

**#1445 (Re)building the Walls of the *Christian* New Israel and the *Jewish* new Israel – The *second* American Nehemiah: Ronald Reagan, part 5, The City Walls of America at the *beginning* of Reagan’s presidency, and the City Walls of America in Reagan’s January 11, 1989, ‘City Upon a Hill’ Farewell Address**

**The City Walls of America.** Unsealing [#1429](#) contained the final paragraphs of Ronald Reagan’s Farewell Address to the nation on January 11, 1989. In it, Reagan said that if there had to be city walls in America, the walls had doors and the doors were open to anyone with the will and the heart to get to America. The point is that . . .

**Key Understanding #1: America’s “city walls.” Since Ronald Reagan is attached to the theme of the rebuilding of the Walls of Babylon the Great, it is noteworthy that the theme of city walls was mentioned in his Farewell Address to the nation.**



Here is a portion of the final paragraphs of Ronald Reagan’s Farewell Address to the nation on January 11, 1989:

And that’s about all I have to say tonight, except for one thing. The past few days when I’ve been at that window upstairs, I’ve thought a bit of the “shining city upon a hill.” The phrase comes from John Winthrop, who wrote it to describe the America he imagined. What he imagined

was important because he was an early Pilgrim, an early freedom man. He journeyed here on what today we’d call a little wooden boat; and like the other Pilgrims, he was looking for a home that would be free. I’ve spoken of the shining city all my political life, but I don’t know if I ever quite communicated what I saw when I said it. But in my mind it was a tall, proud city built on rocks stronger than oceans, windswept, God-blessed, and teeming with people of all kinds living in harmony and peace; a city with free ports that hummed with commerce and creativity. **And if there had to be city walls, the walls had doors and the doors were open to anyone with the will and the heart to get here.** That’s how I saw it, and see it still.

And how stands the city on this winter night? More prosperous, more secure, and happier than it was 8 years ago. But more than that: after 200 years, two centuries, she still stands strong and true on the granite ridge,



and her glow has held steady no matter what storm. And she's still a beacon, still a magnet for all who must have freedom, for all the pilgrims from all the lost places who are hurtling through the darkness, toward home.

**Key Understanding #2: *Building the city walls at the beginning and at the end of Reagan's administration. Unbeknownst to the second American Nehemiah, Ronald Reagan, the prophetic theme of the city walls of America (Babylon the Great) was present at the very beginning of his 8 years as President of the United States – through the 444-day Iran Hostage Crisis concluding on January 20, 1981, the day of his inauguration. However, known to Reagan were the contents of his 'City Upon a Hill' Farewell Address, which marked the end of his 8 years as President, and which included a reference to the city walls of America.***

*Nehemiah 2:17 (KJV) Then said I [Nehemiah] 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.*



President Reagan leaves his office for the last time (left), saluting as he boards a helicopter at the U.S. Capitol (right)

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