

Immigrants and Refugees of the Hebrew Scriptures

Genesis

- **Adam and Eve** are forced out of the Garden
- **Abram & Sarai** leave their country, are aliens in Egypt, and then strangers in Canaan
- **Jacob** moves his family to Egypt to escape the famine
- **Joseph** and Pharaoh welcome Joseph's brothers, are welcomed, and given jobs

Psalms

- Written in exile
- 105, 137, 146

Ruth

- **Naomi, her husband, and sons** emigrate to Moab during famine
- **Ruth & Naomi** immigrate to Bethlehem

The Prophets

- Many write to those in exile or are in exile themselves
- Do not oppress the alien (Zech. 7:8-10)

Exodus

- **The Israelites** are driven out of Egypt after liberation from slavery

Leviticus, Numbers & Deuteronomy

- "When the alien resides in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt." (Lev. 19:33-34, 24:22)
- Tithing was begun, in part, for resident aliens (Deut. 14 & 26)