

## **#592 City on a Hill vs. Habitation of Devils – The 1620 Pilgrim Fathers of America and Boston, England**

A generation before *Puritans* departed from Boston, (county of) Lincolnshire, England, to help found and establish Boston, Massachusetts, the story of the *Separatists* who became known as the Pilgrims passed through Boston, (county of) Lincolnshire. A primary difference between the Separatists and the Puritans was that the Separatists desired to *separate* from the Church of England altogether, while the Puritans initially desired to *purify* the Church of England while attempting to remain in it.

In the next paragraph is the story of the Pilgrims and their link to the town of Boston, Lincolnshire, England. Here is **#592–Doc 1**, which shows **the locations of Boston, Gainsborough, and Scrooby**, three towns that are a part of the story.

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Scrooby Church

The Separatists who became known as the Pilgrims were not from Boston, England, but rather the small village of Scrooby. Members of a congregation in nearby Gainsborough (northwest of Boston and about 15 kilometers east of Scrooby), led by John Smyth, had departed for Amsterdam, Netherlands, where the political/religious climate was much friendlier. The Scrooby congregation desired to follow. Since they were unable to obtain the papers necessary to leave England for the Netherlands, members of the Scrooby congregation of Separatists agreed to depart surreptitiously, resorting to bribery to obtain passage. In 1607, they chartered a boat in Boston, Lincolnshire, but were betrayed by the captain. All were arrested upon boarding. The entire party was jailed for a month, and then most were released. In 1608,

arrangements were made with a Dutch merchant to pick up church members along the Humber estuary between Grimsby and Hull. The men boarded the ship, at which time the sailors aboard the vessel spotted an armed contingent approaching. The ship departed before the women and children could board. The stranded members were rounded up, but then released without charges. Ultimately, at least 150 of the congregation did make their way to Amsterdam. In 1609, the Separatists (Pilgrims) moved from Amsterdam to nearby Leyden. In 1620, the Separatist Pilgrims would depart the Netherlands for America.



John Robinson's House in Leyden, Holland, where the Pilgrims went to worship

*The Embarkation of the Pilgrims from Holland 1620 by Robert W. Weir*



**Key Understanding: *The Pilgrims and Boston, England.* The Pilgrims who landed in America in the 1620's were linked with Boston, Lincolnshire, England, whose history is the start of the theme of the Revelation 18:2 "*habitation of devils,*" fulfilled by America as Babylon the Great.**

Here is #592–Doc 2, which is a brief article about **the Pilgrim Fathers Memorial in Boston, Lincolnshire, England**, commemorating the Separatist Pilgrims' first attempt to depart England for the Netherlands.

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*Revelation 18:2 (KJV) And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, **BABYLON THE GREAT IS FALLEN, IS FALLEN, AND IS BECOME THE HABITATION OF DEVILS,** and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.*

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