

These are verses from the Tanakh/Bible concerning God's view of foreigners. This list is not an exhaustive list. I believe it carries a consistent theme through the Tanakh/Bible of God's opinions toward foreigners living in Israel.

[Exodus 22:21](#)

“Do not mistreat or oppress a **foreigner**, for you were **foreigners** in Egypt.

[Exodus 23:9](#)

“Do not oppress a **foreigner**; you yourselves know how it feels to be **foreigners**, because you were **foreigners** in Egypt.

[Leviticus 19:10](#)

Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the **foreigner**. I am the Lord your God.

[Leviticus 19:33](#)

“When a **foreigner** resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them.

[Leviticus 19:34](#)

The **foreigner** residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were **foreigners** in Egypt. I am the Lord your God.

Leviticus 23:22

“When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and for the **foreigner** residing among you. I am the Lord your God.”

Leviticus 24:22

You are to have the same law for the **foreigner** and the native-born. I am the Lord your God.”

Leviticus 25 the Sabbath year and the year of jubilee

Leviticus 25:23

“The land must not be sold permanently, because the land is mine and you reside in my land as **foreigners** and strangers.

Numbers 15:15

The community is to have the same rules for you and for the **foreigner** residing among you; this is a lasting ordinance for the generations to come. You and the **foreigner** shall be the same before the Lord:

Numbers 15:16

The same laws and regulations will apply both to you and to the **foreigner** residing among you.”

Numbers 15 supplemental offerings for wrong doing

¹³ “Everyone who is native-born must do these things in this way when they present a food offering as an aroma pleasing to the Lord. ¹⁴ For the generations to come, whenever a foreigner or anyone else living among you presents a food offering as an aroma pleasing to the Lord, they must do exactly as you do. ¹⁵ The community is to have the same rules for you and for the foreigner residing among you; this is a lasting ordinance for the generations to come. **You and the foreigner shall be the same before the Lord:** ¹⁶ The same laws and regulations will apply both to you and to the foreigner residing among you.”

Numbers 15: ²⁵ The priest is to make atonement for the whole Israelite community, and they will be forgiven, for it was not intentional and they have presented to the Lord for their wrong a food offering and a sin offering. ²⁶ The whole Israelite community and the foreigners residing among them will be forgiven, because all the people were involved in the unintentional wrong.

Deuteronomy 1:16

And I charged your judges at that time, “**Hear the disputes between your people and judge fairly,** whether the case is

between two Israelites or **between an Israelite and a **foreigner** residing among you.**

Deuteronomy 5:14

but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your ox, your donkey or any of your animals, nor any **foreigner** residing in your towns, so that your male and female servants may rest, as you do.

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

¹²And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³and to observe the Lord's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

¹⁴To the Lord your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. ¹⁵Yet the Lord set his affection on your ancestors and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations—as it is today. ¹⁶Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer. ¹⁷For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, **who shows no partiality and accepts no**

bribes. ¹⁸ He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. ¹⁹ And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt. ²⁰ Fear the Lord your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. ²¹ He is the one you praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes. ²² Your ancestors who went down into Egypt were seventy in all, and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars in the sky.

Deuteronomy 23:7

Do not despise an Edomite, for the Edomites are related to you. Do not despise an Egyptian, because you resided as **foreigners** in their country.

Deuteronomy 24:14

Do not take advantage of a hired worker who is poor and needy, whether that worker is a fellow Israelite or a **foreigner** residing in one of your towns.

Deuteronomy 24:17

Do not deprive the **foreigner** or the fatherless of justice, or take the cloak of the widow as a pledge.

Deuteronomy 24:19

When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the **foreigner**, the fatherless and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.

Deuteronomy 26:12

When you have finished setting aside a tenth of all your produce in the third year, the year of the tithe, you shall give it to the Levite, the **foreigner**, the fatherless and the widow, so that they may eat in your towns and be satisfied.

Deuteronomy 27:19

“Cursed is anyone who withholds justice from the **foreigner**, the fatherless or the widow.” Then all the people shall say, “Amen!”

Deuteronomy 28 Blessings for obedience and curses for disobedience

1 Chronicles 29, David’s preparing for the building of the temple. All the gifts of all the people. David’s acknowledgment that the people live as foreigners in God’s land. That all they have belongs to God and not to themselves.

A Psalm of David

Psalm 39: “Hear my prayer, Lord,
listen to my cry for help;
do not be deaf to my weeping.

I dwell with you as a foreigner,
a stranger, as all my ancestors were.

Psalm 94: They pour out arrogant words;
all the evildoers are full of boasting.

⁵They crush your people, Lord;
they oppress your inheritance.

⁶They slay the widow and the foreigner;
they murder the fatherless.

⁷They say, “The Lord does not see;
the God of Jacob takes no notice.”

Psalm 144 of David –Notice that David is not asking for permission to harm foreigners. Rather David is asking for God to deliver David from foreigners whose mouth are full of lies. God always has a problem with liars. Proverbs 6 16-19 explains what God hates, which would include people planning schemes to harm others, liars, and rushing to do harm. David wisely puts his deliverance into God’s hands not David’s hands.

Reach down your hand from on high;
deliver me and rescue me

from the mighty waters,
from the hands of foreigners
⁸whose mouths are full of lies,
whose right hands are deceitful.

From the deadly sword ¹¹deliver me;
rescue me from the hands of foreigners
whose mouths are full of lies,
whose right hands are deceitful.

Proverbs 6:16-19

There are six things the Lord **hates**, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, ...

Psalms 146:9

The Lord watches over the **foreigner** and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

Isaiah 14:1

The Lord will have compassion on Jacob; once again he will choose Israel and will settle them in their own land. **Foreigners** will join them and unite with the descendants of Jacob.

Jeremiah 7:5-7

⁵If you really change your ways and your actions and deal with each other justly, ⁶if you do not oppress the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow and do not shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not follow other gods to your own harm, ⁷then I will let you live in this place, in the land I gave your ancestors for ever and ever.

[Jeremiah 22:3](#)

This is what the Lord says: Do what is just and right. Rescue from the hand of the oppressor the one who has been robbed. **Do no wrong or violence to the foreigner**, the fatherless or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place.

[Ezekiel 47:22](#)

You are to allot it as an inheritance for yourselves and for the **foreigners** residing among you and who have children. You are to consider them as native-born Israelites; along with you they are to be allotted an inheritance among the tribes of Israel.

[Zechariah 7:10](#)

Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the **foreigner** or the poor. Do not plot evil against each other.'