**Psalm 122:7** (NIV)7May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels.”

**Psalm 147:12-14** (NIV) 12Extol the Lord, Jerusalem; praise your God, Zion. 13He strengthens the bars of your gates and blesses your people within you. 14He grants peace to your borders  and satisfies you with the finest of wheat.

**Psalm 51:18** (NIV) 18May it please you to prosper Zion, to build up the walls of Jerusalem.

# **1 Kings 3:1** (NIV) **Solomon Asks for Wisdom** 3 Solomon made an alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt and married his daughter. He brought her to the City of David until he finished building his palace and the temple of the Lord, and the wall around Jerusalem.

**Proverbs 25:28** (NIV)28Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control.

# **Nehemiah 2:8** (NIV) 8And may I have a letter to Asaph, keeper of the royal park, so he will give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel by the temple and for the city wall and for the residence I will occupy?” And because the gracious hand of my God was on me, the king granted my requests.

# **Nehemiah 2:17** (NIV) 17Then I said to them, “You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace.”

**Nehemiah 4:6** (NIV) 6So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart.

**Nehemiah 3** (NIV) **Builders of the Wall** 3 Eliashib the high priest and his fellow priests went to work and rebuilt the Sheep Gate. They dedicated it and set its doors in place, building as far as the Tower of the Hundred, which they dedicated, and as far as the Tower of Hananel. 2The men of Jericho built the adjoining section, and Zakkur son of Imri built next to them.

# **Nehemiah 12:27-31** (NIV) **Dedication of the Wall of Jerusalem**

27At the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem, the Levites were sought out from where they lived and were brought to Jerusalem to celebrate joyfully the dedication with songs of thanksgiving and with the music of cymbals, harps and lyres. 28The musicians also were brought together from the region around Jerusalem—from the villages of the Netophathites, 29from Beth Gilgal, and from the area of Geba and Azmaveth, for the musicians had built villages for themselves around Jerusalem. 30When the priests and Levites had purified themselves ceremonially, they purified the people, the gates and the wall. 31I had the leaders of Judah go up on top of[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=nehemiah+12%3A27-31&version=NIV#fen-NIV-12656a)] the wall. I also assigned two large choirs to give thanks. One was to proceed on top of[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=nehemiah+12%3A27-31&version=NIV#fen-NIV-12656b)] the wall to the right, toward the Dung Gate.

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The US currently admits over 1,000,000 immigrants per year who come legally and stay permanently – far more than any other nation. If you think that number should be even higher (as I do), then suggest a higher number to your congressman and talk to your fellow citizens. Persuade people to agree with you, and work for a change in the law. But don’t oppose a border wall, for that is just promoting more lawlessness.

**Objection: “The Bible tells us to care for the sojourner.”**I agree – but we still must have some means of regulating how many “sojourners” we allow into the country and who can qualify to enter – and a wall is the most effective way to do this. When the Bible says, “Love the *sojourner*, therefore, for you were *sojourners* in the land of Egypt” (Deuteronomy 10:19), Old Testament professor James Hoffmeier has demonstrated that these “sojourners” (or “resident foreigners” in one translation; the Hebrew term is *ger*) were people who had entered another country *legally*, with the permission and knowledge of the country that admitted them. (The unmodified term “foreigner” in some translations is not specific enough to translate Hebrew *ger*.) A foreigner who had entered a country by stealth and did not have recognized standing as a resident alien was not considered a  “sojourner” (Hebrew *ger*) but simply a “foreigner” (Hebrew *nekar* or *zar*).

**Objection: “These are good people who are just seeking a better life.”** Yes, many of them are, and we should welcome them – if they come legally. But we can’t ignore the fact that many others will not become “good neighbors” – some are drug runners, gang members, and even terrorists. A wall makes it possible to screen out the people who have previously been deported for felonies and others who are most likely to commit crimes or simply become a drain on the economy rather than getting a productive job.

**Walls that already work:** In fact, we already have a highly effective system of “border walls” that nobody argues about – in our airports. Every time I return to the US from a foreign country, I have to go through customs at the airport, and so does everybody else. The room where people wait in line to see a customs officer *has walls* to make sure that all arriving passengers have to go through passport control. I’ve never seen anyone protesting the existence of walls in the customs area or demanding that a section of the wall be removed so that people who don’t want to go through passport control can simply walk into the country whenever they want. That would be an open invitation to terrorists and other criminals, and it would make it impossible for the US to place any limits at all on the number of people who came into the country and stayed without legal documentation.

Yet demanding “no passport controls at airports” is, it seems to me, exactly parallel to saying that we should not build a wall on our southern border. Why should airports be any different from other border entry points? Yes, we are a nation of immigrants, and we should eagerly welcome numerous immigrants into the US every year, but they must come in legally, *through the gates in the wall*, not illegally and dangerously across an open desert.