



Forced Migration and the Bible: Displacement, Statelessness, and Resiliency in Sacred Texts

Guest Editor:

Dr. Roberto Mata

Department of Religious Studies,
Santa Clara University, Santa
Clara, CA 95053, USA

Deadline for manuscript
submissions:
closed (10 March 2026)

Message from the Guest Editor

Forced migrations, defined as the coerced movement of people due to various factors, have significantly shaped the collective memories, histories, theologies, and ritual practices of biblical communities, sometimes viewed as divine intervention or judgment. This Special Issue explores forced migrations in sacred texts from an interdisciplinary standpoint, seeking to deepen understanding of their religious, socio-cultural, economic, political, and environmental contexts.

Scholars are invited to submit essays on topics such as climate migration, statelessness and religion, imperialism/colonialism, war and persecution, trauma, borderlands, biblical interpretation paradigms, and theories and methods in the study of forced migrations in religion, as well as theologies of migration.





an Open Access Journal by MDPI

Editors-in-Chief

Prof. Dr. Arndt Büsing

Professorship Quality of Life,
Spirituality and Coping, Faculty
of Health, Witten/Herdecke
University, Gerhard-Kienle-Weg 4,
58313 Herdecke, Germany

Prof. Dr. Klaus Baumann

Caritaswissenschaft und
Christliche Sozialarbeit,
Theologische Fakultät, Albert-
Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg,
Platz der Universität 3, D-79098
Freiburg, Germany

Message from the Editorial Board

Fresh developments in the disciplines that consistently make significant contributions to our understanding of religious personality, authority, devotion, and community - disciplines ranging from psychology, sociology, and anthropology to history, art history, philosophy, literary criticism, and political science – fuel general, as well as scholarly, interest in the world's religions.

Religions is inviting innovative and comparative contributions. Please consider Religions as an exceptional, exciting enterprise ready to reward your trust, attention, and participation.

Author Benefits

Open Access: free for readers, with [article processing charges \(APC\)](#) paid by authors or their institutions.

High Visibility: indexed within [Scopus](#), [AHCI \(Web of Science\)](#), [ATLA Religion Database](#), [Religious and Theological Abstracts](#), and [other databases](#).

Journal Rank: CiteScore - Q1 (Religious Studies)

Contact Us

Religions Editorial Office
MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5
4052 Basel, Switzerland

Tel: +41 61 683 77 34
www.mdpi.com

mdpi.com/journal/religions
religions@mdpi.com
[X@Religions_MDPI](https://x.com/Religions_MDPI)