

Immigration

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For Discussion: Why The Left's 'Moral Arguments' On Open Borders Are Far From Biblical

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We don't have to choose between love and order, and anyone who suggests otherwise may be well intended, but they certainly aren't speaking for God.

<https://harbingersdaily.com/why-the-lefts-moral-arguments-on-open-borders-are-far-from-biblical/>

Good articles on the Bible's distinctions between legal and illegal immigrants:

<https://capmin.org/bible-says-illegal-immigration-problem/>

<https://cis.org/Report/Use-and-Abuse-Bible-Immigration-Debate>

Is the idea that we should have national borders a biblical concept?

Yes, it was God's design for a fallen world so that tyranny could be restrained.

Acts 17:26 – *He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings*

What is behind the idea that national borders should be regarded as a relic of the past?

Globalism which is anti-God at its core; it is a revival of the spirit of the Tower of Babel...

Genesis 11:6 – *the Lord said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them."*

It is a revival of the spirit behind Babel where the people sought to make their own way to heaven apart from God. The collective mindset has no room for God.

How do people use the Bible to justify open borders?

Exodus 22:21 – *love the stranger for you were strangers in the land of Egypt*

This verse and others like it are frequently quoted in the name of "justice" for the illegal immigrant.

Leviticus 19:33 – *When a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the stranger. The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you.*

What is the problem with citing passages such as this to support open borders?

The original Hebrew makes a distinction between different classifications of immigrants...

- The Hebrew word *ger*, is translated as "stranger" (KJV, NASB, JB), "sojourner" (RSV, ESV), "alien" (NEB, NIV, NJB, NRSV), and "foreigner" (TNIV, NLT).
- It occurs more than 80 times as a noun and an equal number as a verb (*gwr*), which typically means "to sojourn" or "live as an alien."
- There are other Hebrew terms for "foreigner," namely *nekhar* and *zar*.

The distinction between these two terms and *ger* is that while all three are foreigners who might enter another country, the *ger* had obtained legal status.

What biblical examples are there where entrance to a nation required permission?

- Joseph went to Pharaoh on behalf of Jacob & family (Genesis 47:3-6)
- Moses as a refuge from Egypt was given permission by Jethro to reside with them (Exodus 2:18-22)
- Ruth the Moabite and her response to Boaz the Israelite
Ruth 2:10 – *Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your sight that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?"*

Not only was Ruth a foreigner (*nokri*), an illegal immigrant, she was a Moabite illegal, who according to Deuteronomy 23:3 was forbidden to migrate into Israel altogether!

How was there a distinction in the Law between a sojourner (*ger*), not a foreigner (*nekhar*)?

Foreigners who wanted to reside in another country had to obtain some sort of permission in order to be considered an alien with certain rights and privileges.

- the right to glean in the fields (Leviticus 19:9-10; Deuteronomy 24:19-22)
- receive resources from the tithes (Deuteronomy 26:12-13).
- Legal aliens were to be treated like citizens by the Law (Numbers 15:15-16)
- the *ger* and citizen were to be paid alike (Deuteronomy 24:14-15)
- the *ger* were considered converts, and thus could participate in Passover (Exodus 12:13) and Yom Kippur, the day of atonement (Leviticus 16:29-30).
- It is well known that within Israelite society, money was not to be lent with interest, but one could loan at interest to a foreigner (*nekhar*).

How is the concept of “sanctuary cities” a false biblical concept?

Cases of involuntary manslaughter or negligent homicide (Exodus 21:33-36) were not capital offenses. So, to keep the *lex talionis* (law of retribution), “eye for eye, tooth for tooth ... life for life” (Exodus 21:23-25) from being carried out by family members, the offender was to run to the sanctuary where he would be safe and his case heard.

- The cities of refuge were not a place to avoid trial or punishment.
- American cities that use their communities to circumvent the law to help the illegal alien in the name of justice are doing a gross injustice to the letter and spirit of the biblical law.

What is the problem with unfettered immigration (open borders)?

- It lets in bad actors and terrorists
- Enemies can use it for invasion
- It becomes a drain on public resources
- It makes for cultural enclaves instead of assimilation into a common culture

Are supporters of controlled borders racists?

This is what supporters of unfettered immigration will claim because invoking the race card always shuts down a debate of the issues, and they know they can't win on the merits of their case.

- There are no-doubt some who oppose unfettered immigration who are racists but most want sensible laws to be enforced

Where is the compassion in enforcing sensible immigration laws?

In a world of limited resources and GDP, not enforcing boundaries or defenses is compassionless

- when non-citizens are the recipients of endless entitlement grants, health benefits, employment insurance, education scholarships, etc. will always end up insolvent.
- It's difficult to manifest compassion when you are bankrupt yourself.

Why do the globalists want open borders?

- If we are to have a global government, there can be no real national borders.
- Unfettered immigration is being used as a tool to bring down wealthy countries making them more compliant to globalist objectives
- Unfettered immigration causes chaos that could lead to martial law having to be imposed.

How are open borders a prophetic development?

You just have to look at who are supporting these policies... they are the godless who are setting the stage for global government that the Antichrist will exploit.

Revelation 13:7 – *authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.*

The decent into chaos resulting from unfettered immigration is evidence of God giving us over to evil...

2 Thessalonians 2:7 – *For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.*

As we see the growing lawlessness, we know the Holy Spirit is removing His restraint of evil as a birth pang.

- The fact that open borders is a policy of the richest countries worldwide reveals prophetic significance.

What should Christians do about the immigration chaos?

We should resist the globalist policies seeking to erase national identities and bring about chaos which they can exploit by imposing martial law.

Ephesians 5:11 – *have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.*

What applications do we see from this discussion?

- God's plan is for nations to have distinct borders; erasing them is the spirit of Antichrist.
- The Bible distinguishes between legal and illegal immigration.
- Open borders are a sign of the end of the Age.