

WALLS

Between 2017 – 2021 Donald Trump, President of the USA, built a **WALL** along the border between the USA and Mexico (701-miles) with the intention of keeping illegal immigrants out of the USA.

Between 2094-2047 BCE the ruler of Ur (Shu-Sin) built the “**Wall** of the Amorites” from the banks of the Euphrates to the banks of the Tigris (280km (185 miles)) in the northwest of Mesopotamia, to keep out illegal immigrants from Syria and its neighbours.

About 2000 BCE Pharaoh Amenemhet built what he called “The **Wall** of the Ruler” at the isthmus of Suez. This wall was built to keep the nomads from Syria and Arabia out of Egypt.

Over the 4000 plus years between these extremes, various other **WALLS** were built with similar intent. In no particular order: Hadrian’s Wall; The Great Wall of China; the wall around Jerusalem; the Berlin Wall; and others.

All these walls failed in their purpose, and failed in that they have not survived intact: even the most modern, has begun to collapse.

What has been described as the “wall” around Great Britain was adopted, but not built, by us — it is the sea. Although it has not yet (at least) been destroyed, it has proven to be as irrelevant as all the others as a way of keeping out those we describe as illegal immigrants.

Isn’t it time we learned from history, and stopped repeating the futilities of history? As the world gets smaller, we can see that our neighbour is not just “the couple next door” but all living things. Robinson Crusoe, the Swiss Family Robinson and the Admirable Crichton recognised their need for any neighbour.

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