references are King James Version.*

**“Thou shall neither vex a stranger, nor oppress him: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt” (Exodus 22:21).**

For some, including Rev. Robert H. Stewart, pastor of St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church in Lee’s Summit, Missouri, that verse in Exodus tells us pretty much all we need to know about national borders, immigration policy, and the controversy over Barack Obama’s threat to use executive orders to provide 30 million green cards to illegal aliens living in the U.S. Father Stewart told his flock it’s time to look upon those spilling over into the U.S. from across the southern border with compassion. And who could argue with compassion and mercy?

It’s always good when people consider the moral implications of public policy. So The Bible is a good place to start exploring the right and wrong of immigration laws. But seizing on one or two out-of-context verses in the Bible does not make for the kind of comprehensive moral case you would expect of those urging “comprehensive immigration reform.”

The Bible actually has a lot of say about national borders, foreigners, citizenship, and the law. For starters, I challenge anyone to check an exhaustive online or offline concordance for the word “border” or “borders” to get an appreciation of how many times God’s Word references these terms. While not all of them are relevant to our discussion, I



count 169 references, most of them making the point that God really cares about them. Is that surprising? He cares about boundaries between nations. In fact, it is God Himself who invented nation-states back in Genesis 11.

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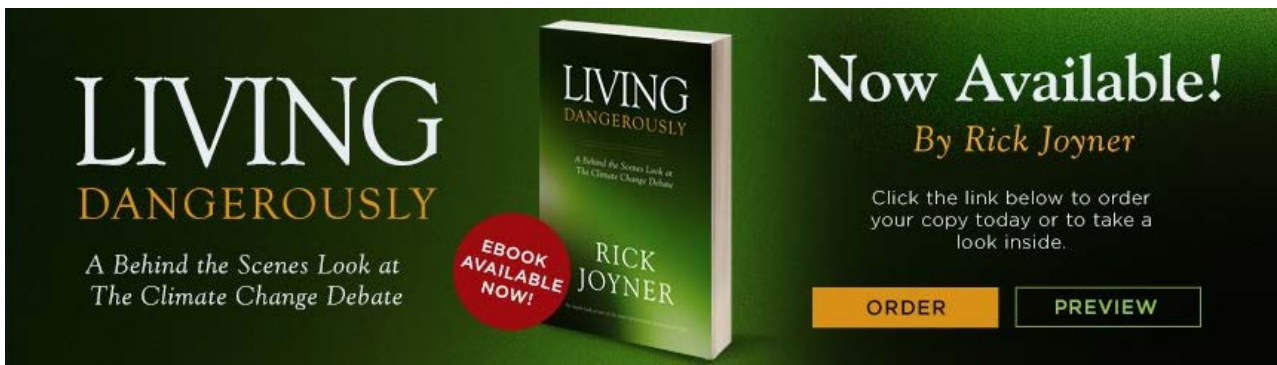
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