

WHAT ABOUT THE WALL? : PART 1

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The following is an impromptu article. It is not something which I had planned on writing. However, given the great attention which this subject is currently receiving in the mass media, on the social networks, etc., I believe that what I have to say here is very timely. If you agree with my comments below, I encourage you to share this series with your online friends by tapping or clicking on the "Share" links or buttons which are found on this page for the social networks in which you are personally involved. Let's all do our part to add a Biblical perspective to this important issue, so that our fellow Christian brethren are not misled by the lopsided debate which has engulfed the nation. Thank you so much!

As many of my readers will already know, normally, I do not involve myself in political discussions on my Facebook timeline, on my Facebook page, in the Bill's Bible Basics Facebook closed group, or on any of the other eight social networks to which I currently syndicate my blog posts. For

over two decades now, I have strived to focus this online ministry on sharing God's Word, because the truth of the Scriptures is what convicts people's hearts. The Spirit behind the words of the Bible is what can truly change a person's life, and ultimately lead to their Salvation.

As the following verses reveal, when we share the Word of God with people, it is like a sword in our mouths, and it will cause people to make a decision either for or against Jesus Christ. Likewise, God's Word is spiritual nourishment which will feed their hungry souls. Reading the Bible will increase their faith, and help them to grow spiritually. Furthermore, the Word is a light which will lead them along the path of righteousness, if they choose to obey it:

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

Hebrews 4:12, KJV

"Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me."

Matthew 10:34-37, KJV

"If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin."

John 15:22, KJV

"Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

Acts 2:37, KJV

"And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:"

Ephesians 6:17, KJV

". . . and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword . . ."

Revelation 1:16, KJV

"And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations . . ."

Revelation 19:15, KJV

"And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."

1 Corinthians 2:4-5, KJV

"But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Matthew 4:4, KJV

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:"

1 Peter 2:2, KJV

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Romans 10:17, KJV

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

Psalms 119:11, KJV

"BETH. Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word."

Psalms 119:9, KJV

". . . Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

Psalms 119:105, KJV

Clearly then, there is nothing like God's Word. Returning to our main discussion, based on my own experiences, and what I have observed online over the past two decades, I think it is safe to say that many of us Christians realize how easy it is to become detoured by political discussions. They can very easily become distractions and time wasters which keep us from our primary job, which is sharing Biblical truth. Similar to doctrinal debates, political debates often become very heated, and sooner or later, someone eventually becomes offended. Such discussions reach a point where people are no longer talking to each other, but rather at each other with

closed minds, hearts and ears.

As I point out in the article "Should Christians Engage in Doctrinal Debates?", that is why I personally view debates as being exercises in futility. So to reiterate one of my opening points here, sharing God's Word is what I am all about. For the most part, I leave political discussions to other parties who populate the social networks. While I do refrain from online debates and political discussions, as some of you will know, I do hold certain political views, and at times I will discuss politically-oriented issues in some of my articles and series. Such is the case with this current series. So . . .

The wall, the wall, the wall! There is so much talk about it. Everywhere you turn, you will find people discussing it. And, of course, the biased mainstream media is certainly letting their positions be known in no small way. It has become such a major issue during the last two years, that at this present time, the American government is partially shut down because of it. Everyone on both sides of the American political isle, from President Trump, to the Democrats, to the Republicans, has become so deeply entrenched in their positions, that Washington has basically become paralyzed, and will probably remain so into the new year, 2019. No one seems to be very willing to budge even the slightest bit when it comes to the issue of the border wall.

I find the vitriol which is currently occurring between the various factions quite disgusting. The hatred and animosity which is on display at this present time is outrageous. The clear lack of respect for the office of the president is mind-numbing. Has such a high level of hostility ever been leveled against any former U.S. president? Has the nation ever been so divided? I have lived a long time, and I can honestly say that I don't recall the situation ever being quite this bad. The Vietnam War era was pretty ugly, but in my view, the current political situation is more dangerous, because it tears at the very fabric of the U.S. government. I am reminded of a warning that Jesus gave in the Gospels:

"And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:"

Matthew 12:25, KJV

"And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand."

Mark 3:24-25, KJV

"But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth."

Luke 11:17, KJV

So the question we all need to be asking ourselves is this: Regarding the construction of a more imposing wall or fence along the southern border of the United States, what is the right perspective for a Bible-believing Christian to have? Should we support such an endeavor, or does it go against our Christian values and the Biblical pattern?

Yesterday morning I came across a certain Facebook comment thread where one Christian brother has apparently adopted the view which has been embraced by a lot of Democrats and liberals. That is, that there should be no wall. This man seemed to be trying to convince another brother that out of Christian love, we should just let everyone come into the country, and then deal with the situation accordingly. After reading their comments, I took a moment to reflect on my own position regarding this issue. In fact, I began to write a response to them, when I realized that I had a lot more to say than could easily be fit into a Facebook comment. So, since yesterday afternoon, I have been doing what I normally do when I am faced with a question: I have been researching the Scriptures.

The first thing you should know is that the idea of building walls around human habitations is nothing new. The practice is literally thousands of years old. There is ample evidence to be found in the Old Testament which suggests that walled cities were the norm, rather than the exception. In fact, to build a city, and not construct a wall around it was a clear invitation to trouble. Namely, attack by foreigners. Many people, even a lot of non-Christians, are familiar with the story of the siege of Jericho by Joshua and the Israelite army. I remember when I was a young boy, my father used to sometimes sing a popular song about that event. Following is an excerpt from the Book of Joshua:

"And the LORD said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of

valour. And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days. And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets. And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him . . . So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city."

Joshua 6:2-5, 20, KJV

Even before the actual conquest of the land of Canaan began, laws were discussed by Moses and the Israelites concerning the walled cities which they would conquer. Consider the following two sets of verses:

"And if a man sell a dwelling house in a walled city, then he may redeem it within a whole year after it is sold; within a full year may he redeem it. And if it be not redeemed within the space of a full year, then the house that is in the walled city shall be established for ever to him that bought it throughout his generations: it shall not go out in the jubile. But the houses of the villages which have no wall round about them shall be counted as the fields of the country: they may be redeemed, and they shall go out in the jubile."

Leviticus 25:29-31, KJV

"And the LORD spake unto Moses in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho, saying, Command the children of Israel, that they give unto the Levites of the inheritance of their possession cities to dwell in; and ye shall give also unto the Levites suburbs for the cities round about them. And the cities shall they have to dwell in; and the suburbs of them shall be for their cattle, and for their goods, and for all their beasts. And the suburbs of the cities, which ye shall give unto the Levites, shall reach from the wall of the city and outward a thousand cubits round about. And ye shall measure from without the city on the east side two thousand cubits, and on the south side two

thousand cubits, and on the west side two thousand cubits, and on the north side two thousand cubits; and the city shall be in the midst: this shall be to them the suburbs of the cities."

Numbers 35:1-5, KJV

In the Books of Numbers and Deuteronomy, after Joshua, Caleb and the other Israelites returned from spying out the land of Canaan, consider what they said regarding the walled cities of the giants which they found there:

"And they returned from searching of the land after forty days. And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land. And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it. Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there."

Numbers 13:25-28, KJV

"Notwithstanding ye would not go up, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God: And ye murmured in your tents, and said, Because the LORD hated us, he hath brought us forth out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us. Whither shall we go up? our brethren have discouraged our heart, saying, The people is greater and taller than we; the cities are great and walled up to heaven; and moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakims there."

Deuteronomy 1:26-28, KJV

The city of Jebus -- later to be known as Jerusalem -- in fact had a double-wall around it, as modern archeology has revealed. Consider the following verses which confirm this point. You will discover even more verses which mention the walls around Jerusalem, if you take the time to dig into the Scriptures:

"And Solomon made affinity with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the city of David, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of the LORD, and the wall of Jerusalem round about."

1 Kings 3:1, KJV

"And the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled by night by the way of the gate between two walls, which is by the king's garden: (now the Chaldees were against the city round about:) and the king went the way toward the plain."

2 Kings 25:4, KJV

"After these things, and the establishment thereof, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped against the fenced cities, and thought to win them for himself. And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib was come, and that he was purposed to fight against Jerusalem, He took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the fountains which were without the city: and they did help him. So there was gathered much people together, who stopped all the fountains, and the brook that ran through the midst of the land, saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find much water? Also he strengthened himself, and built up all the wall that was broken, and raised it up to the towers, and another wall without, and repaired Millo in the city of David, and made darts and shields in abundance . . . Then they cried with a loud voice in the Jews' speech unto the people of Jerusalem that were on the wall, to affright them, and to trouble them; that they might take the city."

2 Chronicles 32:1-5, 18, KJV

"Now after this he built a wall without the city of David, on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, even to the entering in at the fish gate, and compassed about Ophel, and raised it up a very great height, and put captains of war in all the fenced cities of Judah."

2 Chronicles 33:14, KJV

"Ye have seen also the breaches of the city of David, that they are many: and ye gathered together the waters of the lower pool. And ye have numbered the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses have ye broken down to fortify the wall. Ye made also a ditch between the two walls for the water of the old pool: but ye have not looked unto the maker thereof, neither had respect unto him that fashioned it long ago.

Isaiah 22:9-11, KJV

"And it came to pass, that when Zedekiah the king of Judah saw them, and all the men of war, then they fled, and went

forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, by the gate betwixt the two walls: and he went out the way of the plain. But the Chaldeans' army pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho: and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he gave judgment upon him."

Jeremiah 39:4-5, KJV

"And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it, and built forts against it round about. So the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah. And in the fourth month, in the ninth day of the month, the famine was sore in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land. Then the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled, and went forth out of the city by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden; (now the Chaldeans were by the city round about:) and they went by the way of the plain. But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him. Then they took the king, and carried him up unto the king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; where he gave judgment upon him."

Jeremiah 52:4-9, KJV

As some of you will no doubt already know, and as I amply discuss in articles such as "The Seven Heads", following the Babylonian conquest of Jerusalem and the Seventy Years of Captivity in Babylon, the Jews were permitted to return to Jerusalem, where they repaired the city, rebuilt the temple, and repaired the broken down walls which surrounded it. As the following verses reveal, Zerubbabel was the leader of the first group of exiles who returned from Babylon. He was eventually appointed Governor over Judah. Along with men such as Ezra, Nehemiah, Joshua and the Prophets Haggai and Zechariah, he was responsible for overseeing and inspiring the construction of the Second Temple:

"And after they were brought to Babylon, Jechonias begat Salathiel; and Salathiel begat Zorobabel;"

Matthew 1:12, KJV

"Then stood up Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren

the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings thereon, as it is written in the law of Moses the man of God . . . Now in the second year of their coming unto the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the remnant of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem; and appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to set forward the work of the house of the LORD."

Ezra 3:2, 8, KJV

"And the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of the LORD of hosts, their God . . . Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I am with you, saith the LORD of hosts . . . In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the LORD, and will make thee as a signet: for I have chosen thee, saith the LORD of hosts."

Haggai 1:14, 2:4, 23, KJV

It was precisely in the twentieth year of his reign that Artaxerxes Longimanus ordered Nehemiah to return to Jerusalem as Governor of Judah, in order to rebuild the street and the retaining wall, as we can determine by the following groups of verses:

"The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it came to pass in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace, That Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and certain men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem. And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire. And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven,"

Nehemiah 1:1-4, KJV

"And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that wine was before him: and I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. Now I had not been beforetime sad in his presence. Wherefore the king said unto me, Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid, And said unto the king, Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire? Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven. And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it. And the king said unto me, (the queen also sitting by him,) For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time."

Nehemiah 2:1-6, KJV

Not only did Artaxerxes comply with Nehemiah's wishes, but the king also granted him all of the materials that he would require in order to complete such a monumental job, as we see by the following two verses:

"Moreover I said unto the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over till I come into Judah; And a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which appertained to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me."

Nehemiah 2:7-8, KJV

After secretly surveying the walls of Jerusalem by night, Nehemiah finally made his construction plans known to the elders of Jerusalem, as we can determine by the following two verses:

"Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach. Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up

and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work."

Nehemiah 2:17-18, KJV

Ironically, similar to the situation which exists at this current time in the U.S.A. in regards to the construction of a southern border wall, and as had occurred years before, the enemies of the Jews became privy to Nehemiah's plans. So, they immediately began to mock the Jews, and to oppose them, and to stir up trouble, as the following group of verses clearly indicate:

"But it came to pass, that when Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews. And he spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, What do these feeble Jews? will they fortify themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned? Now Tobiah the Ammonite was by him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall . . . But it came to pass, that when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem were made up, and that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth, And conspired all of them together to come and to fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it."

Nehemiah 4:1-3, 7-8, KJV

As a result of this opposition from their very determined enemies, rather than surrender to intimidation, those brave Jews began working in shifts with their weapons positioned next to them. In fact, they didn't even take off their clothes except for washing them, as we see by these verses:

"They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon. For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded. And he that sounded the trumpet was by me. And I said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The work is great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far from another. In what place therefore ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us: our God shall fight for us. So we laboured in the work: and half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared. Likewise at

the same time said I unto the people, Let every one with his servant lodge within Jerusalem, that in the night they may be a guard to us, and labour on the day. So neither I, nor my brethren, nor my servants, nor the men of the guard which followed me, none of us put off our clothes, saving that every one put them off for washing."

Nehemiah 4:17-23, KJV

From his own record, we know that Nehemiah served as governor of Judah for at least twelve years. Considering that Artaxerxes reigned for some forty years in Babylon, it is possible that Nehemiah may have remained governor for at least another eight years beyond what is recorded in the following verses:

"Moreover from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year even unto the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that is, twelve years, I and my brethren have not eaten the bread of the governor. But the former governors that had been before me were chargeable unto the people, and had taken of them bread and wine, beside forty shekels of silver; yea, even their servants bare rule over the people: but so did not I, because of the fear of God."

Nehemiah 5:14-15, KJV

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Don't Come Down From The Wall, Jerusalem Wall Is Repaired After Fifty-Two Days, A Prayer Of Repentance In Jerusalem,

Nehemiah's Governorship, King David Joab And The Death of Uriah, Other Fortified/Fenced Cities Of The Old Testament, The Purpose Of Walled Cities Was To Protect The Inhabitants, Danger Posed By Unwalled Villages, Modern Dangerous Times, Casualties Of War, Deceptive Art Of Diplomacy, More Societal Threats And Evils, The Twisted Narrative Of Democrats And Liberals, A Government's Duty Is To Provide For And Protect Its Citizens, Questions For Illegals, Seeking A Better Life In The USA, Questions And Concerns Regarding The Caravans, Mainstream Media Paints Distorted Picture, Some Issues With Mexico, Trump's Threat To Shut Down Southern Border And Cut Off Assistance To Central American Nations, World Policeman And Hegemonic Intentions, Inherent Dangers Of Patrolling The World, Trump's "America First" Approach, USA Is Not World's Welfare Agency, The Problems With Free-For-All Immigration, American Government's Obligations Are To Its Own Citizens First, Fix Your Own Country, Be Subject Unto Higher Powers

Continuing our discussion from part one, one favorite verse which is sometimes quoted by Christians who have heard the Lord's call in their lives, and who won't allow themselves to be dissuaded from serving the Lord by the lies and tricks of the enemies of the Gospel, is the following one which was spoken by Nehemiah when Sanballat, Geshem and other enemies of the Jews tried to slow them down from their work of rebuilding the retaining wall around Jerusalem:

"And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you? Yet they sent unto me four times after this sort; and I answered them after the same manner."

Nehemiah 6:3-4, KJV

Thus, despite the mischievous tricks and deception which was practiced by their unrelenting, jealous enemies, we see that under Nehemiah's wise direction, the Jews finally finished repairing the wall after fifty-two days, as we can determine by the following verse:

"So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty and two days."

Nehemiah 6:15, KJV

After securing the genealogical records and taking a survey

of the people who now dwelt within the secured city, it fell upon Ezra the priest to read the Laws of Moses. It was then that they discovered that they were supposed to be observing the Feast of Tabernacles in the seventh month. Thus, for the next seven days, they dwelt in their booths. It was several weeks later that the people of Jerusalem performed a public prayer of repentance and made a renewed covenant with the Lord to keep the Laws of Moses. The rest of the Book of Nehemiah deals primarily with the reforms that Nehemiah made while he served as governor of Judah under King Artaxerxes.

Continuing our discussion regarding walled cities during the Old Testament period, many of you will be familiar with the story of King David and Bathsheba. As you may recall, after committing adultery with the beautiful woman, David schemed to have her husband -- named Uriah the Hittite -- killed in battle. At that particular time, the Israelites, under the leadership of General Joab, were waging war against Rabbah, which was the capital of the Ammonites who dwelt to the east of Israel. After Uriah was slain in battle, notice what was said by Joab regarding the defensive wall which surrounded Rabbah:

"And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and there fell some of the people of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hittite died also. Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war; And charged the messenger, saying, When thou hast made an end of telling the matters of the war unto the king, And if so be that the king's wrath arise, and he say unto thee, Wherefore approached ye so nigh unto the city when ye did fight? knew ye not that they would shoot from the wall? Who smote Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? did not a woman cast a piece of a millstone upon him from the wall, that he died in Thebez? why went ye nigh the wall? then say thou, Thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also. So the messenger went, and came and shewed David all that Joab had sent him for. And the messenger said unto David, Surely the men prevailed against us, and came out unto us into the field, and we were upon them even unto the entering of the gate. And the shooters shot from off the wall upon thy servants; and some of the king's servants be dead, and thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also."

2 Samuel 11:17-24, KJV

Just as the Ammonite city of Rabbah was surrounded by a wall, we find a number of other verses which describe Old

Testament cities which were fortified by a perimeter wall. Following is another example:

"And they came and besieged him in Abel of Bethmaachah, and they cast up a bank against the city, and it stood in the trench: and all the people that were with Joab battered the wall, to throw it down . . . The matter is not so: but a man of mount Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bichri by name, hath lifted up his hand against the king, even against David: deliver him only, and I will depart from the city. And the woman said unto Joab, Behold, his head shall be thrown to thee over the wall."

2 Samuel 20:15, 21, KJV

So as I mentioned in part one of this series, it should be evident to you by now that during the Old Testament period, walled cities were the norm, and not the exception. Even during the New Testament period, Jerusalem still remained a walled city. While I have provided you with a few examples here, if you take the time to carefully study the Old Testament, you will discover that there are many more verses which discuss the walled cities of the ancient world. Please note that such fortified cities were also referred to as "fenced cities". Allow me to share a few Scriptural examples with you where this particular phrase is used:

"But we ourselves will go ready armed before the children of Israel, until we have brought them unto their place: and our little ones shall dwell in the fenced cities because of the inhabitants of the land."

Numbers 32:17, KJV

"And it came to pass, when Joshua and the children of Israel had made an end of slaying them with a very great slaughter, till they were consumed, that the rest which remained of them entered into fenced cities."

Joshua 10:20, KJV

"And David said to Abishai, Now shall Sheba the son of Bichri do us more harm than did Absalom: take thou thy lord's servants, and pursue after him, lest he get him fenced cities, and escape us."

2 Samuel 20:6, KJV

"And he [King Asa] built fenced cities in Judah: for the land had rest, and he had no war in those years; because the LORD had given him rest. Therefore he said unto Judah, Let

us build these cities, and make about them walls, and towers, gates, and bars, while the land is yet before us; because we have sought the LORD our God, we have sought him, and he hath given us rest on every side. So they built and prospered."

2 Chronicles 14:6-7, KJV

"And Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead, and strengthened himself against Israel. And he placed forces in all the fenced cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his father had taken. And the LORD was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and sought not unto Baalim; But sought to the LORD God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Israel."

2 Chronicles 17:1-4, KJV

If there is one thing which should be clear to you from all of the previous verses, it is that walled cities, fortified cities, fenced cities, or whatever you wish to call them, were meant to protect the inhabitants thereof from outside threats -- undesirables and bad people -- plain and simple. That is why that very first verse concludes with "because of the inhabitants of the land." In other words, the Israelites built fenced cities in order to protect themselves from the other inhabitants of Canaan who were hostile towards them. In contrast, consider what the Lord says regarding unwalled villages in the prophecy regarding Gog and Magog:

"Thus saith the Lord GOD; It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought: And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land."

Ezekiel 38:10-12, KJV

Clearly then, walled cities, fortified cities, fenced cities served a very good purpose. If a particular society, city or village was flourishing, their jealous enemies surely wanted part of it. Thus, building a perimeter wall was a matter of life or death. Now, some people may argue that such practices

belong to ages past, that they are outdated, and that they should no longer be applied to our modern day. "After all", they may argue, "today we live in an enlightened era of peace and diplomacy, and we are most certainly not like the savages of millennia ago." I can agree with such people to a certain extent. After all, today we have international borders which are meant to be respected by other nations; and usually they are respected, except during times of war.

But to be frank, I still have a very difficult time accepting such a simplistic mentality, and I must question what planet such people live on, or what kind of idealistic bubble they exist in. The fact of the matter is that we live in very dangerous times. We must not and should not ignore the fact that we currently possess enough nuclear, chemical and biological weapons to utterly obliterate this planet, and ourselves along with it. Furthermore, when our governments kill in a war, it is not merely by the tens, dozens or even hundreds. It is by the many thousands or millions in the long term. Even a cursory examination of the history of war in our modern era will confirm this fact. So much for the era of peace and diplomacy. We are still savages at heart who simply have in our possession more modern toys of destruction.

While we should obviously, and always, support diplomacy as a first option whenever conflicts arise between peoples or nations, at the same time, we need to bear in mind that such intergovernmental discussions are often filled with lies and deception. What are promoted as diplomatic missions can very well be fact-finding missions to discover the other party's weaknesses, in order to fortify our own position. I am reminded of the following verse that is found in the Book of the Prophet Daniel. Such deceptive tactics are nothing new:

"And both these kings' hearts shall be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end shall be at the time appointed."
Daniel 11:27, KJV

Tragically, wartime mortality rates do not even take into consideration all of the other threats and evils to which modern society is exposed on a daily basis: drug cartels and drug wars, foreign-born or domestic terrorism, corruption in the banking industry, a deceptive pharmaceutical industry which caters to the rich, corrupt politicians, oppression of the poor, inner city violence, prostitution, pornography,

race wars, homosexuality in all of its weird manifestations, domestic violence, drug abuse, pedophilia and child abuse, alcohol abuse, abortion, apartheid, human trafficking, etc. So maybe we should stop to consider how many of these evils can be mitigated to some degree by at least fortifying our borders. Obviously not all of them, but most certainly at least some of them.

While walled cities were viewed as the necessary norm during ancient times, today the situation has been totally flipped around. The Berlin Wall was viewed as being evil. The nation of Israel building a wall to keep out radical Palestinians is criticized by some people. President Donald Trump wanting to improve security on the US southern border by upgrading and extending the wall is described by certain parties as being unnecessary, evil and inhumane. But tell me, would you live in a house without walls? Well, in a way, your country is your house.

Contrary to the twisted narrative which is currently being promoted by the disrespectful and vicious Democrats and other misguided liberals and socialists in the United States, there is absolutely nothing wicked or wrong about a leader wanting to protect his people from threats and harm of all kinds, by securing the nation's cities, and by securing the nation's borders. As we have seen, walls for protection are in fact very scriptural. Furthermore, America has a right to protect her borders. In fact, to do otherwise is being irresponsible, and is contrary to the Scriptures, in my view. I am reminded of a verse which I share in my four-part series called "What About the Poor?". Written by the Apostle Paul in his first Epistle to his beloved son in the faith, Timothy, the verse states the following:

"But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."

1 Timothy 5:8, KJV

While the Apostle Paul may have been referring to providing basic physical needs in the previous verse, I think in our modern day, on the national level it is also fair to include providing jobs which offer a decent living wage for all of a nation's citizens; providing an adequate, affordable health care system; and also providing ample protection from one's enemies as well. In my view, it is the duty of government to protect its people. Who can possibly disagree with this

basic argument?

As we have now seen, the Israelites and other cultures of the ancient world most certainly did it. So why should we allow ourselves to be condemned for wanting to do it today as well, by supporting the president in his endeavors to build a better, stronger, more secure southern border wall? In fact, I was just reminded of what the Apostle Paul wrote in the thirteenth chapter of his Epistle to the Romans:

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake."

Romans 13:1-5, KJV

Clearly then, the American government is supposed to protect its good, law-abiding, hard-working citizens, and to punish evildoers; including those who try to illegally sneak into the country across the southern border. One must wonder why certain people try to sneak in illegally in the first place. Exactly what do they have to hide? Why are they unwilling to enter the country the legal way with proper documentation? Do they have a criminal history of some kind? Are they drug smugglers? Do they have bad intentions towards the citizens of the United States? Do they fear rejection at the border because they do not possess a skill set which would make them an asset to the country? Do they lack money which would make them a burden on the government from the very start? Exactly what is it that prompts them to break the law by trying to sneak in?

As you will probably already know, this is in fact part of the ongoing debate. Democrats and liberals would have us to believe that all of the people in these caravans are just persecuted victims in their own countries who are seeking asylum on American soil. Or else they are individuals who are seeking a much better life for themselves and their

families, in an economic sense, in the United States.

Now, to be honest, I don't doubt that this is true in some cases. Over three decades ago, I lived in Mexico for about a six-year period. As a result, I do understand what level of poverty some of those people live in. But exactly how many of the caravan people really lived under such conditions in their home countries, I honestly don't know, because I don't know any of them personally. Yet at the same time, many of us have read the disturbing news reports which claim that there are murderers, thugs, thieves, terrorists and other societal riffraff hiding amongst the well-meaning people in the caravans. Exactly how accurate such news reports are is really anyone's guess. Everyone has their agenda, and that certainly includes the mainstream media. In fact, I stopped trusting in them many years ago. I read everything with a grain of salt.

But no matter how you look at it, in my opinion, there is just something very suspect in all of these events. What I mean by this is that thousands of people from different Central American countries just don't suddenly decide to band together, march through the whole of Mexico unimpeded, and then challenge the American government at its southern border. And it has happened not just once, but twice now; and the latest word is that a third caravan consisting of approximately fifteen thousand people is now preparing to march north from Central America as well.

My friends, someone organized these people. Someone provided them with advice, with food along the way, with medical aid when needed, and with some level of transportation as well. The idea that all of these people, all on their own, are now marching through Mexico on foot for anywhere from 1,125 to 2,500 miles -- depending on which U.S. port of entry they go to -- is a fallacy which has been purposely created by the liberal mainstream media. They are painting the picture which they want us to believe. Just like the stories of children who have been cruelly separated from their parents for long periods of time, the purpose of these current news stories is to generate sympathy with the American public, and to apply pressure to President Trump and his administration. In other words, someone with a very specific agenda is behind all of this. The latest story is of an eight year old Guatemalan boy who died while in the custody of U.S. Customs and Border Protection. No doubt the liberals will maximize this event to their advantage.

Please understand that I am not saying that everything that is currently being reported is false, or "fake news" as it is now commonly called. No doubt certain mistakes have been made along the way by the US government, and by its border patrol and customs agents. Hopefully, they are learning from their mistakes, and are improving the situation for people who are arriving from the south. However, I do maintain that the liberal mainstream media is probably overly exaggerating certain situations, for reasons which I have already clearly explained.

There are too many unanswered questions. For example, why is Mexico -- which is a sovereign nation itself -- allowing all these individuals to march right on through to the southern border of the United States, where they are causing a major problem for U.S. government officials? Another question is why the government of Mexico doesn't make a greater effort to stop these caravans while they are still at the border with Guatemala. I could be wrong, but I suspect that it may partially be due to the fact that strained relations exist between President Trump and the Mexican government. In other words, maybe they are trying to cause trouble for Trump, as payback for negative things he has said about Mexicans, not to mention his unbending economic wheeling and dealing with regards to their recent new trade agreement. Another idea worth considering is that maybe the Mexican government is concerned that if it comes down too hard on the caravaners, it will be heavily criticized by the world community.

Let me mention that this is not the only problem I have with the current situation, which has now resulted in President Trump threatening to shut down the southern border entirely, unless the Democrats provide him with the money he needs to build the wall. This latest development appears to be linked to the formation of the third caravan. In fact, as you may already know, President Trump has also threatened to cut off financial assistance to the three Central American countries where most of these immigrants seem to originate. That is, Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador.

While such a bold move by Mr. Trump would probably alarm the Democrats and other liberals -- and undoubtedly start a new volley of criticisms against the president -- perhaps such decisive tactics is exactly what is needed in order to get this caravan situation under control. If the United States government does not put its foot down, and demonstrate that

it will no longer tolerate such behavior, and say enough is enough, then the caravans could continue indefinitely.

As I have mentioned on a few previous occasions, I do not believe that the United States has been called to be the policeman of the world; even though that seems to be the role that it has taken on, or the role which has possibly been forced upon it by other nations. I suspect that it is more the former than the latter. After all, anyone who is familiar with world history of the past few centuries, is aware of the hegemonic intentions of the world's so-called "great powers". To these powers, the world is but a grand chess board, and each of these nations develops strategies to gain as much control of the board as it possibly can, using whatever means are necessary in order to achieve its objectives. It is a very dirty game.

I think most people realize that the United States cannot possibly solve all of the problems of the world. To even be in such a position as a "global policeman" is dangerous, because it forces the U.S. military to be spread out very thin all over the world, leaving the nation at home very vulnerable. From reading the news and watching a few of Mr. Trump's speeches, I get the impression that he understands the inherent danger which has resulted from the path which has been followed by previous administrations. The U.S. has given so much to the world in a military sense, and in an economic sense. U.S. soldiers have died for other nations, and billions of dollars annually flow into the economies of other nations, while the situation at home is in dire need of improvement. Thus, while Trump's approach of putting America first may seem selfish or isolationist to certain individuals and nations, I think that it makes a lot of sense, and that it is in fact Scriptural. As I shared with you earlier, the Apostle Paul wrote the following:

"But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."

1 Timothy 5:8, KJV

But being the "global policeman" of the world is not the only problem I see. Neither do I believe that the United States can continue to serve as the "welfare agency" of the world. As I explain in "What About the Poor?", I really do have a heart for the poor, the sick, the elderly, and the downtrodden. However, we cannot possibly open the doors to

every foreign Tom, Dick and Harry who wants to have a better life in the United States. Furthermore, I do not believe it is our responsibility to do so. We will wear ourselves too thin in the process. In fact, it is my view that we already have. Certain entities and individuals within the United States -- namely those who are of the Democratic and liberal persuasion -- have been so eager to open the floodgates to foreigners, that it has already hurt the American people in more ways than one.

This free-for-all approach to immigration has hurt American workers and the American job market, such as by suppressing wages. While so many native-born or naturalized Americans are struggling financially, finding it difficult to find a job which pays a decent living wage; working at part-time jobs which offer no medical or dental benefits; losing their homes, farms and life savings; wondering how they are going to even pay their next month's bills; facing some kind of medical emergency which they don't have the means to pay for; or possibly already living on the street; every single year, approximately one million new legal immigrants enter the country according to online statistics. Currently, there are close to fifty million legal immigrants residing within the United States, if the figures are to be believed.

None of this takes into account all of the illegal immigrants who sneak across the border, or who overstay their visas. Due to the very nature of their illegal status, they are willing to work for a lot less money, and thus indirectly take away jobs from legal American citizens. Opening the floodgates as previous administrations have done, has also resulted in more drugs entering the country, more violence occurring, and as I mentioned earlier in this series, other problems as well. On top of that, this incursion by illegals stresses the American health care system, and the American public school system. It is also a serious drain on public assistance programs which are meant for legal citizens who need the extra help.

Let me reiterate that the American government's obligations are to its own citizens first, and not to foreign nationals who enter the country illegally, who hope to obtain a better life in the US. Furthermore, I firmly believe that if people are not happy with the situation in their own country, then it is their job and responsibility to try to change it. If their government is oppressive and/or corrupt, then they need to try to find a way to fix it. If their national economy is lousy, then they need to work on that as well. Whatever the

problem is, as citizens of their own country, they need to take the bull by the horns, and work towards some kind of a solution. If God has a person born in that country, then it must be for some reason. He doesn't make mistakes.

Let me make clear that the solution is not to head to another country where the situation may be better -- as these groups of caravaners are now doing -- and where they will expect to receive free handouts, and become a drain on the government and the economy in the process. Now, for those people who have already chosen this path, let me state the following. If you do decide to leave your native land in the hope that you will find a better life elsewhere, you need to understand that trying to tear down the door -- or port of entry -- of a potential host country by force is definitely not the way to do it. No one is going to extend a welcome mat to you if you resort to such tactics. Neither is trying to circumvent the laws of another country by sneaking in illegally, or by overstaying your visa. As we saw earlier, the Apostle Paul clearly wrote the following:

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God."

Romans 13:1, KJV

In short, if you really want admittance to the United States, then you need to obey its laws, and do it the legal way by obtaining a tourist visa, or by obtaining a green card which will allow you to live and work in the United States on a more permanent basis. If you arrive on a tourist visa, don't overstay it. Leave when it expires, or face the consequences if you are caught. To take this a step further, if you truly like your host country, then you can also follow the path to full citizenship, just like everyone else did who came before you. While the following verses are addressed to Christians, the principles they convey can be applied to anyone else as well. In a word, obey the law:

"Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing."

Matthew 5:25-26, KJV

"They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's."

Matthew 22:21, KJV

"And Jesus answering said unto them, Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. And they marvelled at him."

Mark 12:17, KJV

"And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's."

Luke 20:25, KJV

"If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men."

Romans 12:18, KJV

"These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee. Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men."

Titus 2:15-3:2, KJV

"Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation. Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king."

1 Peter 2:11-17, KJV

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WHAT ABOUT THE WALL? : PART 3

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Why Donald J. Trump Became America's 45th President, Trump's Portrayal Of Being A Christian Leader, Trump's Personal Life And Imperfections, God Raises Up Leaders, Dilemma Of Voting As A Christian Believer, More On Trump And The Border Wall, Modern Parallel To Trump And The Southern Border Wall Fight, Our Christian Obligation To Help The Poor And The Destitute, Why The Democrats Are Against A Border Wall And Favor Weak Immigration Laws And Policies, We Should Help According To Our Personal Means, Provide For Our Own Families First, Do It The Proper And Legal Way, New Jerusalem: God Is In Favor Of Building Walls, Closing Remarks, Suggesting Reading List

Continuing our discussion from part two, if you are still wondering why Donald J. Trump won the 2016 presidential election, and why his "America First" message resonates so much with his base, I have just told you why. In a word, decent, law-abiding, God-fearing Americans are fed up with the current situation. They want America's house cleaned. They are very tired of the deterioration which they see all around them. They want the floodgates at the borders to be closed, or at least to be brought under much more reasonable control. They want to stop being used and abused by the rest of the world. They want to believe and feel that they matter more to the US government than some foreign government which receives billions of dollars from the United States each year, and yet which gives very little in return. They wanted a president who is not afraid to buck the crowd, go against the current, and who backs up his words and campaign promises with real action. Donald Trump understood this, and that is why he became the 45th president of the United States.

Having said all of that, as I have mentioned on a number of previous occasions, unlike a lot of other Christians, I am not mesmerized by Donald J. Trump. I am not convinced when it comes to his portrayal of being a Christian leader. The truth is that we have seen too many world-savvy politicians who have craftily manipulated the Conservative Christian voting block in one election after another. I suspect that Mr. Trump is just another one of them. Then there is his obviously hard-to-miss pride, narcissism, unending boasts and patting himself on the back. Let's be honest. After a while, Trump's constant need to elevate himself begins to grate on a person, and becomes tiresome and nauseating.

Looking at Mr. Trump's personal life, we all know that he is super rich, very worldly and materialistic, and according to some reports, an alleged womanizer. Then there are the nasty comments he has made about women. In short, everything Trump represents is contrary to our core principles as Christian Believers. So how is it that so many American Christians have accepted this man? How do we explain it? Personally, I look at it in the following manner:

While I obviously do not believe that President Trump is a great man of God, or a Prophet, or anything of that nature, as I explain in other articles, I do believe that God raises up national leaders in order to fulfill His divine purposes. As I have mentioned before, even wicked King Nebuchadnezzar served as God's rod of chastisement against the rebellious Israelites. Likewise, pagan kings Artaxerxes and Cyrus were used by God to free the Jews, and allow them to return to Israel where they rebuilt Jerusalem, the perimeter wall and their temple. So obviously, God can use whoever He chooses. That God does raise up leaders -- pagan or otherwise -- is made evident by Bible verses such as the following:

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God."

Romans 13:1, KJV

"Lift not up your horn on high: speak not with a stiff neck. For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another."

Psalms 75:5-7, KJV

"Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for

ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:"

Daniel 2:20-21, KJV

"This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men."

Daniel 4:17, KJV

"I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are upon the ground, by my great power and by my outstretched arm, and have given it unto whom it seemed meet unto me."

Jeremiah 27:5, KJV

"The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will."

Proverbs 21:1, KJV

"For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king. And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice. Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD. And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel."

1 Samuel 15:23-26, KJV

"And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them. And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man. And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost."

Acts 12:21-23, KJV

On our mundane level, the reality of the situation is that no one is perfect, and there is no perfect candidate for the office of the president of the United States. As I have said before on a number of occasions, if we look at the American

political process for becoming the president of the nation; if we place every candidate under the Biblical microscope; if we look at every single position that a man or woman who is running for the office of POTUS holds; there is no real choice for Bible-believing Christians. There is really no righteous choice. There is no God-pleasing choice.

Why not? Because every single candidate is a flawed human being in one way or the other. They have sins both private and public. They hold some positions which we do not agree with. Therefore, we have two choices. Either we don't vote at all during election time, or else we vote for the person who we feel most adheres to our Christian values, and who we feel will do the most good for the country. I leave that to your personal conscience to decide. However, I do encourage you to study my KJV Bible Verse List called "Worldliness".

So, returning to Mr. Trump, the bottom line is this: If God has truly raised up Donald J. Trump to be the president, as the Scriptures lead us to believe, then who are we to say otherwise? We need to look at what the man has accomplished for the nation, despite so many different parties constantly working against him, from the Democrats and other socialists and progressives, to the extremely liberal mainstream media. Perhaps we also need to overlook his human imperfections, remembering that ". . . all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." -- Romans 3:23, KJV. That includes you and me.

When I personally look at that, I am forced to agree with some of the things that President Trump is doing. I agree with him when he states that European nations need to do more to carry their share of the financial burdens in their part of the world, instead of expecting the United States to do it for them. I agree that we need to stop sticking our noses into so many places around the world. I also agree with Mr. Trump that the southern border needs to be more strongly fortified with a much better wall. On a related note, I do find it interesting that just as Zerubbabel, Ezra, Nehemiah and their work force were attacked by their enemies, who were intent on stopping the construction of the wall surrounding Jerusalem, so too, President Trump is being fiercely attacked by his enemies as well, because he wants to better protect the people of the United States.

When all is said and done, regardless of what President Trump ends up doing in regards to America's southern border,

we need to be realistic about this. The fact is that unless he has the money and the means to construct an impenetrable barrier similar to what we see in "The Maze Runner" movie franchise -- which he obviously doesn't -- it will not be a perfect solution. The world of politics being what it is, Mr. Trump will more than likely end up with less than what he wants, and with less than what he has promised to the American people. It won't be a towering structure of steel and concrete with robo-sentinels guarding every foot of U.S. territory.

In addition, if there is one thing that history teaches us, it is that ingenious people eventually find a way to get around things; whether it is laws, national borders, online security protocols, etc. At the very best, we can hope that whatever ends up happening in regards to the border wall, it will mitigate the problems which result from the current border situation, and improve the quality of life for all legal American citizens.

Before concluding this series, I would like to address my fellow Christians; particularly those of you who may find yourselves on the other side of the border wall debate at this current time. First of all, I can truly understand why you may be against the construction of a border wall for humanitarian reasons. I can understand your desire to love and help people without regards to their place of national origin. It is the right thing to do. It is the Christian thing to do. It is in fact the Scriptural thing to do. A few verses which may have already come to your mind are the following:

"If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works."

James 2:15-18, KJV

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

James 1:27, KJV

"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

Luke 6:38, KJV

"I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Acts 20:35, KJV

Perhaps you have also thought of the poor widow who gave all that she possessed in her offering to the Lord. No doubt you have also looked to the Parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke chapter fifteen for some additional guidance. However, allow me to point out something to you. In all the previous verses and situations, what is being described are situations where a person is helping someone else on a personal level. They are taking private, individual action to help someone else in need. They are putting their faith into action. This is all very commendable, and God will indeed bless such actions. But in my opinion, doing this is very different from the current debate regarding the southern border.

First of all, I am not convinced that the Democrats, liberals and progressives are screaming for open borders for purely humanitarian reasons. While they may present that face to the American public, I think it is bogus. Unless one is blind and not paying very much attention to the news, it has become rather obvious that no matter what President Trump does, his enemies will find fault with it. Trump just can't seem to do anything right or good in their eyes. They are blinded by their own hatred for, and extreme prejudice against, the man. It has gotten so bad, that I can barely stand to read the news anymore. As I noted earlier in this series, it is filled with such disgusting vitriol.

In my view, the border wall issue is just another tool that the Democrats and their ilk are using to criticize Mr. Trump. Furthermore, as I said, I don't even think that they're being honest about it. While they are promoting stories of children being locked up, and children dying, and doing everything in their power to establish the idea that President Trump is acting in an inhumane manner by demanding money for a border wall, and trying to show the public how much compassion and love they -- meaning the Democrats -- have for the people in

the caravans, I suspect that they have ulterior motives.

For example, in the United States, it is a historical fact that poor people usually vote Democrats into office, because they become convinced -- whether it is true or not -- that the Democratic Party best has their interests at heart. In contrast, Republican candidates are more often painted as "those power-hungry, rich, white guys". So ask yourself this question: If millions of legal and illegal immigrants are allowed into the United States, over time, how do you think that is going to affect the American voting process? That's right. More immigrants equates to more votes for Democrats.

Point number two is the following: More immigrants -- and in particular, illegal immigrants -- equates to more very cheap labor. From crooked politicians, to greedy business owners, to Hollywood movie stars, they all love cheap labor. They can pay them less -- sometimes below minimum wage -- and not even have to worry about medical and dental insurance. What can be cheaper than hiring an illegal immigrant who will do whatever you say, and even endure abuse, for fear that you may someday rat on them and turn them in if they don't? Do you see my point? This is real life, my friends. It happens all the time.

So, you may not agree with me, but I think that those are two very strong motivating factors for why the Democrats have come out so strongly against President Trump's plans to fortify the southern border, in addition to everything else I already mentioned. Simply put, weak, lax immigration laws and policies work to their favor. It is not all about love and compassion for the poor, struggling immigrants. So don't believe that lie.

As I explained earlier, there's a very big difference between being compassionate and helping someone on a personal level -- which is our Christian duty to do whenever possible -- and opening the U.S. southern border to a million plus immigrants every single year. I have already pointed out the problems that it causes, as well as the dangers which such policies present. While we are supposed to help those who have less than ourselves whenever we have the power to do so, we also need to recognize and accept that there are limitations to what can and should be done. Why do I say this? Consider the following set of verses:

"And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified

by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar. Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea: Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul."

Acts 11:28-30, KJV

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7, KJV

What I would like to call to your attention is the fact that Luke writes "every man according to his ability", and the Apostle Paul writes "as he purposeth in his heart". Exactly what do they mean? Quite simply, that we should determine in our hearts how much we can help, and what we can give, based on our particular means, or ability. The word "ability" is translated from the Koine Greek word "euporeo", one of the meanings of which is "to have means". The thing is, each of our means is different. If I am poor, and you are rich, well obviously, I may not be able to help or give as much as you do, right? But is there ever a limit to how much we can help or give? As it turns out, there is. Several times now I have shared a particular verse with you which offers us some guidance. That verse is the following:

"But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."

1 Timothy 5:8, KJV

As we have already discussed, the above verse means that we are supposed to provide for our own first, particularly our own families. So then, if we balance what this verse states with what the previous set of verses say, we arrive at the conclusion that we should help and give to others, but not to the point that we are failing to provide for our own families. If what we are doing is hurting our own family, then we are in fact giving beyond our means, or beyond our ability, and it is wrong. Such actions are contrary to the Scriptures. Does that make sense to you?

Now let's take this same Scriptural concept and apply it to the national level. If the American government is allowing so many legal immigrants into the country each year -- not

to mention all of the illegal ones who sneak in -- to the point that it is having a negative affect on the American job market, and on American citizens' abilities to properly provide for their own families, is this right? If you are unable to find a living wage job to support your family, because an immigrant is willing to work for less money than you, is that right? In such a case, is America providing for her own first as the Scriptures admonish us to do? Or is she giving beyond her means by allowing too many immigrants to enter the country?

Let us briefly discuss the caravan people who tried to storm the security fence. I believe this occurred in San Diego or perhaps San Ysidro, California. As I already explained, if a person wants to enter the United States, they need to do it the right and proper way. This means filling out the required paperwork, presenting the required documents, and waiting for however long it takes until their case is either approved or not approved. It is just that simple. America should freely and willingly share her wealth with those who legally live, reside and work within her borders. However, that wealth should not be stolen by people who seek to undermine the laws of the land, by sneaking into the country illegally, or by forcing their way in, or by working illegally.

If you are a Bible-believing Christian who is still sitting on the fence regarding the issue of the southern border wall, allow me to inform you that I have saved the best evidence for last. I have good reason to believe that even God Himself is in favor of building walls in order to protect His people from evil and harm. If you are in need of some Scriptural proof to confirm this point, then consider the inescapable fact that even the Heavenly City -- New Jerusalem -- is surrounded by a great wall which stands hundreds of feet high:

"And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand

furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel."

Revelation 21:12-17, KJV

Well how about that! God believes in walled cities! Well, if there is a wall, then there obviously must be an important reason for having it there, correct? It should come as no surprise that it is basically for the very same reason that President Trump wants to build a wall on America's southern border. Can you guess who is on the other side of that great wall? The same kind of riffraff who want to sneak into the U.S.A. to take advantage of her, and to cause trouble, and to not respect her customs and laws: All kinds of sinners and reprobates. Consider the following group of verses:

"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie."

Revelation 22:14-15, KJV

"But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Matthew 8:12, KJV

"Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Matthew 22:13, KJV

"And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Matthew 25:30, KJV

On a final note, allow me to inform you that in order to pass through the wall and gates of New Jerusalem, one is required to have his or her papers in order. One must have a passport. That passport is faith in Jesus Christ. What about you? Are your papers in order so that you can enter the Heavenly City? As Jesus said in the Gospel of John:

". . . I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

John 14:6, KJV

So accept Jesus as your Savior today, lest someday you too are cast into outer darkness on the other side of the wall.

With these thoughts I will bring this series to a close. It is my hope that you have found it to be both informative and enlightening, and I pray that it has been a blessing in your life as well. If you have an account with Facebook, Twitter, Google+ or with any other social network, I would really appreciate if you would take the time to click or tap on the corresponding link that is found on this page. Thanks so much, and may God bless you abundantly!

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